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EDUCATION & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of Virginia

Ph.D. in Astronomy

expected May 2026

M.S. in Astronomy

May 2022

Thesis Title—*Beyond the Milky Way: Space-Based Proper Motion Measurements in the Era of JWST*

Advisor: Nitya Kallivayalil

The Ohio State University

B.S. in Physics and Astronomy & Astrophysics
with honors research distinction

May 2020

Thesis Title—*An Intermediate-Age α -Rich Galactic Population Beyond the Solar Neighborhood*

Thesis Advisors: Marc Pinsonneault, Jennifer Johnson, Joel Zinn

PUBLICATIONS ([ADS Query](#))

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18. A. Savino, M. Gennaro, A. E. Dolphin, et al., *The JWST Resolved Stellar Populations Early Release Science Program. VII. Stress Testing the NIRCam Exposure Time Calculator*, [ApJ 970, 36S](#), 2024.
17. M. L. Boyer, G. Pastorelli, L. Girardi, et al., *The JWST Resolved Stellar Populations Early Release Science Program. VI. Identifying Evolved Stars in Nearby Galaxies*, [ApJ 973, 120B](#), 2024.
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13. J. Schonhut-Stasik, J. C. Zinn, K. G. Stassun, et al., *The APO-K2 Catalog. I. 7,673 Red Giants with Fundamental Stellar Parameters from APOGEE DR17 Spectroscopy and K2-GAP Asteroseismology*, *AJ* **167**, 50, 2024.
12. K. McQuinn, M. Newman, A. Savino, et al., *The JWST Resolved Stellar Populations Early Release Science Program. IV. The Star Formation History of the Local Group Galaxy WLM*, *ApJ* **961**, 16, 2024.
11. C. Jennings, A. Savino, D. Weisz, et al., *The Hubble Space Telescope Survey of M31 Satellite Galaxies. III. Calibrating the Horizontal Branch as an Age Indicator for Nearby Galaxies*, *arXiv:2311.16397*, Submitted to AJ, 2023.
10. J. J. Han, A. Dey, A. M. Price-Whelan, et al., *NANCY: Next-generation All-sky Near-infrared Community survey*, *arXiv:2306.11784*, Roman Core Community Survey white paper, 2023.
9. J. T. Warfield, H. Richstein, N. Kallivayalil, et al., *The JWST Resolved Stellar Populations Early Release Science Program. III. Photometric Star-Galaxy Separations for NIRCam*, *Res. Notes AAS* **7**, 2, 2023.
8. D. Weisz, K. McQuinn, A. Savino, et al., *The JWST Resolved Stellar Populations Early Release Science Program II. Survey Overview*, *ApJS* **268**, 15W, 2023.
7. J. T. Warfield, N. Kallivayalil, P. Zivick, et al., *HubPUG: Proper Motions for Local Group Dwarfs observed with HST utilizing Gaia as a Reference Frame*, *MNRAS*, **519**, 1189, 2023.
6. H. Richstein, E. Patel, N. Kallivayalil, et al., *Structural parameters and possible association of the Ultra-Faint Dwarfs Pegasus III and Pisces II from deep Hubble Space Telescope photometry*, *ApJ*, **933**, 217, 2022.
5. Abdurro'uf, K. Accetta, C. Aerts, et al., *The Seventeenth Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Surveys: Complete Release of MaNGA, MaStar and APOGEE-2 Data*, *ApJS* **259**, 35, 2022.
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3. J. T. Warfield, J. C. Zinn, M. H. Pinsonneault, J. A. Johnson, D. Stello, Y. Elsworth, R. A. García, T. Kallinger, S. Mathur, B. Mosser, R. L. Beaton, and D. A. García-Hernández, *An Intermediate Age Alpha-Rich Galactic Population in K2*, *AJ* **161**, 100, 2021.
2. J. C. Zinn, D. Stello, Y. Elsworth, et al., *The K2 Galactic Archaeology Program Data Release 2: Asteroseismic Results from Campaigns 4, 6, & 7*, *ApJS* **251**, 23, 2020.
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OBSERVING PROPOSALS

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5. P. Bennet, E. Patel, et al.; *Proper Motions of the M31 Satellites: The missing pieces of the 6D puzzle*; HST Cycle 33, ID. #18029.
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1. L. Strigari, W. Cerny, A. Drlica-Wagner, et al.; *Creating a Standardized Sample of Milky Way Satellite Galaxy Binary Fraction Measurements*; HST Cycle 30, ID. #17056.

