

# ELEANOR BYLER

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Australian National University, Research School for Astrophysics

📅 January 2018 – Present    📍 Canberra, Australia

- Executed large suite of gas simulations on high-performance computing cluster to predict chemical signatures of distant galaxies.
- Supervised two undergraduate student research projects.
- Served as departmental science deputy chair and managed institution-wide weekly journal discussions.

### Graduate Student Researcher

University of Washington, Department of Astronomy

📅 2011 – 2017    📍 Seattle, WA

- Designed innovative, flexible, star formation model to improve widely-used galaxy model (800+ citations; 📄 python-fsps).
- Developed and maintained open-source python toolkit for running simulations and processing outputs (📄 cloudy-fsps).

## PROJECTS

### Object detection and classification using deep learning

📄 [github.com/nell-byler/dice\\_detection](https://github.com/nell-byler/dice_detection)

- Trained multi-object detection model to detect and classify images of dice.
- Implemented docker-based deployment to train model on AWS GPU EC2 instances and GCS AI Platform TPU resources.
- Augmented trained model for use on mobile devices and webcam footage.

### Telescope instrument hardware metrology

University of Washington Machine Shop

- Metrology scientist for massive multi-fiber, multi-object spectrograph system with custom-designed metal fiber-optic terminators.
- Programmed SmartScope video measuring system to verify critical dimensions of imaging components prior to telescope integration.
- Developed object-oriented analysis code in python to process SmartScope outputs and flag non-compliant instrument parts.

### 3D Spectral Analysis in Andromeda

University of Washington

- Combined and spatially matched 3D spectroscopic data (optical, radio) and multi-band imaging data (ultraviolet, optical, infrared).
- Generated resolution-matched raster maps of different physical properties (e.g., gas temperature, chemical content), analyzed in tandem with vector data (e.g., individual stars and identified star-forming regions).

## SKILLS

Data Manipulation    Image Analysis  
Data Visualization    Signal Processing  
Machine Learning    Computer Vision  
Linear Algebra    Distributed Computing  
Statistics    Unstructured data

Python    Numpy    Pandas    Scipy  
Matplotlib    Git    scikit-learn    SQL  
Seaborn    Linux    TensorFlow    Keras

## EDUCATION

PhD in Astrophysics

University of Washington

📅 2017

### Certificates

- Machine Learning [Coursera]
- Deep Learning specialization: 5 course series on convolutional and recurrent neural networks [Coursera]

## EXTRAS

💰 **Grant Writing**  
➢ Hubble Space Telescope (\$169K)  
➢ UW Research Fund (\$27K)  
➢ NSF Award (\$25K)

📄 **Research Impact**  
➢ 4 publications (75 citations).  
➢ Invited reviewer for Hubble Space Telescope time allocation committee.  
➢ Co-lead on project design and strategy team for next-gen survey (\$60M).

🎤 **Communication**  
➢ Co-founder of "Astronomy on Tap," Seattle's popular live science event.  
➢ 6 invited talks and 13 contributed talks at professional conferences.  
➢ 20+ public talks: Seattle MoPOP, Olympic National Park, Nerd Nite.