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Education

Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. in Astronomy & Astrophysics (Ph.D. minor in Computational Science)

M.S. in Astronomy & Astrophysics

State College, PA

Summer 2022 (Expected)

April 2019

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

B.S. in Engineering Physics and Astronomy (Dual Degree) with honours

Champaign, IL

May 2017

Honors & Awards

- 2018, 19, 20 **Zaccheus Daniel Fellowship** Penn State travel grants for graduate student research
2020 **CCA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship** Awarded a 5-month research analyst position @ Flatiron CCA
2019 **Student Poster Competition Winner** New Horizons in Planetary Systems Conference
2018 **Sagan Workshop Travel Award** Travel support for 2018 Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop
2017 **Homer F. Braddock Fellowship** University scholarship awarded to selected 1st-year graduate students
2014-17 **Edmund J. James Scholar** Undergraduate honor program at the University of Illinois

Refereed Publications

First-authored publications

- [3] **Dong, J.**, Huang, X., Dawson, R., Foreman-Mackey, D., et al., 2020, "Warm Jupiters in Year 1 TESS Full-Frame Images: A Catalog and Its Observed Eccentricity Distribution" In prep.
[2] **Dong, J.**, Jiang Y., & Armitage, P., 2020, "Boundary Layer Circumplanetary Accretion: How Fast Could an Unmagnetized Planet Spin Up Through Its Disk?" AAS Journals submitted
[1] **Dong, J.**, Dawson, R., Shannon, A., & Morrison, S., 2020, "Debris Disks in Multi-Planet Systems: Are Our Inferences Compromised by Unseen Planets?" *Apl*, **889**, 47

Co-authored publications

- [3] Dawson et al. **including Dong, J.**, 2020, "Precise transit and radial-velocity characterization of a resonant pair: a warm Jupiter TOI-216c and eccentric warm Neptune TOI-216b", *AJ* submitted
[2] Kanodia et al. **including Dong, J.**, 2020, "TOI-1728b: The Habitable-zone Planet Finder confirms a warm super Neptune orbiting an M dwarf host", *Apl*, **899**, 1
[1] McFarquhar, G.M. et al. **including Dong, J.**, 2017, "Processing of Cloud In-Situ Data Collected by Bulk Water, Scattering and Imaging Probes: Fundamentals, Uncertainties and Efforts towards Consistency", *Meteorological Monographs*, **11.1**

Successful Observing Proposals as PI

- PSU 2021A **PI Dong** (Co-I: Huang, Dawson, Ford, Zhou, Rodriguez, Vanderburg, et al.) NEID 1.7 Nights
NOIRLab 2020B **PI Dong** (Co-I: Huang, Dawson, et al.) LCO 3 Nights; CHIRON 2 Nights
PSU 2020B **PI Dong** (Co-I: Dawson, Huang, Jackson, Kanodia, the NEID science team, et al.) NEID 0.6 Nights
PSU 2020A **PI Dong** (Co-I: Dawson, Huang, Jackson, Kanodia, the NEID science team, et al.) NEID 0.5 Nights

Contributed Talks & Seminars

- Nov. 2020 **Exoplanet Demographics I** "The Eccentricity Distribution and Occurrence Rates of Warm, Large Exoplanets" Pasadena, CA (Virtual)
- Aug. 2020 **The 51st DDA Meeting** "Unraveling Warm, Large Exoplanet (WaLE) Origins From TESS Observations" Ithaca, NY (Virtual)
- July 2020 **Exoplanets III** "A Catalog of Warm, Large Exoplanet (WaLE) candidates discovered in TESS Full Frame Images" Heidelberg, Germany (Virtual)
- June 2020 **CCA Pre-Doctoral Symposium** "Angular Momentum Transport in Circumplanetary Disks: How Much Could an Unmagnetized Planet Spin up Through Its Disk?" New York, New York (Virtual)
- Jan. 2020 **Tsinghua University Planet Formation Group Meeting** "Debris Disks in Multi-Planet Systems+TESS Warm Jupiters" Beijing, China
- Nov. 2019 **Penn State Astronomy Lunch Talk** "Detection and Characterization of Warm Jupiters in TESS Full-Frame Images" State College, PA
- June 2019 **Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science V (ERES V)** "Probing Young Planetary Systems from Their Debris Disks: Are Our Inferences Compromised by Unseen Planets?" Ithaca, NY
- Jan. 2019 **Penn State Astronomy Lunch Talk** "Probing Young Planetary Systems from Their Debris Disks: Are We Messed up by Unseen Planets?" State College, PA
- June 2018 **Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science IV (ERES IV)** "Investigating Young Planetary Systems Through Their Debris Disks" State College, PA
- Sep. 2017 **Penn State Astronomy Lunch Talk** "An ALMA Continuum Survey of the Protoplanetary Disks in the ρ -Ophiuchus Molecular Cloud" State College, PA

Posters

- Aug. 2019 **Extreme Solar Systems IV** "Probing Young Planetary Systems from Their Debris Disks: Are Our Inferences Compromised by Unseen Planets?" Reykjavik, Iceland
- July 2019 **TESS Science Conference I** "Detection and Characterization of TESS Warm Jupiters" Cambridge, MA
- May 2019 **New Horizons in Planetary Systems** "Probing Young Planetary Systems from Their Debris Disks: Are Our Inferences Compromised by Unseen Planets?" Victoria, BC (**Student Poster Prize**)
- July 2018 **Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop** "Investigating Young Planetary Systems Through Their Debris Disks" Pasadena, CA
- Apr. 2016 **University of Illinois Image of Research** "Substructures of Protoplanetary Disks Revealed with ALMA Radio Observations" Champaign, IL

Certificates

Applications of Parallel Computers

Spring 2018

Certificated by the UC Berkeley and the Ohio Supercomputer Center; Completed a full-semester training with coding projects in OpenMP, MPI, and CUDA

Summer School in Astroinformatics

Summer 2018

Completed a one-week summer school in high-performance computing and machine learning

Teaching & Mentoring Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

State College, PA
2017, 18

Elementary Astronomy; Fundamental of Planetary Science and Astronomy

- TA responsibilities including grading assignments, offering office hours, and proctoring exams.
- Two guest lectures to roughly 150 students on "**The Solar System Formation**".
- One guest lecture to 5 students on "**Elementary Astronomy Lab**".

Undergraduate Grader and Observation Assistant

Champaign, IL
2016, 17

Introduction to Astrophysics

- Graded homework and exams for sophomore undergraduate students in Astronomy major.
- Set up telescopes, monitored telescopes for safe use by students, and discussed celestial objects being observed during the evening and solar observing sessions.

Outreach & Professional Experience

- 2021 **Local Organizing Committee** for The First Penn State SETI Symposium
- 2020 **Eberly College Science Journal** Interviewed for star and planet formation callout (Dong et al. 2020)
- 2020 **Panelist** on Graduate School Information Session for Penn State undergraduate students
- 2020 **Moderator** for Exoplanets III; 950+ online participants; Coordinated with Transits 1 & 2 sessions
- 2017-19 **Exploring Exoplanets Demonstrator; The Guardian of Kid Prizes** AstroFest (4-night outreach, 2500+ public visitors) & Astronight (1-night outreach, 500+ students)
- Fall 2019 **CEHW Journal Club Organizer** Organized weekly Astro-ph.EP group discussion for the Center for Exoplanets and Habitable Worlds (CEHW)
- 2019 **Executive Secretary** of NASA Review Panel
- 2018 **Organizing Committee** for ERES IV; Involved in abstract selection and conference scheduling; Chaired the **Planet Formation & Evolution** session; Organized excursions.