

JACOB LUSTIG-YAEGER  
Curriculum Vitae

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- Current Position** Exoplanet Post Doctoral Fellow  
Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
- Education** Ph.D. in Astronomy & Astrobiology (dual-titled Ph.D.) (2014 – 2020)  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
“The Detection, Characterization, and Retrieval of Terrestrial Exoplanet Atmospheres”  
*Advisor:* Victoria Meadows
- M. Sci. in Astronomy (2014 – 2016)  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- B.S. in Physics (Honors), Minor in Mathematics (2009 – 2013)  
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA  
*Advisor:* Jonathan Fortney
- Research Interests**
- Characterizing terrestrial exoplanets for habitability and signs of life
  - Retrieving terrestrial planet atmospheres using Bayesian inference
  - Modeling telescope sensitivity to motivate future exoplanet science cases
  - Developing novel methods to detect exoplanet habitability and biosignatures
- Research Experience**
- Graduate Research Assistant:* Virtual Planetary Laboratory (Sept 2014 – Present)  
Terrestrial exoplanets, their atmospheres, habitability & biosignatures
- Developed, tested, and applied a physically rigorous terrestrial exoplanet retrieval model
  - Simulated and analyzed radiative transfer, photochemical, climate, telescope, surface mapping, and machine learning models
- Undergraduate & Postbaccalaureate Researcher:* University of California, Santa Cruz (2012 – 2014)  
Hot Jupiter & brown dwarf atmospheres, opacity sources, and atmospheric retrieval
- Retrieved exoplanet atmospheric compositions using emission spectra
  - Applied Bayesian methods for parameter estimation
  - Calculated and published weighted mean opacities for substellar and planetary atmospheres
- Teaching Experience**
- Research Mentor:* Department of Astronomy, University of Washington (Sept 2016 – Present)  
Advising undergraduate students in exoplanet astronomy and astrobiology research
- 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 & Awards**
- NASA Group Achievement Award: LUVOIR Mission Concept Study Team (2019)
  - Honors undergraduate thesis in physics (2013)
  - University Honor, *cum laude* at University of California, Santa Cruz (2013)

## Technical Skills

- Programming in Python, Julia, IDL, & Fortran
- Packaging Python code for open-source distribution
- Bayesian parameter inference and model selection
- Version control and collaboration with git & GitHub
- Data visualization with Matplotlib, Tableau, & Bokeh
- Writing and typesetting with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Extensive experience with MS Office Suite

## Publications *First Authored*

4. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “A Mirage of the Cosmic Shoreline: Venus-like Clouds as a Statistical False Positive for Exoplanet Atmospheric Erosion”. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 887(1), L11.
3. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Robinson, T. D., & Arney, G. (2019). “**coronagraph**: Telescope Noise Modeling for Exoplanets in Python”. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 4(40), 1387.
2. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “The Detectability and Characterization of the TRAPPIST-1 Exoplanet Atmospheres with JWST”. *The Astronomical Journal*, 158(1), 27.
1. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., Tovar Mendoza, G., Schwieterman, E. W., Fujii, Y., Luger, R., & Robinson, T. D. (2018). “Detecting Ocean Glint on Exoplanets Using Multiphase Mapping”. *The Astronomical Journal*, 156(6), 301.

## *Co-Authored*

17. Kopparapu, R., Arney, G., Haqq-Misra, **J.**, **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, & Villanueva, G. (2021). “Nitrogen dioxide pollution as a signature of extraterrestrial technology”. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 908(2), 164.
16. \*Meadows, V. S., Lincowski, A. P., & **Lustig-Yaeger, J.** (2020, *\*in prep*). “The Feasibility of Detecting Biosignatures in the TRAPPIST-1 Planetary System with JWST”.
15. Mansfield, M., Schlawin, E., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, et al. (2020). “Eigenspectra: A Framework for Identifying Spectra from 3D Eclipse Mapping”. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*.
14. Leung, M., Meadows, V. S., & **Lustig-Yaeger, J.** (2020). “High-Resolution Spectral Discriminants of Ocean Loss for M Dwarf Terrestrial Exoplanets”. *The Astronomical Journal*, 160(1), 11.
13. Chouqar, J., Zouhair, B., Jabiri, A., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Soubkiou, A., & Szentgyorgyi, A. (2020). “Properties of Sub-Neptune Atmospheres: TOI-270 System”. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 495(1), 962-970.
12. Guzewich, S. D., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Davis, C. E., Kopparapu, R. K., Way, M. J., & Meadows, V. S. (2020). “The Impact of Planetary Rotation Rate on the Reflectance and Thermal Emission Spectrum of Terrestrial Exoplanets Around Sun-like Stars”. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 893, 140.
11. Lincowski, A. P., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, & Meadows, V. S. (2019). “Observing Isotopologue Bands in Terrestrial Exoplanet Atmospheres with the James Webb Space Telescope—Implications for Identifying Past Atmospheric and Ocean Loss”. *The Astronomical Journal*, 158(1), 26.
10. Luger, R., Agol, E., Foreman-Mackey, D., Fleming, D. P., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, & Deitrick, R. (2019). “STARRY: Analytic Occultation Light Curves”. *The Astronomical Journal*, 157(2), 64.
9. Lincowski, A. P., Meadows, V. S., Crisp, D., Robinson, T. D., Luger, R., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, & Arney, G.N. (2018). “Evolved Climates and Observational Discriminants for the TRAPPIST-1 Planetary System”. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 867(1), 76.
8. 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., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Lyons, T. W., & Siegler, N. (2018). “Exoplanet Biosignatures: Understanding Oxygen as a Biosignature in the Context of Its Environment”. *Astrobiology*, 18, 630-662.

