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Education

2018 Ph.D. in Physics, West Virginia University
Thesis: Multi-Telescope Radio Observations for Low Frequency Gravitational Wave Astrophysics
2015 M.S. in Physics, West Virginia University
2012 B.S. in Physics & Astronomy, UW–Madison

Research Experience

2019 – Present Postdoctoral Research Associate, UW–Milwaukee
2013 – 2018 Graduate Research Associate, West Virginia University
Summer 2010 NRAO Summer Student, Green Bank Observatory
2009 – 2013 Undergraduate Research Associate, UW–Madison

Teaching Experience

Spring 2022 Instructor at UW–Milwaukee
Course: Survey of Astronomy; introductory astronomy course for non-science majors.
2016 – 2018 Planetarium Assistant Coordinator at West Virginia University
Scheduling, creating and leading planetarium shows for students from the university and local schools, as well as system maintenance and repair.
2013 – 2016 Tutor for the Astronomy Help Center at West Virginia University
2012 – 2013 Teaching Assistant at UW–Madison
Course: Our Exploration of the Solar System; led six weekly discussion sections and occasional planetarium shows for an introductory course for non-science majors.
Spring 2013 Lab Instructor at UW–Madison
Course: Hands-On Universe; introductory astronomy lab for non-science majors.

Successful observing proposals

2020 GMRT40-019, Scintillation Arcs and Dispersion Measure Changes.
Jacob Turner, **Megan L. Jones**, Bhal Chandra Joshi, Maura McLaughlin, Dan Stinebring
2015 GBT15A-396, Searching For Radio Pulsations in the Fermi Source J0523.5-2529
Thomas Finzell, **Megan L. Jones**, Laura Chomiuk, Maura McLaughlin, Jay Strader

Awards

2013 – 2016 STEM Mountains of Excellence Fellowship
Three-year research fellowship awarded to one incoming STEM graduate student.
2010, 2011 Wisconsin Space Grant Scholarship
2011 Wisconsin Space Grant Research Award
2011 Critical Language Scholarship
Highly competitive award through the U.S. State Department. Studied in Kazan, Russia.
2010 Bernice Durand Research Scholarship
Awarded to an excelling female undergraduate researcher in physics.
2008 Academic Excellence Scholar
Awarded to Wisconsin high school students who graduated in the top 1% of their class.

Outreach & Service

2018 – 2021 NANOGrav Equity & Climate Committee
2017 – 2021 Adopt-A-Physicist
2021 Referee, American Journal of Physics
2016 – 2018 Student Peer Advocate, Office of Equity and Diversity at WVU
Completed a 3-credit course on Title IX and victim advocacy, served as a non-mandatory reporter and advocate for WVU students.
2016 – 2018 Student Member-At-Large, APS DGRAV Executive Committee
Elected member of the executive committee for the APS Gravitation Group.
2014 – 2015 WVU Conduct Board Student Representative
2012 – 2013 Universe in the Park

Leadership & Organization

Jun 2021 International Pulsar Timing Array Meeting, SOC for student workshop
2019 – 2021 Co-Chair of the NANOGrav Noise Budget Working Group
Mar 2020 NANOGrav Collaboration Meeting, SOC chair for student workshop
Jun 2019 International Pulsar Timing Array Meeting, SOC for student workshop
Apr 2019 NANOGrav Collaboration Meeting, SOC for student workshop
Oct 2018 NANOGrav Collaboration Meeting, SOC
Organized collaboration equity & climate talk on the microaggressions and how to create a more welcome atmosphere for underrepresented collaborators
Apr 2017 NANOGrav Collaboration Meeting, LOC
Organized collaboration equity & climate talk on the neuroscience of trauma and the bystander effect
2011 – 2012 University Physics Society Vice-President

Contributed Talks

Sep 2020	International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, Virtual
Mar 2020	NANOGrav Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL
Oct 2019	NANOGrav Fall Meeting (2 talks, 3 panels), Ithaca, NY
Sep 2019	Graduate Seminar, Milwaukee, WI
Jan 2019	American Astronomical Society Dissertation Talk, Seattle, WA
Mar 2018	NANOGrav Spring Meeting, Charlottesville, VA
Jan 2018	American Astronomical Society, Washington D.C.
Nov 2017	Pechakucha talk, NSF EPSCoR Conference, Missoula, MT
Jun 2017	International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, Sèvres, France
Jan 2017	American Physical Society April Meeting, Washington D.C.
Oct 2016	NANOGrav Fall Meeting, Urbana-Champaign, IL
Nov 2015	UW-Madison Invited Graduate Colloquium, Madison, WI
Oct 2015	APS Meeting Mid-Atlantic Division, Morgantown, WV
Oct 2015	NANOGrav Fall Meeting, Montreal, Canada
Aug 2015	International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, Leura, Australia
Oct 2014	NANOGrav Fall Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
May 2014	Eastern Gravity Meeting, Morgantown, WV

