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Curriculum Vitae

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Education University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2014 -

Graduate student in Astronomy and Astrobiology (dual-title PhD program)

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2014 - 2016

M. Sci. in Astronomy

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

2009 - 2013

B.S. with Honors in Physics Minor in Mathematics

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant: Virtual Planetary Laboratory

Sept 2014 -

Extrasolar planets, their atmospheres, & habitability with Dr. Victoria Meadows

- Lead developer of a retrieval model for the analysis of terrestrial exoplanet spectra
- Experience simulating and analyzing radiative transfer, photochemical, climate, telescope noise, and exoplanet mapping models
- Programming in Python, Julia, IDL, & Fortran

Junior Specialist: University of California, Santa Cruz

Dec 2013 – Aug 2014

Hot Jupiter atmospheres with Dr. Jonathan Fortney and Dr. Michael Line

- Wrote Python code to analyze the emission spectra of exoplanets observed during secondary eclipse
- Gained experience using Bayesian methods of parameter estimation

Undergraduate Researcher: University of California, Santa Cruz

June 2012 – Dec 2013

Extrasolar planet and brown dwarf atmospheric opacity sources with Jonathan Fortney

— Wrote IDL code to calculate, tabulate, and plot weighted mean opacities over a wide range of atmospheric temperatures, pressures, and metallicities

Teaching Experience

Research Mentor

Sept 2016 -

— Guadalupe Tovar (UW Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant: Department of Astronomy, University of Washington Sept 2014 – June 2015 Led two biweekly sections for undergraduate students

- ASTR 101 (Spring 2015; Autumn 2014)
- ASTR 150 (Winter 2015)

Math & Writing Tutor: Learning Support Services, UCSC

Sept 2010 – June 2012

Instructed students in college level mathematics and writing as a group and drop-in tutor

Honors

- Honors undergraduate thesis in physics (2013)
- & Awards University Honor, cum laude at University of California, Santa Cruz (2013)

Publications

— Meadows, V. S., Reinhard, C. T., Arney, G. N., Parenteau, M. N., Schwieterman, E. W., Domagal-Goldman, S. D., Lincowski, A. P., Stapelfeldt, K. R., Rauer, H., DasSarma, S., Hegde, S., Narita, N., Deitrick, R., Lyons, T. W., Siegler, N., & Lustig-Yaeger, J. (2017). "Exoplanet

- Biosignatures: Understanding Oxygen as a Biosignature in the Context of Its Environment". arXiv preprint 1705.07560.
- Luger, R., Lustig-Yaeger, J., Fleming, D. P., Tilley, M. A., Agol, E, Meadows, V. S., Deitrick, R., & Barnes, R. (2017). "The Pale Green Dot: A Method to Characterize Proxima Centauri b using Exo-Aurorae". The Astrophysical Journal, 837, 63.
- Meadows, V. S., Arney, G. N., Schwieterman, E. W., Lustig-Yaeger, J., Lincowski, A. P., Robinson, T., Domagal-Goldman, S. D., Barnes, R. K., Fleming, D. P., Deitrick, R., Luger, R., Driscoll, P. E., Quinn, T. R., Crisp, D. (2017, in review). "The Habitability of Proxima Centauri b II: Environmental States and Observational Discriminants". arXiv preprint arXiv:1608.08620.
- Barnes, R., Deitrick, R., Luger, R., Driscoll, P. E., Quinn, T. R., Fleming, D. P., Arney, G., Crisp, D., Domagal-Goldman, S. D., Lincowski, A. P., Lustig-Yaeger, J., & Schwieterman, E. (2017, in review). "The Habitability of Proxima Centauri b I: Evolutionary Scenarios". arXiv preprint arXiv:1608.06919.
- Greene, T. P., Line, M. R., Montero, C., Fortney, J. J., Lustig-Yaeger, J., & Luther, K. (2016). "Characterizing transiting exoplanet atmospheres with JWST". The Astrophysical Journal, 817(1), 17.
- Freedman, R. S., **Lustig-Yaeger**, J., Fortney, J. J., Lupu, R. E., Marley, M. S., & Lodders, K. (2014). "Gaseous Mean Opacities for Giant Planet and Ultracool Dwarf Atmospheres over a Range of Metallicities and Temperatures". *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*, 214(2), 25.

Conference

Contributed Talks

Presentations

- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Tovar, G., Fujii, Y., Schwieterman, E., & Meadows, V. (2017). "Mapping Surfaces and Clouds on Terrestrial Exoplanets Observed with Next-Generation Coronagraph-Equipped Telescopes". Astrobiology Science Conference, #3558
- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Line, M. R., & Fortney, J. J. (2015). "On the Confidence of Molecular Detections in the Atmospheres of Exoplanets from Secondary Eclipse Spectra". American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 225, #124.03

Posters

- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Schwieterman, E., Meadows, V., & Fujii, Y. (2016). "Modeling Earth's Disk-Integrated, Time-Dependent Spectrum: Applications to Directly Imaged Habitable Planets". AAS/Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting Abstracts, 48, #122.34
- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Meadows, V., Schwieterman, E. W., & Robinson, T. (2016). "Modeling Earths Disk-Integrated Spectrum through a Lunar Month: Applications to Directly Imaged Habitable Exoplanets". Exoplanets I
- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Meadows, V., Line, M., & Crisp, D. (2015). "A Novel Approach to Atmospheric Retrieval for Small Exoplanets". AAS/Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting Abstracts, 47, #416.10
- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Line, M., Fortney, J. J., & Meadows, V. (2015). "Detecting Molecules in Exoplanet Atmospheres: Lessons Learned from Hot Jupiters". Astrobiology Science Conference, #7558
- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Line, M. R., & Fortney, J. J. (2014). "On the Detection Significance of Molecules in Exoplanets from Secondary Eclipse Observations". Cool Stars, 18, #267
- Lustig-Yaeger, J., Fortney, J. J., Freedman, R., Marley, M. S., & Lupu, R. E. (2014). "Gaseous Mean Opacities for Giant Planet and Brown Dwarf Atmospheres". American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts #223, #347.04

Public Talks

- "Proxima Centauri b: A World of Possibilities" and panel discussion with Guillem Anglada-Escude, Rory Barnes, & Olivier Guyon, UW Astrobiology & the NASA Astrobiology Institute Lecture Series, Seattle, WA. May 3, 2017.
- "BREAKING: Terrestrial Exoplanet Discovered in the Habitable Zone of Proxima Centauri" Astronomy on Tap, Peddler Brewing Company, Seattle, WA. August 24, 2016.