Payton E. Rodman

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Education

University of Cambridge, Institute of Astronomy

Cambridge, UK Expected 2023

PhD Astronomy

Supervisor: Professor Christopher Reynolds

Hobart, AUS

University of Tasmania

University of Tasmania

BSc (Hons) Physics Awarded first class Honours with University Medal 2018

Thesis: Probing Intracluster Gas with Faraday Rotation from Black Hole Jets

Supervisors: Dr Stanislav Shabala, Dr Ross Turner

Hobart, AUS

BSc Physics and Applied Mathematics

2017

GPA: 7.0/7.0

Research Experience

CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science Undergraduate Vacation Scholar

Perth, AUS

Nov 2016 - Feb 2017

Supervisor: Dr Cormac Reynolds

Used large-scale, multi-epoch surveys to study variability in radio sources caused by inhomogeneities in the interstellar and intergalactic medium.

University of Tasmania Summer Research Student

Hobart, AUS

Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

Supervisors: Dr Stanislav Shabala, Dr Ross Turner

Used data from the citizen science project Radio Galaxy Zoo to study whether nearby galaxy clustering effects the physical properties of AGN jets, with focus on classical double radio galaxies. A paper detailing the findings has been published in MNRAS.

Publications

1. Radio Galaxy Zoo: observational evidence for environment as the cause of radio source asymmetry

Rodman, P. E., Turner, R. J., Shabala, S. S., Banfield, J. K., Wong, O.-I., Andernach, H., Garon, A. F., Kapińska, A. D., Norris, R. P., Rudnick, L. (2019), MNRAS, 482(4):5625-5641

Teaching Assistantship

Lent 2020: Supervisions (recitation sections of 3 students) for Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics in

Part II, University of Cambridge

Sem 2 2019 Marker for Statistical Physics and Solid State Physics, University of Tasmania

Sem 1 2018, 2019 Marker for Physics 1A, University of Tasmania

Sem 2 2018 Marker for Physics 1B, University of Tasmania

Sem 1 2017 Peer tutor for Physics 1A, University of Tasmania

Awards and Scholarships

2019: Cambridge Australia Scholarship (Honorary)

2019: Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

2018: Dean's Honour Roll for Bachelor of Science with Honours

2018: Ken McCracken Prize for the best Honours thesis in the discipline of Physics

2018: Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Award

2018: Don Gaffney Scholarship

2017: AIP Summer Meeting Travel Scholarship

2017: Dean's Honour Roll for Bachelor of Science

2017: Australian Institute of Physics Prize for the greatest proficiency in third year Physics

2017: TEMCO Community Foundation Scholarship in Science

2016: **Sir Phillip Fysh Prize** for the best student in second year Physics

2016: CSIRO Undergraduate Vacation Scholarship

2015: Dean's Summer Research Scholarship

2015: **John Fox Memorial Prize** for the first year female student with the highest marks in Physics and Mathematics

2015: **F.M. Young Memorial Prize** for the greatest proficiency in the first year of the degree of Bachelor of Science

2015: Dean's Summer Research Scholarship

2015: Dr. Peter Smith Scholarship in the Physical Sciences

Public Outreach

2017–2019: Tastrofest (1hr), invited public lectures on black holes

2016–2019: University of Tasmania Open Days and Cub Scout Visits, regular volunteer

2019: Tasmanian Youth Science Forum Panellist

2018: UTAS Science & Engineering Investigation Awards Head Judge

2018: BeakerStreet@TMAG Roving Scientist

2018: Festival of Bright Ideas Presenter

2018: Young Tassie Scientist