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## EDUCATION

**Doctorate of Philosophy in Astronomy** (December 2005) *University of Texas at Austin*

**Title:** “*Disks and Dissociation Regions: The Interaction of Young Stellar Objects with their Environments*”

**Advisor:** Daniel T. Jaffe

**Bachelor of Science in Physics** (May 2000) *Whitworth University* (Magna cum Laude)

## EMPLOYMENT

**Full Professor:** *Department of Physics and Astronomy; Bucknell University; 2020-present*

**Associate Professor:** *Department of Physics and Astronomy; Bucknell University; 2015-2020*

**Assistant Professor:** *Department of Physics and Astronomy; Bucknell University; 2009-2015*

**Postdoctoral Researcher:** *Institute for Astronomy; University of Hawai‘i; 2006-2009*

**Research and Teaching Assistant:** *University of Texas at Austin; Astronomy Department; 2000-2005*

**Instrumentalist:** *Washington and Texas Air National Guard; 1996-2002*

**Project Manager Intern:** *SIRTI Environmental Tech. Center; Spokane, WA; 1998-2000*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Bucknell University:*

**Classical and Modern Physics Lecture, Labs and Problem Sessions** (Spring 2010-present): *Our general physics sequence for ~350 science, mathematics & engineering majors. Main lecturer in Spring 2015, 2017, 2018, & 2020. Transitioned the full course (labs, lectures, and recitations) to remote learning in Spring 2020.*

**Integrated Perspectives: Extraterrestrial Life** (Spring & Fall 2019): *A general-education course co-taught with a professor from another academic division exploring the concept of extraterrestrial life through semester long projects.*

**Observational Astrophysics** (Fall 2018) : *A project-based observational astronomy course intended for physics and engineering majors.*

**Our Solar System** (Fall 2009, 2010, 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2016, Fall 2017) : *A non-major astronomy survey course, with a lab and observing component.*

**Modern Optics** (Spring 2011 & 2013): *An upper division course for physics majors.*

**Energy and Sustainability** (Spring 2014): *A non-major course on the physics of energy, including a lab and several field trips.*

University of Texas at Austin:

**Astronomy Discovery Lab** (Fall and Spring 2005): *A project-based non-major astronomy lab.*

**Astronomical Instrumentation** (Fall 2003 & Spring 2004): *An upper-division and graduate level course teaching the components (electronics, optics, mechanics, computer interfacing) of spectrograph design.*

**Astronomical Observations** (Spring 2001 & Fall 2002): *A non-major lab course teaching students the techniques of basic astronomical observations.*

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Low-mass Stars and Brown Dwarfs
- Directly-Imaged Exoplanets
- Infrared Instrumentation and Data Reduction

## **GRANTS (\$634,930 as PI; \$1,500,281 as co-I)<sup>1</sup>**

Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Cycle 26 co-PI: “*A search for sub-Jupiter mass companions to young planetary-mass brown dwarfs*” **\$282,880**

The Royal Society Research Grant, 2018 Co-I: “*Instant Confirmation and Characterisation of Exoplanets and Exoplanet Candidates with Water Absorption Imaging*” **£16,500 (~\$21,000)**

Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Cycle 25 co-PI: “*Looking for the Coldest Atmospheres: a Search for Planetary Mass Companions around T and Y Brown Dwarfs*” **\$151,131**

HST Cycle 25 co-I: “*The IMF to Planetary Masses Across the Milky Way*” **\$739,100 / \$89,391**

NASA Keck Award 2017B PI: “*A search for sub-Jupiter mass companions to young planetary mass brown dwarfs*” **\$11,250**

HST Cycle 24 co-PI: “*Confirming Planetary Mass Candidate Companions in Ophiuchus*” **\$11,972**

Spitzer Space Telescope Cycle 12 PI: “*Variability of Two Young L/T Transition Brown Dwarfs*”. **\$10,000**

HST 23/Spitzer Space Telescope Cycle 12 Co-I: “*Exometeorology: Characterizing Weather on a Young Free-Floating Planet*” **\$26,973 / \$10,557**

The Royal Society Research Grant, 2014 Co-I: “*Searching for the Lowest Mass Objects in Nearby Star-forming Regions with the W-band filter*” **£15,000 (~\$24,000)**

NASA Keck Award 2014A PI: “*Determining the Ages of Young Brown Dwarfs*” **\$12,750**

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<sup>1</sup> Amounts listed for grants as Co-I are [Total Award] / [Bucknell Award]

Spitzer Space Telescope Cycle 9 Co-I: “*A Proper-Motion Census of Star-Forming Regions in the Solar Neighborhood*” **\$331,890 / \$26,000**

National Science Foundation REU Grant Co-I: “*REU Site: Bucknell Summer Research Program in Physics & Astronomy*” **\$232,393 / \$232,393**

HST Cycle 20 PI: “*A High-Resolution Survey of the Very Youngest Brown Dwarfs*” **\$108,040**