AWARDS & HONORS

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| Jefferson Scholars Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship | 2025 |
| Emma Williams Prize: outstanding research of a 4th year graduate student | 2024 |
| The Raven Society (Inductee) | 2023 |
| L. Earl Slusher Scholarship in Astronomy | 2019 |
| Summer Undergraduate Research Program Astronomy Undergraduate Scholarship | 2019 |
| Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grant | 2017 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Grader Aug. 2024 - Dec. 2024

The University of Virginia

Courses: Astronomy 1210

Grading for undergraduate non-major general education course.

Course Grader Jan. 2023 - May 2023

The University of Virginia

Courses: Astronomy 5450 & Physics 5640

Grading for graduate level courses on high-energy astrophysics and computation physics.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020

The University of Virginia

Course: Astronomy 1230

Oversaw night labs and grading for undergraduate non-major observational astronomy course.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Jan. 2020 - May 2020

The Ohio State University Department of Astronomy

Courses: Astronomy 1221, 5681

Lecture assistant, tutor, and grader for Astronomy/Physics major introductory data analysis and programming course. Undergraduate teaching assistant and grader for upper-division major stellar structure and nucleosynthesis course.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Aug. 2019 - Dec. 2019

The Ohio State University Department of Astronomy

Course: Astronomy 3350

Lecture assistant, tutor, and grader for Astronomy major data analysis and programming course.

Physics Tutor

Sept. 2017 - May 2019

The Ohio State University Department of Physics

Courses: Physics 1201, 1202, 1251, 1252

Open tutoring for introductory non-major and major physics courses.

Instructional Assistant

Jan. 2017 - May 2017

The Ohio State University Department of Astronomy

Course: Astronomy 1140

Prepared materials, assisted in lecture, and graded assignments for a general education astronomy course.

Supplemental Instructor

Jan. 2016 - May 2016

Bowling Green State University Learning Commons

Course: Physics 2010

Designed and ran 3 weekly sessions to go over material being covered in an introductory non-major physics course.

PRESENTATIONS

Galactic Frontiers II: Dwarf Galaxies in the Local Volume and Beyond

June 2025

Beyond the Milky Way: Proper Motion Measurements in the Era of JWST

The Colonades Senior Living

Oct. 2024

Out of Sight, Front of Mind: The Puzzle of Dark Matter

JHU/STScI Galaxy Journal Club

May 2024

The Milky Way and Beyond: Probing Near-Field Cosmology from Proper Motion Measurements in the Local Group

Galactic Frontiers: Dwarf Galaxies in the Local Volume and Beyond

July 2023

HubPUG: Utilizing Gaia as a Reference Frame to Measure Proper Motions for Local Group Dwarfs with HST

AAS 241

Jan. 2023

HubPUG: Combining HST and Gaia data to Measure Proper Motions for Local Group Dwarfs

SDSS-IV & V Collaboration Meeting

June 2020

Revealing an Intermediate Age Population of Alpha-Rich Red Giants in the K2 Fields

AAS 235

Jan. 2020

Revealing an Intermediate Age Population of Alpha-Rich Red Giants in the K2 Fields

OUTREACH

Dark Skies Bright Kids (DSBK)

Member

Oct. 2020 - Present

DSBK is an astronomy outreach organization primarily run by graduate students at the University of Virginia seeking to enhance science education in Virginia elementary schools. We run programs for students in the Charlottesville area during the academic year (including weekly after-school astronomy clubs) as well as week-long summer camps for students across Virginia.

The Astronomical Society at The Ohio State University

Member

Aug. 2016 - July 2020

Secretary *May 2017 - May 2019*

President

May 2019 - July 2020

Organized roof nights and astronomy talks for undergraduate and community audiences. Organized a welcome event for incoming undergraduate Astronomy students for the Department of Astronomy. Worked with other student organizations and university departments to organize and secure funding for a yearly trip to the Green Bank Observatory for undergraduate astronomy majors.

Polaris

Mentor

Aug. 2019 - May 2020

Polaris offers mentoring for first- and second-year undergraduate physics and astronomy majors by graduate and senior undergraduate students. I worked individually with a freshman student to help them navigate through their first year at Ohio State and find opportunities to best achieve their goals. In the spring 2020 semester, I guided them through a small research project in astronomy working with APOGEE and Kepler asteroseismology data.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| Programming Languages | Python, C++, Wolfram Language (Mathematica), Julia, bash |
| Markup Languages | L ^A T _E X, HTML, CSS, PHP |