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CURRENT POSITION

Staff Scientist II, Science Support

Aug. 2021 – Present

Employed at the Space Telescope Science Institute (Baltimore, MD) as a Staff Scientist working on the Advanced Camera for Surveys on the Hubble Space Telescope.

EDUCATION

Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawaii

December 2018/August 2021

MS/PhD in Astronomy

Thesis: Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances to Nearby Galaxies

Advisor: Professor R. Brent Tully

Boston University

May 2017

M.A. in Astronomy

Vassar College

May 2015

A.B. in Astronomy & Physics, Minor in Mathematics

PREVIOUS RESEARCH POSITIONS

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Hawaii

Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2021

Visiting Graduate Research Fellow, IPAC/Caltech

Feb. 2020 – July 2020

Visiting Scholar, W.M. Keck Observatory

July 2017 – Aug. 2017

Graduate Researcher, Boston University

July 2015 – May 2017

Summer Researcher, Colby College

May 2014 – Aug. 2014

Observatory Assistant, Vassar College

Sept. 2011 – May 2015

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Operating Systems

Windows, MacOS/OS X, UNIX/Linux

Computer Languages

IDL, L^AT_EX, Python

Astronomical Software

CIAO, DOLPHOT, DrizzlePac, DS9, GALFIT, IRAF, XSPEC

Miscellaneous Software/Tools

Git, Lightroom, Photoshop

PUBLICATION SUMMARY

[NASA/ADS Link to All Publications](#)

26 Refereed Publications (7/26 as first author)

3 Papers Under Review (0/3 as first author)

1 Technical Instrument Report (1/1 as first author)

380+ Citations (140+ as first author), h-index = 11

HONORS/AWARDS

George and Mona Elmore Award for Research in Astronomy	ARCS Foundation, 2020
IPAC/Caltech Visiting Graduate Fellowship	IPAC/Caltech, 2020
Keck Visiting Scholar	Keck Observatory, 2017
Departmental Honors in Astronomy	Vassar College, 2015
Internship Grant Award	Vassar College, 2014
Vera Rubin Fund for Students in Physics & Astronomy	Vassar College, 2014

MEDIA COVERAGE

Hubble Captures Cosmic Cinnamon Bun	NASA/Hubble, 2020
Cosmic Cinnamon Bun	ESA/Hubble, 2020
Hubble Catches a Cosmic Cascade	NASA/Hubble, 2020
A Waterfall of Stars	ESA/Hubble, 2020
ARCS Scholar Awards	University of Hawaii, 2020
Hubble Views a Galaxy on the ‘Dark Side’	NASA/Hubble, 2020
Dark Matter Surplus	ESA/Hubble, 2020
Galaxy Clusters Offer Clues to Dark Matter and Dark Energy	Boston University, 2017

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

ESA/Hubble Picture of the Week Series	2019–Present
Institute for Astronomy, Misc. Outreach Activities	2017–2021
Boston University Astronomy Open Nights	2015–2017
Vassar College Astronomy Open Nights	2011–2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Astronomical Society	Junior Member, September 2016–Present
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee	Astrophysical Journal (2+ papers), July 2018–Present
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Astronomy <i>Teaching Fellow</i>	Sept. 2015 –May 2017 <i>Boston University</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astronomy 203- Principles of Astronomy II (Spring 2017)• Astronomy 109- Cosmology (Fall 2015/Fall 2016)• Astronomy 105- Alien Worlds (Spring 2016)	
Department of Physics & Astronomy <i>Astronomy Academic Intern</i>	Sept. 2014 –May 2015 <i>Vassar College</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astronomy 105- Stars, Galaxies, & Cosmology (Spring 2015)• Astronomy 101- Solar System Astronomy (Fall 2014)	

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Revisiting ACS/WFC Sky Backgrounds

Anand, G. S., Grogin, N., & Anderson, J., [Instrument Science Report, ACS, 2022-01](#)

FIRST AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

Comparing Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distance Scales: An Independent Reduction of the Carnegie-Chicago Hubble Program and the Value of the Hubble Constant

Anand, G. S., Tully, R. B., Rizzi, L., Riess, A. G., & Yuan, W., [Accepted to *ApJ*](#)

