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EDUCATION	New Mexico State University (NMSU)	Las Cruces, NM
	<b>Ph.D., with Honors, Astronomy</b>	May 2013
	• Thesis Title: <i>Properties of Star Formation and the Interstellar Medium in Galaxy Outskirts</i>	
	<b>M.S., with Honors, Astronomy</b>	May 2011
	University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	<b>B.A., with Honors, Physics with Specialization in Astrophysics</b>	June 2007
	• Thesis Title: <i>Direct Cherenkov Detection with the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS)</i>	
RESEARCH AND WORK APPOINTMENTS	Center for Data Intensive Science, University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	<b>Postdoctoral Research Professional</b>	September 2013 - present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researching environmental factors involved in the incidence of different diseases across the United States using geospatial analysis.</li> <li>Developing a system of machine learning algorithms for automated cloud-based processing and analysis of NASA satellite imagery with Project Matsu on the <a href="#">Open Science Data Cloud (OSDC)</a>.</li> <li>Directly supervising projects for two undergraduate students.</li> <li>Planning and organizing OSDC NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) data intensive science and computing fellowship program for graduate students.</li> </ul>	
	Royal Observatory / School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh	Edinburgh, Scotland
	<b>Open Science Data Cloud (OSDC) NSF PIRE Summer Fellow</b>	June - August 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explored row-oriented vs. column-oriented databases to maximize query speed in the astronomical database for the VISTA Variables in the Via Lactea (VVV) Survey.</li> </ul>	
	Sapling Learning Inc., Macmillan	(Remote/Online)
	<b>Astronomy Content Author and Reviewer</b>	April 2013 - November 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Created questions and solutions of varying difficulty to test students' understanding of astronomical concepts in an online interactive system for higher education course homework.</li> <li>Reviewed and edited questions and solutions written by others for subject matter content and clarity and for proper software module functionality.</li> </ul>	
	Department of Astronomy, New Mexico State University	Las Cruces, NM
	<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b>	August 2007 - May 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constructing detailed 3-dimensional models of the morphology and kinematics of gaseous galaxy halos to study accretion of gas as part of the <a href="#">HALOGAS (Hydrogen Accretion in LOcal GALaxieS) Survey</a>.</li> <li>Collecting and analyzing deep, wide-field optical images of galaxies to search for faint signatures of galaxy mergers and young star formation as Principal Investigator of two accepted observing proposals to the National Optical Astronomy Observatory.</li> <li>Organized a 5-day scientific workshop of presentations, breakout sessions, and evening activities for the <a href="#">HALOGAS</a> collaboration of twenty internationally-based scientists.</li> <li>Reduced and analyzed spectroscopic data to study the abundances of metals in faint star forming regions.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Head Teaching Assistant</b>	January 2010 - May 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared laboratory equipment for all teaching assistants, led weekly meetings to plan exercises, and operated the campus observatory telescopes for students twice weekly.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Laboratory Instructor</b>	August 2007 - December 2009
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught laboratory component to an undergraduate Astronomy course for non-majors and operated campus observatory telescopes.</li> </ul>	

PUBLICATIONS  
AND RESEARCH  
PRESENTATIONS

Paper Publications

*The Project Matsu Wheel: Cloud-based Analysis of Earth Satellite Imagery for Disaster Relief*  
**M.T. Patterson**, N. Anderson, C. Bennett, J. Bruggemann, R.L. Grossman, M. Handy, V. Ly, D.J. Mandl, J. Pivarski, R. Powell, J.Spring, W. Wells  
*submitted*

*HALOGAS observations of NGC 4414: fountains, interaction, and ram pressure*  
W.J.G. de Blok, G.I.G. Jozsa, **M.T. Patterson**, G. Gentile, G.H. Heald, E. Jutte, P. Kamphuis, R.J. Rand, P. Serra, R.A.M. Walterbos  
Astronomy & Astrophysics, June 2014, Volume 566, id.A80, 16 pp.

*HALOGAS observations of NGC 5023 and UGC 2082: Modeling of non-cylindrically symmetric gas distributions in edge-on galaxies*  
P. Kamphuis, R.J. Rand, G.I.G. Jozsa, L.K. Zschaechner, G.H. Heald, **M.T. Patterson**, G. Gentile, R.A.M. Walterbos, P. Serra, W.J.G. de Blok  
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, September 2013, Volume 434, Issue 3, pages 2069-2093

*HALOGAS: Extraplanar gas in NGC 3198*  
G. Gentile, G.I.G. Jozsa, P. Serra, G.H. Heald, W.J.G. de Blok, F. Fraternali, **M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos, T. Oosterloo  
Astronomy & Astrophysics, June 2013, Volume 554, id.A125, 10 pp.

