

# Jed McKinney

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## EDUCATION

**University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, MA

Sep 2017 – Present

- Graduate Student, Astronomy. GPA 3.9
- Advisors: Alexandra Pope, Anne Jaskot
- Thesis : The Multiphase Interstellar Medium of Distant Galaxies
- Expected Graduation Date: August, 2022

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA

Sep 2013 – May 2017

- B.S., Astrophysics, *magna cum laude*. Minor, Mathematics. GPA 3.69
- Advisor: Anna Sajina
- Thesis : Evidence of SED Uniformity in 1.1 mm Selected Dusty, Star-Forming Galaxies

## RESEARCH

**University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, MA. Advisor: Alexandra Pope

Sep 2018 – Present

- Used *Spitzer IRS*, *Herschel* and *HST* with ALMA observations to constrain gas and dust properties in the ISM of high-redshift, dusty, star-forming galaxies.

**Center for Computational Astrophysics**, NYC, NY. Advisor: Chris Hayward

Jun 2019 – Present

- Analyzed radiative transfer output of galaxy simulations to assess whether or not active galactic nuclei can contribute significantly to host-galaxy IR dust emission.

**University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, MA. Advisor: Anne Jaskot

Sep 2017 – Feb 2019

- Investigated the neutral gas content and geometry of dwarf galaxies using *HST COS* and VLA spectra.

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA. Advisor: Anna Sajina

Jan 2015 – May 2017

- Used *Spitzer* and millimeter-wave photometry to constrain the evolving IR luminosity function.

## PUBLICATIONS

**McKinney, J.**, Pope, A., Arumus, L., Chary, R., Dickinson, M., Kirkpatrick, A., Díaz-Santos, T., *Measuring the Heating and Cooling of the Interstellar Medium at High Redshift: PAH and [C II] Observations of the same Star-Forming Galaxies at  $z=2$* , 2020, subm.

- Reduced, imaged, analyzed ALMA Band 9 data, matched observations with *HST* catalogs

**McKinney, J.**, Hayward, C., Pope, A., Rosenthal, L., Martínez-Galarza, R., Sajina, A., Smith, H., *Quasars can Power Cold Dust Emission in the Far-Infrared*, 2020, in prep.

**McKinney, J.**, Jaskot, A. E. , Oey, M. S., Yun, M. S., Dowd, T., Lowenthal, J., *Neutral Gas and  $\text{Ly}\alpha$  Escape in Extreme Green Pea Galaxies*, 2019, ApJ, 874, 52. arXiv:1902.08204

- Reduced, imaged, analyzed VLA data, analyzed *HST COS* spectra

Jaskot, A. E. et al., **McKinney, J.**, *New Insights on  $\text{Ly}\alpha$  and Lyman Continuum Radiative Transfer in the Greenest Peas*, 2019, ApJ, 885, 96. arXiv:1908.09763

- Measured properties of low-ionization metal absorption lines

Bonato, M. et al., **McKinney, J.** et al., *Exploring the Evolution of Star Formation and Dwarf Galaxy Properties with JWST/MIRI Serendipitous Surveys*, 2017, ApJ, 836, 171.

- Developed analysis software, collected and analyzed millimeter-selected galaxies

## SOFTWARE

*SurveySim: an MCMC-based Code to Constrain Luminosity Function Evolution.*

- Role: Developer, system testing, wrote Users' Manual

## PRESENTATIONS

*Tracing the Heating and Cooling of the Interstellar Medium in Galaxies at  $z \sim 2$*

- Contributed Talk, AAS 235, January 6, Honolulu, Hawaii

*The Multiphase ISM at Cosmic Noon: [C II] and PAH Emission in the Same Distant Galaxies*

- Flash talk and poster, IAU Symposium 352, June 2019, Viano do Castelo, Portugal

*Neutral Gas Properties and Ly $\alpha$  Escape in Highly Ionized Green Peas*

Contributed Talk, Escape of Lyman Radiation from Galactic Labyrinths, Sep. 2018, Kolymbari, Crete

*Neutral Gas and Ly $\alpha$  Emission in Green Peas Galaxies*

Flash Talk, The Universe by the Light of CANDELS: Past and Future, Oct. 2018, Amherst, MA.

## PROPOSAL EXPERIENCE

**PI** *Molecular Gas in GSIRS20 : A Detailed Study of the Multiphase ISM at Cosmic Noon, The Very Large Array*, 2019, 9 hours awarded, 9 hours received.

## TRAINING

Introduction to Numerical Simulations, Flatiron Center for Astrophysics, New York City, NY

**Aug 2019**

Received personal training in manipulating and interpreting simulation data.

Data Reduction Visit to the North American ALMA Science Center, Charlottesville, VA

**Aug 2018**

Received training in ALMA and VLA data reduction.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

IPAC Visiting Graduate Student Fellowship, 6 month research fellowship, 2020

Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium Summer Fellowship, 2019, \$5k

Mary Dailey Irvine Travel Fund, 2019, \$1200

AAS ITG 2019-1 Travel Grant, 2019, \$1300

IAU S352 Travel Grant, 2019, \$600

The Class of 1911 Scholarship Prize, 2017, \$2.1k

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

**Summer Pre-College, Modern Astronomy**, Amherst, MA

**2018 – Present**

Lead and designed physics and astronomy lectures for advanced high school students interested in college-level coursework.

**Astronomy 191A First Year Seminar**, Amherst, MA

**2018 – Present**

Mentored first year students considering an astronomy major.

**Introduction to Coding Workshop**, Amherst, MA

**2018 – Present**

Run interactive workshops on the basics of computer programming for freshman and sophomores.

## SKILLS

### Programming

- Languages: Python, C++
- Data Reduction: CASA
- Version Control: Git

### Data Analysis

- Bayesian statistics, MCMC, data visualization