The Extragalactic Distance Database: Color-Magnitude Diagrams and Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances

Anand, G. S., Rizzi, L., Tully, R. B., et al., 2021, [AJ](#)

Distances to PHANGS Galaxies: New Tip of the Red Giant Branch Measurements and Adopted Distances

Anand, G. S., Lee, J., Van Dyk, S., et al., 2021, [MNRAS](#)

Peculiar Velocities of Galaxies Just Beyond the Local Group

Anand, G. S., Tully, R. B., Rizzi, L., Shaya, E., & Karachentsev, I. D., 2019, [ApJ](#)

The Distance and Motion of the Maffei Group

Anand, G. S., Tully, R. B., Rizzi, L., & Karachentsev, I. D., 2019, [ApJL](#)

A Robust Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distance to the Fireworks Galaxy (NGC 6946)

Anand, G. S., Rizzi, L., & Tully, R. B., 2018, [AJ](#)

The Distance to the Galaxy Coma P

Anand, G. S., Tully, R. B., Karachentsev, I. D., Makarov, D. I., Makarova, L.; Rizzi, L.; Shaya, E. J., 2018, [ApJL](#)

CO-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

The Whisper of a Whimper of a Bang: 2400 Days of the Type Ia SN 2011fe Reveals the Decay of ^{55}Fe

Tucker, M. A., Shappee, B. J., Kochanek, C.S., Stanek, K.Z., Ashall, C., *Anand, G. S.*, & Garnavich, P. [Submitted to MNRAS](#)

Around the Spindle Galaxy: The Dark Halo Mass of NGC 3115

Karachentsev, I. D., Makarova, L. N., *Anand, G. S.*, & Tully, R. B., 2022, [AJ](#)

PNLF Distances for 19 Galaxies Observed by PHANGS-MUSE

Scheuermann, F., Kreckel, K. *Anand, G. S.*, [3 authors], & Van Dyk, S. D., [11 authors], 2022, [A&A](#)

The PHANGS-MUSE survey. Probing the chemo-dynamical evolution of disc galaxies

Emsellem, E., Schinnerer, E., Santoro, F., [18 authors], *Anand, G. S.*, [26 authors], 2022, [A&A](#)

KK 242, A Faint Companion to the Isolated Scd Galaxy NGC 6503

Karachentsev, I. D., Cannon, J. M., Fuson, J., Inoue, J. L., Tully, R. B., *Anand, G. S.*, & Kaisin, S. S., 2022, [AJ](#)

Late-Onset Circumstellar Medium Interactions are Rare: An Unbiased GALEX View of Type Ia Supernovae

Dubay, L., Tucker, M., Do, A., Shappee, B., *Anand, G. S.*, 2022, [ApJ](#)

