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CURRENT TITLE Assistant Lecturer, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Wyoming

EDUCATION Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

M.S., M.Phil. Astronomy
PhD, Astronomy
December, 2015
December, 2019

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA

B.S., Astronomy/Astrophysics

B.S., Physics

May, 2013

May, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, USA

Assistant Lecturer 2020 - present

Led the following classes:

ASTR 1050 - Survey of Astronomy
PHYS 4410 - Electricity and Magnetism I
PHYS 1220 - Engineering Physics II
PHYS 4840 - Mathematical and Computational Physics II
Spring, 2021
ASTR 5870 - Classic Papers of Astronomy (graduate seminar)
Spring, 2021

Yale Summer Program in Astrophysics, New Haven, CT USA

Residential intensive research program for high school students at the Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium.

Teaching Fellow 2016, 2017

Supervisor: Dr. Michael Faison

Led programming tutorials and observing labs for 4-week intensive research program for high school students.

Department of Astronomy, Yale University, New Haven, CT USA

Teaching Fellow 2013 - 2015

Led discussion sections, research labs, tutored, and graded for the following undergraduate astronomy courses:

ASTR 220 - Galaxies and Cosmology Fall, 2013

Supervisor: Dr. Louise Edwards

ASTR 160 - Frontiers and Controversies in Astrophysics Spring, 2014

Supervisor: Dr. Louise Edwards

ASTR 120 - Galaxies and the Universe Summer, 2014

Supervisor: Dr. Robert Zinn

ASTR 255 - Research Methods in Astrophysics

Supervisor: Dr. Marla Geha

Fall, 2015

Fall, 2014

ASTR 170 - Introduction to Cosmology

Supervisor: Dr. Louise Edwards

VOLUNTEER AND OUTREACH EXPERIENCE

Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium Presenter

2014-2019

Presented live planetarium shows to thousands of members of the public at Yale University's Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium. https://leitnerobservatory.yale.edu

Truth & Beauty Podcast Host and Producer

2019

Created, produced, and hosted podcast about the intersection of art and science, using audio editing software Garageband and Audacity. http://jessefeddersen.com/podcast.html

Astrobites Author 2014-2016

Wrote summaries of recent astrophysics papers aimed at an audience of undergraduates interested in beginning their research career. Edited other authors' work, and served on admissions committee for new authors. My work for Astrobites can be found at: https://astrobites.org/author/jfeddersen/

Yuri's Night at Yale

2015-2016

Organized outreach event at Yale University's Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium celebrating the anniversary of human spaceflight. Ran instructional tables, rocket launch demos, planetarium shows, and telescope viewing for several hundred members of the public.

Adler Planetarium Zooniverse Demonstration

2014

As part of two-week school on education and outreach at the Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics, designed a floor experience for families at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, Illinois. https://blog.zooniverse.org/2014/07/07/demonstrating-citizen-science-at-adler-planetarium/

Sidewalk Astronomy

2011-2013

Hosted telescope viewing in downtown Bloomington with Indiana University Astronomy Club, targeted towards unsuspecting passersby.

Physics and Astronomy Open House

2011-2012

Assisted with various educational astronomy activities at departmental open house, attended by several thousand members of the public annually.

Venus Transit Viewing

2012

Organized and co-ran event hosted by Indiana Department of Natural Resources; set up telescopes and helped over a hundred members of the public view the transit of Venus safely.

Child's Elementary Telescope Night

2012

Helped organize and run a telescope viewing at a local elementary school with Indiana University Astronomy Club.

Astronomy with the Stars

2011

Assisted Bloomington Department of Parks and Recreation with event designed to orient interested members of the public to the night sky. Operated several telescopes and assisted with public viewing.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Astronomy, Yale University, New Haven, CT USA

Thesis Research 2015 - 2019

Advisor: Dr. Héctor Arce

Studied the impact of stellar feedback on the structure of molecular gas in the Orion Molecular Cloud using multiwavelength observations as part of the CARMA-NRO Orion collaboration.

Theoretical second year research project

2014

Advisor: Dr. Marla Geha

Studied the effect of the random sampling of stellar initial mass functions on the stellar populations of ultra-faint dwarf galaxies around the Milky Way and investigated the possibility of using pulsar observations to constrain the initial mass function in these systems.

Observational first year research project

2013

Advisor: Dr. Pieter van Dokkum

Studied the evolution of the median mass galaxy from redshift of 2 to present, using galaxy catalogs from the 3D-HST survey.

Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, MD USA

Space Astronomy Summer Program Research Intern

June, 2012 - August, 2012

Advisors: Dr. Janice C. Lee, Dr. Chun Ly

Investigated the relations between stellar mass, gas-phase oxygen abundance, and star-formation rate in galaxies at $z \approx 0.8$ Used IDL extensively for both analysis and plotting tasks.

Department of Astronomy, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN USA

Research Assistant

2009 - 2013

Advisor: Dr. John J. Salzer

Lead a study of nearly unresolved emission-line galaxies in $H\alpha$ images of the local universe and carried out image reduction/photometry and optical spectral reduction/measurement in order to determine their nature. Measured star-formation and metallicity properties to constrain scaling relations.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

Feddersen, J. R., Arce, H. G., Kong, S., et al. 2020, Astrophysical Journal, Accepted Tanabe, Y., et al. 2019, Publications of the Astronomical Society of Japan, 71, S8 Kong, S., et al. 2019, Astrophysical Journal, 882, 45

Feddersen, J. R., Arce, H. G., Kong, S., et al. 2019, Astrophysical Journal, 875, 162

Feddersen, J. R., Arce, H. G., Kong, S., et al. 2018, Astrophysical Journal, 862, 121

Kong, S., Arce, H. G., Feddersen, J.R., et al. 2018, Astrophysical Journal Supplement, 236, 25 de los Reyes, M. A., et al. 2015, Astronomical Journal, 149, 79

Popular Writing

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https://astrobites.org/author/jfeddersen/

- TECHNICAL SKILLS Programming Languages: Python, IDL, Fortran, Supermongo, HTML/CSS, LATEX
 - Astronomical Software: MIRIAD, CASA, IRAF, SAOImage DS9
 - Other Software: Google Suite, Microsoft Office, iWork, GarageBand, Audacity, iMovie, Adobe Photoshop, GIMP, Starry Night
 - Operating Systems: OS X, Unix/Linux, Windows.

Observing	CARMA (2 weeks)	2015
Experience	Arecibo (1 night)	2014
	WIYN 0.9m (6 nights)	2012
	WIYN 0.9m (5 nights)	2011
	WIYN 0.9m (4 nights)	2010
Honors and	Phi Beta Kappa	2013
Awards	Hutton Honors College Travel Grant	2012
	Hollis and Greta Johnson Research Prize	$2012\ \&\ 2013$
	McCreery Travel Award	2012
	Hutton Honors College Research Partnership Grant	2011
	Cox Research Scholarship	2009-2013
	National Merit Scholarship	2009-2013
	Indiana University Dean's List	2009-2013