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EDUCATION Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

M.S., M.Phil. Astronomy

December, 2015 expected August, 2019

PhD, Astronomy

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Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA

B.S., Astronomy/Astrophysics

May, 2013

B.S., Physics

May, 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Information

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

Thesis Research

2015 - present

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.

 $Theoretical\ second\ year\ project$

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 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 - present

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. 2018, ApJ, 862, 121 Kong, S., Arce, H. G., Feddersen, J.R., et al. 2018, ApJS, 236, 25 de los Reyes, M. A., et al. 2015, AJ, 149, 79

Popular Writing

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

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

VOLUNTEER AND OUTREACH EXPERIENCE 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/

Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium Presenter

 ${\bf 2014\text{-}Present}$

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

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

June, 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

February, 2012

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

Astronomy with the Stars

October, 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
- Specialized Software: MIRIAD, IRAF (primarily image and spectral reduction and measurement routines), SAOImage DS9, LATEX
- Operating Systems: OS X, Unix/Linux, Windows.

Observing Experience	CARMA (2 weeks) Arecibo (1 night) WIYN 0.9m (6 nights) WIYN 0.9m (5 nights) WIYN 0.9m (4 nights)	January, 2015 October, 2014 October, 2012 May, 2011 June, 2010
Honors and Awards	Hutton Honors College Travel Grant (\$700) Hollis and Greta Johnson Research Prize (\$300) McCreery Travel Award (\$700) Hutton Honors College Research Partnership Grant (\$1000) Cox Research Scholarship (\$20,000/yr) National Merit Scholarship (\$1,000/yr) Indiana University Dean's List	2012 & 2013 2012 & 2013 2012 2011 2009-present 2009-present 2009-present