- The PHANGS-HST Survey: Physics at High Angular resolution in Nearby Galaxies with the Hubble Space Telescope**
Lee, Janice C., Whitmore, Bradley C., Thilker, David A., Deger, Sinan, Larson, Kirsten L., Ubeda, Leonardo, **Anand, G. S.**, [10 authors], White, R. L., [36 authors], 2022, [ApJS](#)
- Measuring an off-Center Detonation through Infrared Line Profiles: The peculiar Type Ia Supernova SN 2020qxp/ASASSN-20jq**
Hoeftlich, P., Ashall, C., Bose, S., [4 authors], **Anand, G. S.**, [12 authors], 2021, [ApJ](#)
- PHANGS–ALMA: Arcsecond CO(2–1) Imaging of Nearby Star-Forming Galaxies**
Leroy, A., Schinnerer, E., Hughes, A., [16 authors], **Anand, G. S.**, [52 authors], 2021, [ApJS](#)
- SN2019yvv Does Not Conform to SN Ia Explosion Models**
Tucker, M. A., Ashall, C., Shappee, B. J., Vallely, P. J., Kochanek, C. S., Huber, M. E., **Anand, G. S.**, Keane, J. V., Hsiao, E. Y., Holoien, T. W. S., 2021, [ApJ](#)
- PHANGS-ALMA Data Processing and Pipeline**
Leroy, A., Hughes, A., Liu, D., [16 authors], **Anand, G. S.**, [47 authors], 2021, [ApJS](#)
- The Cepheid Distance to the Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 Galaxy NGC 4051**
Yuan, W., Macri, L., Peterson, B. M., Riess, A. G., Fausnaugh, M. M., Hoffman, S. L., **Anand, G. S.**, [11 authors], 2021, [ApJ](#)
- The Distance and Mass of the NGC 253 Galaxy Group**
Karachentsev, I. D., Tully, R. B., **Anand, G. S.**, Rizzi, L., Shaya, E. J., 2021, [AJ](#)
- The Electron-capture Origin of Supernova 2018zd**
Hiramatsu, D., Howell, D. A., Van Dyk, S. D., [19 authors], **Anand, G. S.**, [7 authors], 2021, [Nature Astronomy](#)
- The Properties of Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies in the Cen A Group: Stellar Populations, Internal Dynamics, and a Heart-Shaped H α Ring?**
Müller, O., Fahrion, K., Rejkuba, M., Hilker, M., Lelli, F., Lutz, K., Pawlowski, M. S., Coccato, L., **Anand, G. S.**, & Jerjen, H., 2020, [A&A](#)
- Distance and Mass of the M104 (Sombrero) Group**
Karachentsev, I. D., Makarova, L. N., Tully, R. B.; **Anand, G. S.**; Rizzi, L., Shaya, E. J., 2020, [A&A](#)
- KKH 22, The First Dwarf Spheroidal Satellite of IC 342**
Karachentsev, I. D., Makarova, L. N., Tully, R. B.; **Anand, G. S.**; Rizzi, L., Shaya, E. J., Afanasiev, V. L., 2020, [A&A](#)
- Cosmicflows-4: The Calibration of Optical and Infrared Tully-Fisher Relations**
Kourkchi, E.; Tully, R. B., **Anand, G. S.**, Courtois, H. M., Dupuy, A., Neill, J. D., Rizzi, L., Seibert, M., 2020, [ApJ](#)
- Does Gravity Fall Down? Evidence for Gravitational-wave Deflection along the Line of Sight to GW170817**
Rubin, D., Szapudi, I., Shappee, B. J., **Anand, G. S.**, 2020, [ApJL](#)
- The High-Redshift Clusters Occupied by Bent Radio AGN (COBRA) Survey**
Paterno-Mahler, R., Blanton, E. L., Ashby, M. L. N., Brodwin, M., Wing, J. D., Decker, B., Golden-Marx, E., & **Anand, G. S.**, 2017, [ApJ](#)

INVITED TALKS

Cosmicflows-4: Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances

American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY- September 2021

Herzberg Astronomy and Astrophysics Research Centre, NRC Canada- April 2021

UMass Amherst Galaxy Lunch Talk, Amherst, MA- March 2021

PHANGS-HST: New Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances

IPAC Colloquium, Pasadena, CA- July 2020

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances to Nearby Galaxies

Caltech Tea Talk- June 2020

Visiting Scholars Talk, W.M. Keck Observatory- August 2017

Peculiar Velocities of Galaxies Just Beyond the Local Group

Constrained Local Universe Simulations 2019 Meeting, University of Lyon- September 2019

Exploring the Structural Evolution of Massive Quiescent Galaxies

Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium- November 2014

Colby Undergraduate Summer Research Retreat- July 2014

Observations and Analysis of Orbital Period Changes in Contact Binaries

Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium- October 2013

CONFERENCE POSTERS

PHANGS-HST: New Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances

236th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society- June 2020

The Extragalactic Distance Database: Color-Magnitude Diagrams and Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances

235th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society- January 2020

Tip of the Red Giant Branch Distances to Nearby Galaxies

Stars: Birth and Death, GMT Community Science Meeting- September 2018

The 21st Century HR Diagram, Space Telescope Science Institute- April 2018

Chandra Observation of the WAT Radio Source/ICM Interaction in Abell 623

229th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society- January 2017

Chandra Science for the Next Decade, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics- August 2016

Observations and Analysis of Orbital Period Changes in Contact Binaries

Vassar Undergraduate Research Summer Institute- July 2013