Posters

Jan 2022	American Astronomical Society, Salt Lake City, UT
Jun 2021	International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, Virtual
Apr 2019	NANOGrav Advisory Board Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
Apr 2017	NANOGrav Advisory Board Meeting, Morgantown, WV
Jan 2016	American Astronomical Society Meeting, Kissimmee, FL
Jul 2014	International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, Banff, Canada
Jan 2014	American Astronomical Society, Washington D.C.
Jan 2013	American Astronomical Society Meeting, Long Beach, CA
Oct 2012	Wisconsin Space Grant Regional Conference, Milwaukee, WI
Aug 2012	Wisconsin Space Grant State Conference, Whitewater, WI
Jan 2012	American Astronomical Society Meeting, Austin, TX
Jan 2011	ALMA Spectroscopy Meeting, Victoria, BC, Canada
Jan 2011	American Astronomical Society, Seattle, WA
Jan 2010	American Astronomical Society Meeting, Washington D.C.

Publications – particular contribution

41. "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Polarimetry, Rotation Measures, and Galactic Magnetic Field Strengths from NANOGrav Observations with the Green Bank Telescope", H. Wahl, M. A. McLaughlin, P. A. Gentile, **M. L. Jones**, et al., 2021, submitted to *ApJ*.

40. "The ASKAP Variables and Slow Transients (VAST) Pilot Survey", T. Murphy, et al.(54 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2021, accepted to *PASA*.

39. "The NANOGrav 12.5 Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", J. Turner, et al.(35 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2021, *ApJ*, 917, 10.

38. "Refined Mass and Geometric Measurements of the High-mass PSR J0740+6620 ", E. Fonseca, et al.(44 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2021, ApJL, 915, L12.

37. "Evaluating Low-Frequency Pulsar Observations to Monitor Dispersion with the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope", **M. L. Jones**, et al., 2021, *ApJ*, 915, 15.

36. "The NANOGrav 11 yr Data Set: Limits on Supermassive Black Hole Binaries in Galaxies within 500 Mpc ", Z. Arzoumanian, et al.(54 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2021, *ApJ*, 914, 121.

35. "Astrophysics Milestones for Pulsar Timing Array Gravitational-wave Detection", N. Pol, et al.(51 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2021, ApJL, 911, L34.

34. "The NANOGrav 12.5-year Data Set: Wideband Timing of 47 Millisecond Pulsars", M. F. Alam, et al.(70 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJS*, 252, 5.

33. "The NANOGrav 12.5-year Data Set: Observations and Narrowband Timing of 47 Millisecond Pulsars", M. F. Alam, et al.(70 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJS*, 252, 4.

32. "The NANOGrav 12.5-year Data Set: Search For An Isotropic Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background", Z. Arzoumanian, et al.(61 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJ*, 905, 2.

31. "Multimessenger Gravitational-wave Searches with Pulsar Timing Arrays: Application to 3C 66B Using the NANOGrav 11-year Data Set", Z. Arzoumanian, et al.(60 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJ*, 900, 2.

30. "The NANOGrav 11 yr Data Set: Constraints on Planetary Masses Around 45 Millisecond Pulsars", E. A. Behrens, et al.(31 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJ*, 893, 1.

29. "Modeling the uncertainties of solar-system ephemerides for robust gravitational-wave searches with pulsar timing arrays", M. Vallisneri, et al. (66 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJ*, 893, 2.

28. "On Frequency-dependent Dispersion Measures and Extreme Scattering Events", M. T. Lam, T. J. W. Lazio, T. Dolch, **M. L. Jones**, M. A. McLaughlin, D. R. Stinebring, M. Surnis, 2020, *ApJ*, 892, 2.

27. "The NANOGrav 11-Year Data Set: Evolution of Gravitational Wave Background Statistics", J. S. Hazboun, et al. (64 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJ*, 890, 108.

26. "Relativistic Shapiro delay measurements of an extremely massive millisecond pulsar", H. T. Cromartie, et al. (27 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *Nature*, 4, 72.