*An oxygen abundance gradient into the outer disc of M81*  
**M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos, R.C. Kennicutt, C. Chiappini, D.A. Thilker  
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, May 2012, Volume 422, Issue 1, pages 401-419

Oral Presentations

*Cloud-based Scanning Analytics for Large Volumes of Hyperspectral Data*  
June 2014: [HyspIRI Product Symposium](#), NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD

*Reproducible Research and Collaborative Tools with the Open Science Data Cloud*  
June 2014: [OSDC PIRE Big Data and Cloud Computing Workshop](#), University of Amsterdam, Science Park, Netherlands

*Gaseous Halos and Outer Disk Star Formation in the HALOGAS Survey: Results for NGC 5055*  
July 2013: Royal Observatory Edinburgh, Coffee Talk, Edinburgh, Scotland

*Evolutionary Processes in Nearby Spiral Galaxies: Characterizing the Metallicities, Star Formation, and Accretion in Galaxy Outskirts*  
January 2013: [221st Meeting of the American Astronomical Society](#), Long Beach, CA

*Early Results from the HALOGAS Survey: HI Observations of NGC 5055*  
April 2012: [Tully-Fisher at 35: Global Properties of HI in Galaxies Workshop](#), NRAO, Green Bank, WV

*HALOGAS: A Deep HI Survey*  
March, 2012: NMSU Astronomy Department Pizza Lunch, Las Cruces, NM

*HII Region Abundances: A Metallicity Gradient for M81*  
October 2011: NMSU Astronomy Department Pizza Lunch, Las Cruces, NM

*The HALOGAS Survey: HI Observations and Modeling of NGC 5055 and NGC 4258*  
October 2011: [27th Annual New Mexico Symposium](#), Socorro, NM

Poster Presentations

*Deep HI Observations of NGC 5055 from the HALOGAS Survey*  
May 2012: [STScI May Symposium: Gas Flows in Galaxies](#), Baltimore, MD  
**M.T. Patterson**, the HALOGAS Team

*HI Streams and Spurs in HALOGAS Observations of NGC 5055*

January 2012: 219th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Austin, TX

**M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos, G. Heald, G. Jozsa, G. Gentile, D. Thilker

*The HALOGAS Project: HI Observations of NGC 5055 and NGC 4258*

June 2011: Gas in Galaxies: From Molecular Clouds to Cosmic Web, Kloster Seeon, Germany

**M.T. Patterson**, the HALOGAS Team

*The HALOGAS Project: HI Observations of NGC 5055*

January 2011: 217th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Seattle, WA

**M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos, G. Heald, G. Jozsa, L. Zschaechner, R. Rand, D. Thilker

*HII Regions in the Outer Disk and Tidal Arms of M81*

January 2010: 215th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Washington D.C.

January 2010: 25th Annual New Mexico Symposium, Socorro, NM

**M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos, D.A. Thilker, R.C. Kennicutt, C. Chiappini

*Extraplanar Gas Extent of Edge-on Galaxies: A Comparison of the Galaxies NGC 4244 and NGC 891*

June 2009: Galaxy Metabolism Conference, Sydney, Australia

**M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos

*Interstellar Gas and Massive Stars in External Galaxies: Initial Results for the Galaxies M33 and NGC 4517*

April 2009: NMSU Graduate Research and Arts Symposium, Las Cruces, NM

**M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos

*Multi-long-slit Spectroscopy for Kinematic Studies. I. Implementation and Demonstration*

January 2008: 211th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Austin, TX

R.A.M. Walterbos, J. Choi, S. Cisneros, **M.T. Patterson**, C. Wu

*Multi-long-slit Spectroscopy for Kinematic Studies. II. Initial Results for the Edge-On Galaxies NGC 891 and NGC 4244*

January 2008: 211th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Austin, TX

J. Choi, S. Cisneros, C. Wu, **M.T. Patterson**, R.A.M. Walterbos

SUCCESSFUL  
PROPOSALS AS  
PRINCIPAL  
INVESTIGATOR

“Continuing Observations of Stellar Streams and Star Formation in the Outskirts of HALOGAS Spiral Galaxies”

- Telescope observing proposal to National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) Proposal ID: 2012A-0185
- 4 full nights granted on the Kitt Peak National Observatory (KPNO) Mayall 4-meter Telescope Mosaic 1.1 Wide Field Imager

“Stellar Streams and Star Formation in the Outskirts of HALOGAS Spiral Galaxies”

- Telescope observing proposal to NOAO Proposal ID: 2011B-0355
- 4 full nights granted on the KPNO Mayall 4-meter Telescope Mosaic 1.1 Wide Field Imager

“Star Formation and Chemical Abundances in the Outer Disks and Haloes of Galaxies”

- New Mexico Space Grant Consortium Graduate Research Fellowships 2010
- \$10,000 over two semesters

