

Introducing

# The Student Veterans Research Network

## A Professional Network for Student Veterans Pursuing Graduate School and Research Careers

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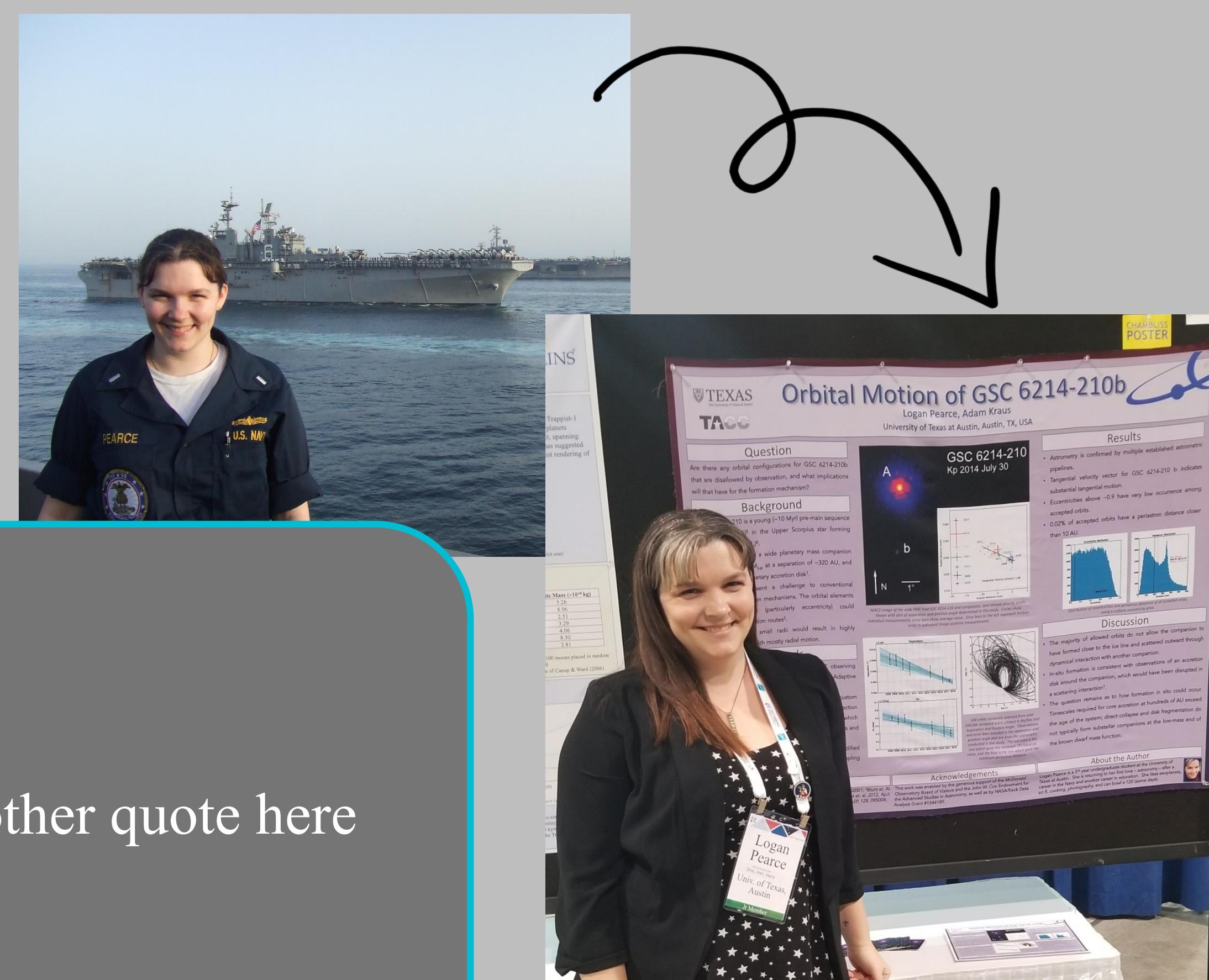
### The Mission

As student veterans, we found that most career advice and services provided for veterans was geared towards careers in government or the private sector following a bachelor's degree. There was vanishingly little discussion of undergrad research, graduate school, and careers in research – the kind of careers we were pursuing! This remains a glaring hole in the education services provided to veterans.