25. "The NANOGrav 11 yr Data Set: Limits on Gravitational Wave Memory ", K. Aggarwal, et al. (61 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2020, *ApJ*, 889, 1.

24. "The NANOGrav 11-year Data Set: Limits on Gravitational Waves from Individual Supermassive Black Hole Binaries", K. Aggarwal, et al. (60 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *ApJ*, 880, 2.

23. "Twelve Decades: Probing the Interstellar Medium from kiloparsec to sub-AU scales", D. R. Stinebring, et al. (19 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, Astro2020 Science White Paper

22. "High-Precision X-ray Timing of Three Millisecond Pulsars with *NICER*: Stability Estimates and Comparison with Radio", J. S. Deneva et al. (48 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *ApJ*, 874, 2.

21. "Investigating the Candidate Displaced Active Galactic Nucleus in NGC 3115", **M. L. Jones**, S. Burke-Spolaor, K. Nyland, J. M. Wrobel, 2019, *ApJ*, 874, 2.

20. "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: The Frequency Dependence of Pulse Jitter in Precision Millisecond Pulsars", M. T. Lam et al. (28 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *ApJ*, 872, 193.

19. "The NANOGrav 11-year Data Set: Solar Wind Sounding Through Pulsar Timing", D. R. Madison et al. (31 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *ApJ*, 872, 150.

18. "Tests of Gravitational Symmetries with Pulsar Binary J1713+0747", W. W. Zhu et al. (53 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *MNRAS*, 482, 3249.

17. "PSR J2234+0611: A New Laboratory for Stellar Evolution", K. Stovall et al. (33 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2019, *ApJ*, 870, 74.

16. "The NANOGrav 11-year Data Set: Pulse Profile Variability", P. R. Brook et al. (33 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2018, *ApJ*, 868, 122.

15. "The NANOGrav 11-year Data Set: Arecibo Observatory Polarimetry and Pulse Microcomponents", Gentile et al. (28 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2018, *ApJ*, 862, 47.

14. "A Second Chromatic Timing Event of Interstellar Origin toward PSR J1713+0747", M. T. Lam, J. A. Ellis, G. Grillo, **M. L. Jones** et al., 2018, *ApJ*, 861, 2.

13. "The NANOGrav 11-year Data Set: Pulsar-timing Constraints on the Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background", Arzoumanian et al. (62 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2018, *ApJ*, 859, 47.

12. "The NANOGrav 11-year Data Set: High-precision Timing of 45 Millisecond Pulsars", Arzoumanian et al. (57 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2018, *ApJ*, 235, 37.

11. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Measurement and Analysis of Variations in Dispersion Measures", **M. L. Jones** et al. (24 authors), 2017, *ApJ*, 841, 2.

10. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Excess Noise in Millisecond Pulsar Arrival Times", Lam et al. (25 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2017, *ApJ*, 834, 35.

9. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Mass and Geometric Measurements of Binary Millisecond Pulsars", Fonseca et al. (19 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2016, *ApJ*, 832, 167.

8. "PSR J1024-0719: A Millisecond Pulsar in an Unusual Long-Period Orbit", Kaplan et al. (35 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2016, *ApJ*, 826, 86.

7. "Systematic and Stochastic Variations in Pulsar Dispersion Measures", M. T. Lam, J. M. Cordes, S. Chatterjee, **M. L. Jones**, M. A. McLaughlin, J. W. Armstrong, 2016, *ApJ*, 821, 66.

6. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Limits on the Isotropic Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background", Arzoumanian et al. (48 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2016, *ApJ*, 821, 13.

5. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Noise Budget For Pulsar Arrival Times on Intraday Timescales", Lam et al. (23 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2016, *ApJ*, 819, 155.

4. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", Levin et al. (25 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2016, *ApJ*, 818, 166.

3. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Astrometric Measurements of 37 Millisecond Pulsars", Matthews et al. (21 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2016, *ApJ*, 818, 92.

2. "The NANOGrav 9-year Data Set: Observations, Arrival Time Measurements, and Analysis of 37 Millisecond Pulsars", Arzoumanian et al. (44 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2015, *ApJ*, 813, 65.

1. "Testing Theories of Gravitation Using 21-Year Timing of Pulsar Binary J1713+0747", Zhu et al. (20 authors, including **M. L. Jones**), 2015, *ApJ*, 809, 41.