“Interstellar Gas and Massive Stars in External Galaxies”

- New Mexico Space Grant Consortium Graduate Research Fellowships 2009
- \$5,000 over two semesters

AWARDS AND  
GRANTS

Academic Fellowships and Awards

- Open Science Data Cloud NSF PIRE Fellowship

Summer 2013

- OSDC-PIRE Challenge, 3rd Place Paper June 2013
- Murrell Award for Professional Development and Research Accomplishment 2013
- NMSU Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award (awarded twice) 2008-2009 & 2012-2013
- Pegasus Award for Excellence in Teaching 2010
- New Mexico Higher Education Department Fellowship 2008 - 2011
- NMSU Merit-Based Enhancement Fellowship 2009 - 2010

#### Conference and Travel Grants

- *Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing* Scholar Phoenix, AZ, 2014
- *NM Celebration of Women in Computing* Conference Scholarship Las Cruces, NM, 2012
- NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Travel Award  
*Gas Flows in Galaxies May Symposium* Baltimore, MD, 2012
- American Astronomical Society International Travel Grant  
*HALOGAS Collaboration Workshop* Bochum, Germany, 2011
- *Women in Astronomy and Space Science* Conference Travel Grant College Park, MD, 2009
- *The Evolution of Galaxies Through the Neutral Hydrogen Window* Conference Travel Grant  
Arecibo Observatory Puerto Rico, 2008

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing  
Phoenix, AZ October 7 - 10, 2014
- Reproducible Research Course  
Johns Hopkins University through Coursera Online May 2014
- Getting and Cleaning Data Course  
Johns Hopkins University through Coursera Online April 2014
- How Viruses Cause Disease Course  
Columbia University through Coursera Online April 2014
- The Data Scientist's Toolbox Course  
Johns Hopkins University through Coursera Online April 2014
- Machine Learning Course  
Stanford University through Coursera Online March 2014
- Epidemiology: The Basic Science of Public Health Course  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill through Coursera Online March 2014
- Computing for Data Analysis Course  
Johns Hopkins University through Coursera Online January 2014
- Big Data and Cloud Computing Workshop  
University of Edinburgh, School of Informatics June 17 - 21, 2013
- Summer School in Statistics for Astronomers IX  
Pennsylvania State University, Center for Astrostatistics June 3 - 7, 2013
- Introduction to Data Science Course  
University of Washington through Coursera Online May 2013
- New Mexico Celebration of Women in Computing  
New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum, Las Cruces, NM November 8 - 9, 2012
- Women in Astronomy and Space Science  
*Meeting the Challenges of an Increasingly Diverse Workforce*  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD October 21 - 23, 2009

#### EXTRA- CURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Open Science Café [opensciencecafe.org](http://opensciencecafe.org)
- Blogger** April 2014 - present
- Promoting interdisciplinary data analysis resource and opportunity news.
- Posting short reproducible analyses of scientific data with several other PhD scientists.

Kaggle competition participant [kaggle.com](http://kaggle.com)  
**'Kaggler' tier** ranked 2091st of 220,000+ (top 1%) as of October 2014

University of Chicago Chicago IL  
**Volunteer, UChicago Alumni Schools Committee** August 2009 - present  
 • Interviewing prospective undergraduates for possible admission to the University of Chicago.  
**Committee Member, UChicago Class of 2007 Council** August 2007 - present

- Responsible for planning class reunions, raising funds for the University, and acting as a liaison for the University to alumnae.

**Treasurer, Samahan Filipino Cultural Association**

August 2005 - May 2007

- Maintained account records, processed reimbursements, and prepared annual allocations budget proposal for Student Government Fund Committee approval

New Mexico State University

Las Cruces, NM

**Colloquium Committee Member**

August 2011 - May 2013

- Organized scheduling of visiting colloquium speakers to the Astronomy Department.

**Astronomy Team Captain, ACS Relay for Life**

December 2010 - April 2011

- Led Astronomy Team to raise over \$2000 for American Cancer Society.

**Committee Member, NMSU Relay for Life**

October 2008 - April 2009

- Organized NMSU's American Cancer Society all-night walk-a-thon fundraiser.

**Secretary, NMSU Astronomy GSO**

August 2008 - May 2009

- Responsible for re-chartering Astronomy Graduate Student Organization.

COLLABORATORS Dr. Robert Grossman - (Advisor) University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
 Dr. Daniel Mandl - NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD  
 Dr. Rene Walterbos - (Thesis Advisor) New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM  
 Dr. George Heald - ASTRON, Dwingeloo, Netherlands  
 Dr. David Thilker - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD  
 Dr. Malcolm Atkinson - University of Edinburgh, School of Informatics, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK  
 The HALOGAS Collaboration