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**EDUCATION** Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

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

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA

B.S., Astronomy/Astrophysics May, 2013 B.S., Physics May, 2013

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

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

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

2014

2013

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE 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

Fall, 2014

Supervisor: Dr. Marla Geha

ASTR 170 - Introduction to Cosmology

Fall, 2015

Supervisor: Dr. Louise Edwards

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

https://massivesci.com/people/jesse-feddersen/

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

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.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, IDL, Fortran, Supermongo, HTML/CSS, IATEX
- Astronomical Software: MIRIAD, CASA, IRAF (primarily image and spectral reduction and measurement routines), SAOImage DS9
- Other Software: Google Suite, Microsoft Office, iWork, GarageBand, Audacity, iMovie, Adobe Photoshop, GIMP
- Operating Systems: OS X, Unix/Linux, Windows.

Observing
Experience

CARMA (2 weeks)	2015
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