We started SVRN to try to fill this unmet need!

### Who What How?

- Who:** Undergraduate and Graduate Students in any discipline, US military veterans of any branch pursuing or considering pursing grad school and/or careers in research
- What:** A professional peer network of folks from similar backgrounds and similar goals to meet, ask questions, encourage each other, share what we've learned about navigating the academic landscape, and make friends
- How:** Go to [www.svrn.org](http://www.svrn.org) to learn more and join us!



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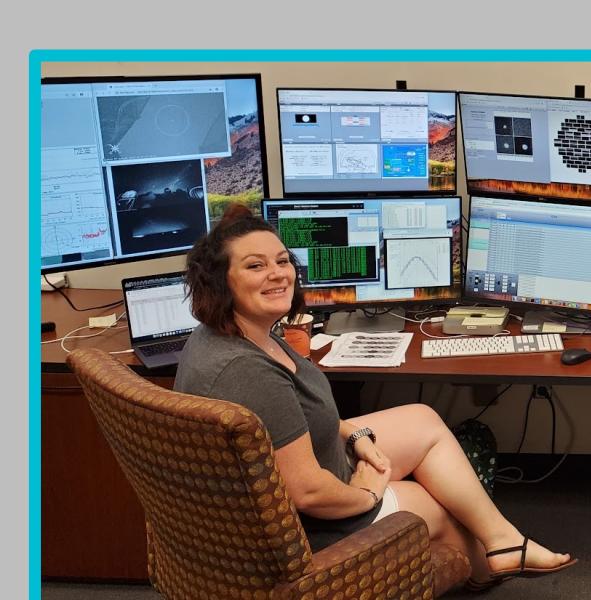
### What we're doing

- We have an active slack space for members to connect from all over the country, post questions, links, tips, etc.
- We have a blog with member spotlights, veterans research & education topics, and event features
- We are planning CV/Resume and application writing workshops
- Zoom happy hours
- We're planning a future veteran's research conference!

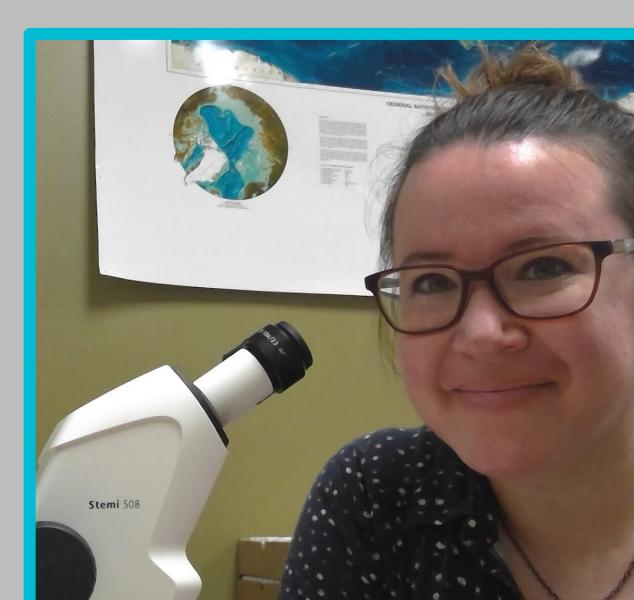


### About the Founders

Logan is a graduate student at the University of Arizona Steward Observatory studying how planetary systems form and evolve with Dr. Jared Males. She was a US Navy Nuclear Power Officer from 2003-2008



Rebecca is a graduate student at the University of Texas at Austin studying galaxies from the early Universe with Dr. Steve Finkelstein. She was a US Air Force Arabic Linguist from 2004-2010