HST Cycle 19 Co-I: “*Very Low-Mass Pleiades Binaries*” **\$60,708 / \$10,890**

Herschel Space Telescope OT1 Co-I: “*A Disk Census for New Low-Mass Members of TWA*” **\$15,000 / \$5000**

Spitzer Space Telescope Cycle 5 Co-I: “*Deep IRAC/MIPS Photometry of Candidate Young Planetary Mass Objects*” **\$18,400**

NASA Origins of Solar Systems Program Grant co-PI: “*Proto-planetary Disks Around the Lowest Mass Brown Dwarfs*” **\$46,907**

Spitzer Space Telescope Cycle 3 Co-I: “*Evolution and Structure of Very Low Mass Disks Around YSOs*” **\$30,817**

### **OBSERVING EXPERTISE**

Optical Imaging: Subaru/Suprimecam, CTIO/MOSAIC-II, Gemini/GMOS, Hubble Space Telescope/WFC3

Near-Infrared Imaging: Keck/NIRC2+Laser Guide Star AO, UH88”/ULBCAM, UKIRT/WFCAM, CFHT/WIRCAM, CTIO/ISPI, ARC3.5/NICFPs

Near-Infrared Spectroscopy: Keck/OSIRIS+Laser Guide Star AO, Keck/NIRSPEC, IRTF/SpeX, Gemini/GNIRS, MMT/FIRE, ARC3.5/TripleSpec, CTIO/ARCoIRIS

Mid-Infrared Spectroscopy: Spitzer Space Telescope/IRS, IRTF/TEXES, Gemini/GNIRS

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Bucknell University* Faculty Council (2019-present)

*Posse Foundation* Bucknell DC Posse 14 Mentor (2018-present)

*NASA Infrared Telescope Facility* Time Allocation Committee (2018), Chair (2019)

*Developed facility data reduction package for CTIO/ARCoIRIS and SOAR/TS4* (2015-2016 and 2019)

*Bucknell University* Adhoc Committee on Teaching Evaluation (2016-2017)

*Spitzer Space Telescope* Review Panel (2009, 2010, 2016), Panel Chair (2013)

*National Optical Astronomy Observatory* Time Allocation Committee (2015)

*National Science Foundation* Committee of Visitors (2014-15)

*National Optical Astronomy Observatory* Users Committee (2012-15)

*Bucknell University* Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (2012-14, co-chair 2014-15)

*Hubble Space Telescope* Review Panel (2013)

*National Science Foundation* Panelist (2010, 2011)

*Referee:* *Nature*, *The Astrophysical Journal*, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, *Astronomy and Astrophysics*, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

**A measurement of the wind speed on a brown dwarf**

Allers, K., Vos, J., Biller, B. & Williams, P., 2020, *Science*, 369, 169.

**A Novel Survey for Young Substellar Objects with the *W*-band Filter I. Filter Design and New Discoveries in Ophiuchus and Perseus.**

Allers, K. & Liu, M. *submitted to Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.*

**A Novel Survey for Young Substellar Objects with the *W*-band Filter II. The Coolest and Lowest Mass Members of the Serpens-South Star-forming Region**

Jose, J., Biller, B., Albert, L., Dubber, S., Allers, K. et al. 2020, ApJ, 892, 122

**A Tool and Workflow for Radio Astronomical “Peeling” in CASA**

Williams, P., Allers, K., Vos, J. & Biller, B., 2019, RNAAS, 7, 110

**ACRONYM. III. Radial Velocities for 336 Candidate Young Low-mass Stars in the Solar Neighborhood, Including 77 Newly Confirmed Moving Group Members**

Schneider, A., Shkolnik, E., Allers, K., et al. 2019, AJ, 157, 234

**Methane in Analogs of Young Directly Imaged Exoplanets**

Miles, B., Skemer, A., Barman, T., Allers, K. & Stone, J. 2018, ApJ, 869, 18

**Constraining the multiplicity statistics of the coolest brown dwarfs: binary fraction continues to decrease with spectral type**

Fontanive, C., Biller, B., Bonavita, M., Allers, K., 2018, MNRAS, 479, 2702

**The Hawaii Infrared Parallax Program. III. 2MASS J0249-0557 c: A Wide Planetary-mass Companion to a Low-mass Binary in the  $\beta$  Pic Moving Group**