7. 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. (2018). “[The Habitability of Proxima Centauri b: Environmental States and Observational Discriminants](#)”. *Astrobiology*, 18, 133-189.
6. Luger, R., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, & Agol, E. (2017). “[Planet-Planet Occultations in TRAPPIST-1 and Other Exoplanet Systems](#)”. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 851(2), 94.
5. Fujii, Y., **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, & Cowan, N. B. (2017). “[Rotational Spectral Unmixing of Exoplanets: Degeneracies between Surface Colors and Geography](#)”. *The Astronomical Journal*, 154(5), 189.
4. 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.
3. 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). “[The Habitability of Proxima Centauri b I: Evolutionary Scenarios](#)”. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1608.06919*.
2. 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.
1. 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 Invited Talks

#### Presentations

4. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.** & Meadows, V. S. (2019). “[The Era of Terrestrial Exoplanet Characterization](#)”. AGU, Joint AGU-AAS Session on Frontiers in Exoplanets, San Francisco, CA, 10 Dec. *Watch it on YouTube!*
3. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “[Prospects for Biosignatures for Rocky Planets in the Era of JWST](#)”. SEEC Symposium 2019, “Rocky Exoplanets in the Era of JWST: Theory and Observation”, NASA Goddard, Greenbelt, MD, 5 Nov.
2. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “[The Detectability and Characterization of the TRAPPIST-1 Exoplanet Atmospheres with JWST](#)”. ExoPAG 20, Bellevue, WA, 23 Jun.
1. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V., Tovar, G., Schwieterman, E., & Fujii, Y. “Prospects for Mapping Terrestrial Exoplanets with LUVIR”. Goddard Space Flight Center, October 25, 2017

#### Contributed Talks

7. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “[TRAPPIST-1 and Beyond: Strategies for Characterizing Terrestrial Exoplanets and their Habitability](#)”. Abstract [202-7] presented at 2019 Astrobiology Science Conference, Bellevue, WA, 24-28 June.
6. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “[Detecting and Characterizing Terrestrial Atmospheres in the TRAPPIST-1 System with JWST](#)”. TRAPPIST-1 Conference, Liège, Belgium, 11-14 Jun.
5. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., & Lincowski, A. P. (2019). “[Simulating the Detectability and Characterization of the TRAPPIST-1 Exoplanet Atmospheres with JWST](#)”. American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 233, #103.03
4. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Meadows, V. S., Tovar, G., Schwieterman, E., W., Fujii, Y., Luger, R., & Robinson, T. D. (2018). “[Detecting Oceans on Exoplanets with Next-Generation Telescopes](#)”. 2018 AGU Fall Meeting, Washington, D.C., 10-14 Dec. P51B-09
3. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Luger, R., & Agol, E. (2017). “[Probing the Orbital Dynamics and Atmospheric Properties of the TRAPPIST-1 Planets with JWST](#)”. Habitable Worlds 2017, #4100

2. **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
1. **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

8. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Lincowski, A. P., & Meadows, V. S. (2017). “Extending Atmospheric Characterization to Earth-Sized Exoplanets with JWST: Transits, Eclipses, and the TRAPPIST-1 System”. Habitable Worlds 2017, Laramie, WY #4098
7. **Lustig-Yaeger, J.**, Tovar, G., Schwieterman, E. W., Fujii, Y., & Meadows, V. S. (2017). “Detecting Oceans on Exoplanets Using Phase-Dependent Mapping with Next-Generation Coronagraph-Equipped Telescopes”. Habitable Worlds 2017, Laramie, WY #4110
6. **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
5. **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
4. **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
3. **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
2. **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
1. **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.

#### Press

- University of Washington, Seattle. (2019, August 13). “James Webb Space Telescope could begin learning about TRAPPIST-1 atmospheres in a single year, study indicates” [Press release].