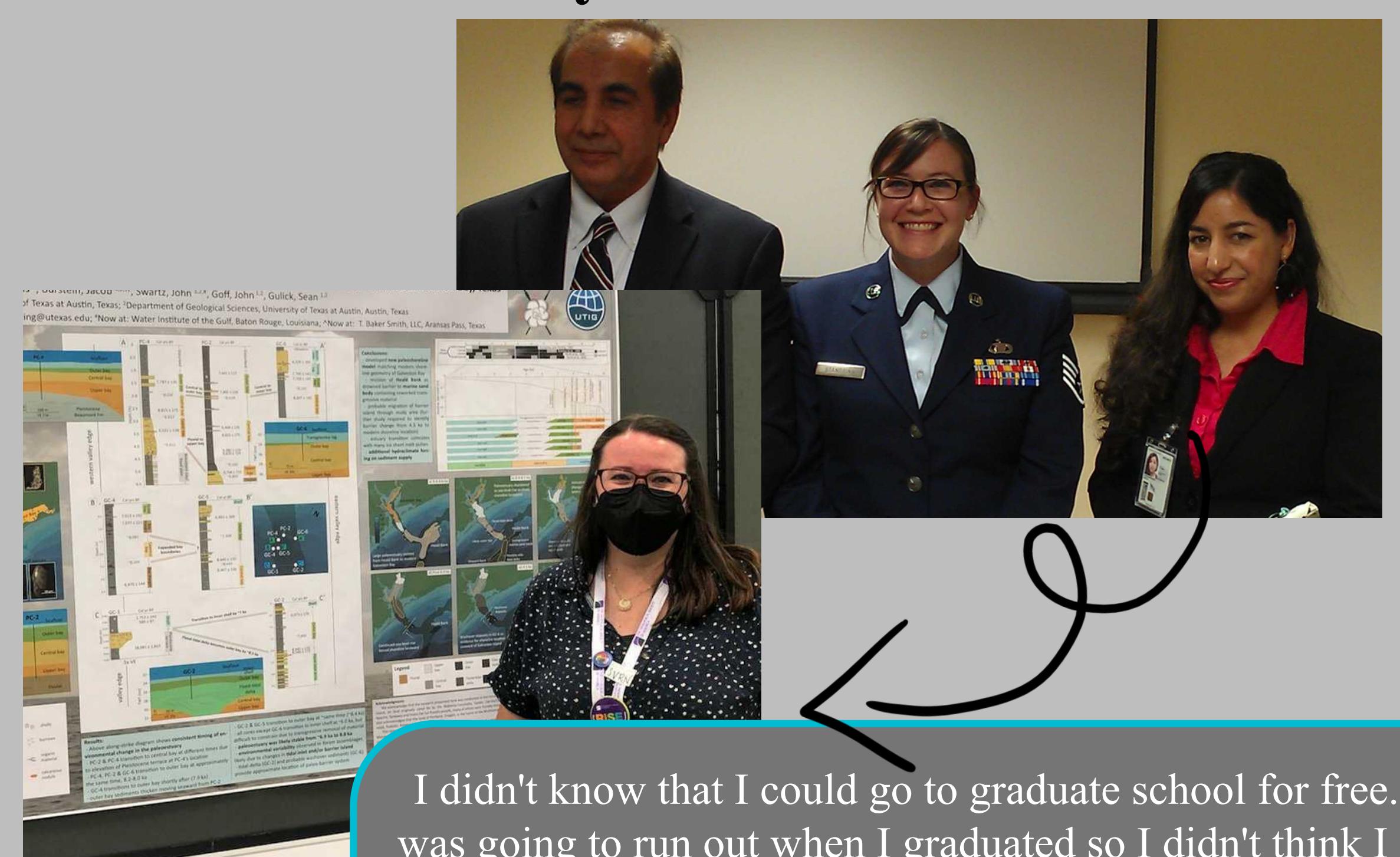
Patty is a graduate student at the University of Texas at Austin studying Cenozoic paleoceanography with Dr. Chris Lowery. She was a US Air Force Dari Language Analyst from 2005-2015



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### Did you know?

- Veterans are an under-represented group in graduate school and academic careers
- Veterans disproportionately come from other under-represented groups such as first gen-college goers
- Veterans have numerous highly valuable skills that transfer well to research labs and independent projects
- Veterans are likely to underestimate their STEM aptitude and the transferability of their military skills



I didn't know that I could go to graduate school for free. My GI bill was going to run out when I graduated so I didn't think I could afford it. My advisor said I could get paid to go to grad school if I do it right and it changed how I looked at my future career opportunities. No one ever told me about it and it happened randomly. These are the kinds of things STEM students in general need to be told, but that veterans in particular are not aware of, and it is not communicated through veteran education support programs. –Patty Standring