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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Physics, Bachelor of Astronomy Honors
Special Honors in Astronomy

May 2018

Overall GPA: 3.6805/4.0

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	Python, Mathematica, MATLAB, Bash
Software & Tools	VisIT, LaTeX, ImageJ, AutoCAD, Excel
Hard skills	Soldering, mill, lathe, basic and high-voltage electronics Experience w/ handling contained radioactive sources
Communication	Comfortable with public speaking, intermediate Spanish speaker

EXPERIENCE

University of Rochester Physics & Astronomy Dept

Graduate Research Assistant under P. Gourdain

August 2018 - present

Rochester, NY

- Simulating novel 3D printed loads for pulsed power plasma jet experiment
- Constructing and testing Thomson scattering diagnostic with 1J green laser
- Constructed shearing interferometer plasma diagnostic

Sandia National Lab

Graduate Research Intern under C. Myers

June - August 2019

Albuquerque, NM

- Wrote MATLAB scripts to test b-dot calibration methods for Z Machine
- Helped construct shadowgraphy plasma diagnostic for Mykonos driver

University of Texas Astronomy Department

Undergraduate Researcher under K. McQuinn

August 2016 - August 2018

Austin, TX

- Observed for 3 nights on the 107" telescope at McDonald Observatory
- Used IRAF code to reduce CCD data and calculate star formation rates of dwarf galaxies

Rice University Physics & Astronomy Department

Undergraduate Researcher under E. Liang

June 2014 - Jan 2018

Houston, TX

- Built and tested novel scintillator gamma-ray spectrometer
- Collected spectral data and served as co-lead for positron experiment at Texas Petawatt Laser
- Conducted filter stack spectrometer calibration tests with Na-22 source

University of Texas at Austin Astronomy Department

Student in Freshman Research Initiative under M. Montgomery

January 2015- December 2015

Austin, TX

- Reduced streaked spectra from white dwarf experiment at Sandia National Lab
- Implemented MESA stellar evolution software for hydrogen flashes in extremely low-mass white dwarf stars
- Observed on 30", 36", and 82" telescopes at McDonald Observatory

PUBLICATIONS

Design of a 3-D Printed Experimental Platform for Studying the Formation and Magnetization of Turbulent Plasma Jets

H. R. Hasson, M. B. Adams, M. Evans, R. Shapovalov, I. West-Abdallah, J. Young, J. Greenly, D. Hammer, B. Kusse, C. Seyler, A. Frank, P.-A. Gourdain

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TALKS & POSTERS

The Generation of Magnetized Jets Using 3D Printed Loads on a Pulsed-Power Driver

Poster presented at the 2020 ZNetUS conference

The Generation of Magnetized Jets Using 3D Printed Loads on a Pulsed-Power Driver

Poster presented at the 2019 APS Division of Plasma Physics conference

A Study of Magnetized Jet Stability Using High Energy Density Plasmas

Talk given at the 2019 Pulsed Power and Plasma Science conference

A Study of Magnetized Jet Stability Using High Energy Density Plasmas

Poster presented at the 2019 Women in Space conference

A Study of Disk-Jet Transitions Using Pulsed-Power Generators

Poster presented at the 2018 APS Division of Plasma Physics conference

AWARDS & HONORS

APS CUWiP Research Poster Award	<i>Jan 2018</i>
Barry Goldwater National Scholarship-Honorable Mention	<i>Spring 2017</i>
APS CUWiP Research Poster Award	<i>Jan 2017</i>
Kemp-Forman Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship	<i>Fall 2016-Spring 2017</i>
Merner Scholarship in Natural Sciences	<i>Fall 2016-Spring 2017</i>
Darrell W. Moffitt, Jr. Endowed Presidential Scholarship	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Walter E. Millet Scholarship	<i>Fall 2015-Spring 2016</i>
National Instruments Endowed Scholarship for Excellence	<i>Fall 2015-Spring 2016</i>

TEACHING

PHY 122P (Electricity & Magnetism), PHY 121P (Mechanics) August 2018 - May 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant *University of Rochester*

- Head TA for two semesters of flipped-classroom undergraduate introductory physics courses. Worked one-on-one teaching students, graded exams, met with students needing guidance

Gourdain lab summer internship August 2020
Graduate mentor, curriculum developer *University of Rochester*

- Worked with other members of Gourdain lab to develop and implement month-long high school science internship
- Developed and taught two-day introductory python course to two groups of students
- Mentored and taught three high school students about filtering image data in python with Fourier transforms

AST 307 (Intro Astronomy)*Undergraduate teaching assistant*

Fall 2017

University of Texas at Austin

- Provided in-class assistance for students
- Shared grading of assignments and exams with graduate TA

LEADERSHIP

Graduate Women in Physics & Astronomy*Board Member*

October 2018 - present

University of Rochester

- Organizing mentorship and community among women graduate students in physics

Physics & Astronomy Graduate Student Association*Board Member*

August 2019 - present

University of Rochester

- Conducting events for career development, outreach, and community building among physics graduate students

Undergraduate Women in Physics*Treasurer, Vice President, President, Senior Board Member*

August 2014 - May 2018

UT Austin

- Mentored and provided resources to fellow undergraduate women in physics and astronomy
- Presented science demonstrations at outreach events for local youth

Deans Scholars Honors Program*Council Member*

August 2014-May 2016

UT Austin

- Coordinating with team of 10 students responsible for planning social and mentoring events
- Volunteered tutoring math once a week at local high school

Freshman Research Initiative*Peer Mentor*

January 2016 - May 2016

UT Austin

- Led students in research project with MESA stellar evolution code
- Helped teach students Python coding and other astronomy research tools