Dupuy, T., Liu, M., Allers, K., Biller, B., et al. 2018 AJ 156, 57

**An L Band Spectrum of the Coldest Brown Dwarf**

Morley, C., Skemer, A., Allers, K., Marley, M. et al. 2018, ApJ, 858, 97

**Variability of the lowest mass objects in the AB Doradus moving group**

Vos, J., Allers, K., Biller, B., Liu, M., et al. 2018, MNRAS, 474, 1041

**2MASS J13243553+6358281 is an Early T-type Planetary-mass Object in the AB Doradus Moving Group**

Gagné, J., Allers, K., Theissen, C., Faherty, J., et al. 2018, ApJL, 854, 27

**Simultaneous Multiwavelength Variability Characterization of the Free-floating Planetary-mass Object PSO J318.5-22**

Biller, B., Vos, J., Buenzli, E., Allers, K., et al. 2018, AJ, 155, 95

**All-sky Co-moving Recovery Of Nearby Young Members (ACRONYM). II. The  $\beta$  Pictoris Moving Group**

Shkolnik, E., Allers, K., Kraus, A., Liu, C. & Flagg, L., 2017, AJ 154, 69

**The Viewing Geometry of Brown Dwarfs Influences Their Observed Colors and Variability Amplitudes**

Vos, J., Allers, K. & Biller B., 2017, ApJ, 842, 78

**The Hawaii Infrared Parallax Program.II. Young Ultracool Field Dwarfs**

Liu, M., Dupuy, T. & Allers, K., 2016, ApJ, 833, 96

**The First Spectrum of the Coldest Brown Dwarf**

Skemer, A. Morley, C., Allers, K., Geballe, T., et al. 2016, ApJL, 826, 2

**Confirmation of PSO J318.5-22 as a Planetary-Mass Member of the  $\beta$  Pictoris Moving Group**

Allers, K.N., Gallimore, J.F., Liu, M.C. & Dupuy, T.J., 2016, ApJ, 819, 133

**On the Binary Frequency of the Lowest Mass Members of the Pleiades with Hubble Space Telescope Wide Field Camera 3**

Garcia, E.V., Dupuy, T.J., Allers, K.N., Liu, M.C., et al. 2015, ApJ, 804, 65

**WISEP J004701.06+680352.1: An Intermediate Surface Gravity, Dusty Brown Dwarf in AB Dor Moving Group**

Gizis, J.E., Allers, K.N., Liu, M.C., Harris, H.C., et al. 2015, ApJ, 799, 203

**Herschel/PACS view of disks around low mass stars and brown dwarfs in the TW Hya Association**

Liu, Y., Herczeg, G.J., Gong, M., Allers, K.N., et al. 2015, A&A, 573, 63

**A Stellar Census of the Tucana-Horologium Moving Group**

Kraus, A.L., Shkolnik, E.L., Allers, K.N. & Liu, M.C., 2014, AJ, 147, 146

**The Extremely Red, Young L Dwarf PSO J318.5338-22.8603: A Free-Floating Planetary-Mass Analog to Directly Imaged Young Gas-Giant Planets**

Liu, M.C., Magnier, E.A., Deacon, N.R, Allers, K.N., et al. 2013, ApJL, 777, L20

**A Near-Infrared Spectroscopic Study of Young Field Ultracool Dwarfs**

Allers, K.N. & Liu, M.C., 2013, ApJ, 772, 79

**A Keck LGS AO Search for Brown Dwarf and Planetary Mass Companions to Upper Scorpius Brown Dwarfs**

Billar, B., Allers, K.N., Liu, M.C., Close, L.M., & Dupuy, T. 2011, ApJ, 730, 39

**Discovery of a Young L Dwarf Binary, SDSS J224953.47+004404.6AB**

Allers, K.N., Liu, M.C., Dupuy, T.J., & Cushing, M.C. 2010, ApJ, 715, 561

**2MASS 22344161+4041387AB: A Wide, Young, Accreting, Low-Mass Binary in the LkHa233 Group**

Allers, K.N., Liu, M.C., Shkolnik, E., Cushing, M.C., et al. 2009, ApJ, 697, 824

**Submillimeter Observations of the Young Low-Mass Object IRAS 04158+2805**

Andrew, S.M., Liu, M.C., Williams, J.P. & Allers, K.N. 2008, ApJ, 685, 1039

**Four faint T dwarfs from the UKIRT Infrared Deep Sky Survey (UKIDSS) Southern Stripe:**

Chiu, K., Liu, M.C., Jiang, L., Allers, K.N. et al. 2008, MNRAS, 385, L53

**Ophiuchus 1622-2405: Not a Planetary-Mass Binary**

Luhman, K.L., Allers, K.N., Jaffe, D.T., Cushing, M.C., et al. 2007, ApJ, 659, 1629

**Characterizing Young Brown Dwarfs using Low-Resolution Near-Infrared Spectra**

Allers, K.N. et al. 2007, ApJ, 657, 511

**Young, Low-Mass Brown Dwarfs with Mid-Infrared Excesses**

Allers, K.N., Kessler-Silacci, J.E., Cieza, L.A., & Jaffe, D.T. 2006, ApJ, 644, 364

**H<sub>2</sub> Pure Rotational Lines in the Orion Bar**

Allers K.N., Jaffe, D.T., Draine, B.T., Lacy, J.H., & Richter, M.J. 2005, ApJ, 630, 368