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Research Galaxy formation and evolution; galaxy kinematics; radio interferometry

INTERESTS **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Astronomy, Indiana University Anticipated May 2016

Minor: Scientific Computing Advisor: Dr. Liese van Zee

M.A., Astronomy, Indiana University 2013

B.S., Physics & Astronomy, University of Iowa 2011

Minor: Music

Advisor: Dr. Cornelia C. Lang

RESEARCH Research Assistant, Indiana University 2011-present

EXPERIENCE Advisor: Dr. Liese van Zee

Neutral hydrogen kinematic study of galaxies; galaxy surface photometry.

Research Assistant, University of Iowa 2008-2011

Advisor: Dr. Cornelia C. Lang

Study of the interstellar medium in the Galactic Center; search for massive stellar clusters in the Galaxy.

REU Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison Summer 2010

University of Wisconsin-Madison Research Experience for Undergraduates

Advisor: Dr. Sebastian Heinz

Spectral analysis of the jet-powered shell from the X-ray binary Cygnus X-1.

Teaching Instructor, A100: The Solar System Summer 2013, Fall 2014 EXPERIENCE Instructor, A105: Stars and Galaxies

Indiana University

Introductory astronomy course for non-science majors. Topics include the celestial sphere, seasons and moon phases, properties of light, the sun, history of astronomy, origin of the solar system, properties and exploration of planets and other bodies in the solar system, extrasolar planets, stellar properties and life cycles, Milky Way, galaxy evolution, and cosmology.

Associate Instructor, Various Courses

2011-present

Summer 2014

Indiana University

Responsibilities include guest lecturing, holding office hours, grading, running rooftop observing sessions, attending all classes, and teaching telescope observing labs. Courses: General Astronomy I (A221), Stars and Galaxies (A105), Modern Observational Techniques (A305), General Astronomy II (A222), Solar System (A100).

Observing Experience

Wisconsin-Indiana-Yale-NOAO (WIYN) 0.9m telescope

2012-2014

Kitt Peak National Observatory

27 nights from three Principal Investigator proposals

Wisconsin-Indiana-Yale-NOAO (WIYN) 3.5m telescope

2014

4 nights from one co-Principal Investigator proposal

Very Large Array Radio Interferometer

2012-present

63 hours from one Principal Investigator proposal

Archival data processing and analysis

Professional Talks

Massive Stellar Clusters in the Galaxy: Multiwavelength Observations of New Candidate Clusters

Board of Regents State of Iowa May 2011 University of Iowa Astronomy Seminar, Honors Colloquium April 2010

Spectra of the Jet-Powered Shell of Cygnus X-1

July 2010

University of Wisconsin-Madison REU Program

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY

Kirkwood Observatory Tours

2011-present

Indiana University

Outreach Host evening public observing sessions for the Bloomington, IN community. Give private tours of the observatory for local school and campus groups.

Physics and Astronomy Open House

2011-present

Indiana University

Participate in running hands-on astronomy activities for the Physics and Astronomy Open House, an annual public outreach event for children and adults throughout southern Indiana.

Indiana State Science Olympiad

2011-present

Indiana University

Assist in writing and grading of the Astronomy exam for the annual Indiana State Science Olympiad Competition for middle and high school students.

Outreach and Demonstration Shows

2007-2011

University of Iowa

Participated in and helped organize various outreach activities and annual Department of Physics & Astronomy Demonstration Show.

Observatory Volunteer

2007-2011

Cedar Amateur Astronomers, Palisades-Dows Observatory

Volunteered for public outreach events for the Iowa City & Cedar Rapids, IA communities.

Honors	
AND	
Awards	

Indiana Space Grant Consortium Fellowship Award Spring 2015 Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award Summer 2013

 222^{nd} Meeting of the American Astronomical Society

Provost's Travel Award for Women in Science 2013-2014

Indiana University

Old Gold Scholarship 2007-2011

University of Iowa

Edward B. Nelson Scholarship 2007

Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Iowa

Charles Wert Scholarship 2007-2011

Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Iowa

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship 2007-2011

Horatio Alger Association for Distinguished Americans, Inc.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming Languages

C (limited working proficiency), Linux/Unix shell scripting (limited working proficiency), Fortran (elementary proficiency)

Software

LATEX (full professional proficiency), AIPS (full professional proficiency), CASA (full professional proficiency), GIPSY (full professional proficiency), SuperMongo (full professional proficiency), IRAF (professional proficiency), Mathematica (limited working proficiency), MatLab (limited working proficiency), IDL (elementary proficiency), Paraview (elementary proficiency)

Professional Memberships

American Astronomical Society

2013-present

Society of Physics Students

2008-2011

Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Iowa Officer, President

Refereed Publications

- P. H. Sell, S. Heinz, E. Richards, T. J. Maccarone, D. M. Russell, E. Gallo, R. Fender, S. Markoff, M. Nowak, Shell-Shocked: The Interstellar Medium Near Cygnus X-1, 2014, arXiv:1410.8531
- 1. **E. E. Richards**, C. C. Lang, C. Trombley, and D. F. Figer, *Multiwavelength Observations of Massive Stellar Cluster Candidates in the Galaxy*, 2012, The Astronomical Journal, 144, 89

Non-Refereed Publications

- E. E. Richards, L. van Zee, D. C. Wavle, K. L. Barnes, S. Staudaher, D. A. Dale, D. Calzetti, J. J. Dalcanton, J. S. Bullock, R. Chandar, *Baryonic Distributions* in the Dark Matter Halo of NGC 4088, 2013, (Structure and Dynamics of Disk Galaxies Conference poster)
- L. van Zee, D. Wavle, E. E. Richards, K. L. Barnes, S. Staudaher, D. A. Dale,
 D. Calzetti, J. Dalcanton, J. Bullock, R. Chandar, J. L. Hinz, Structure Formation

- and Dark Matter Distributions in Dwarf Irregular Galaxies, 2013, Probes of Dark Matter on Galaxy Scales, 30305
- E. E. Richards, L. van Zee, D. C. Wavle, K. L. Barnes, S. Staudaher, D. A. Dale, D. Calzetti, J. J. Dalcanton, J. S. Bullock, R. Chandar, *Baryonic Distributions in the Dark Matter Halo of NGC 3992*, 2013, American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 222, #314.04
- D. Wavle, L. van Zee, E. E. Richards, K. L. Barnes, S. Staudaher, D. A. Dale, D. Calzettia, J. Dalcanton, J. Bullock, R. Chandar, J. L. Hinz, Kinematic Analysis of Nine Low Mass Gas-Rich Galaxies, 2013, American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 222, #314.12
- 3. P. Sell, S. Heinz, **E. E. Richards**, D. Russell, E. Gallo, S. Markoff, R. Fender, M. Nowak, *The Shell-Shocked Interstellar Medium Near Cygnus X-1*, 2013, American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 222, #214.02
- 2. E. Richards, C. C. Lang, C. Trombley, D. F. Figer, HST/NICMOS GC Paschen Alpha Team, Multiwavelength Observations of the Most Massive Stellar Clusters in the Galaxy, 2011, Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, 43, #241.07
- 1. E. E. Richards, T. Zimmermann, C. C. Lang, D. F. Figer, B. Davies, C. Trombley, Massive Stellar Clusters in the Galaxy: Multiwavelength Observations of New Candidate Clusters, 2010, (University of Iowa Undergraduate Research Festival poster)