

Michael Radica | Curriculum Vitae

Ph.D Candidate - Université de Montréal

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General Information

- Nationality: Canadian
- Languages: English (Native), French (Conversational, C1)
- Affiliations: Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCAS), Centre de Recherche en Astrophysique du Québec (CRAQ), Institute for Exoplanet Research (iREx)
- Research Interests:
 - Exoplanet atmosphere characterization at high and low resolution
 - Evolution of highly irradiated atmospheres
 - Exotic atmospheric chemistry
 - Development of astronomical data analysis tools

Education

- **Ph.D., Physique** 2019 - 2023 (expected)
Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada
Advisor: Dr. David Lafrenière
GPA: 4.3/4.3
- **M.Sc., Physics & Astronomy** 2017 - 2019
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Welch
GPA: 11.7/12
- **B.Sc. Summa Cum Laude, Honours Physics Co-op** 2012 - 2017
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
GPA: 11.3/12

Employment & Research Experience

- **Ph.D. Researcher** Sept 2019 - present
Supervisor: Dr. David Lafrenière
Université de Montréal, Montréal QC, Canada
- **M.Sc. Researcher** Sept 2017 - Aug 2019
Supervisor: Dr. Douglas Welch
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
 - Dissertation title: *A Search for Light Echoes from Core-Collapse Supernovae in NGC 6946*
- **Planetarium Presenter** Sept 2017 - Aug 2019
William J. McCallion Planetarium
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- **Science Intern** Sept - Dec 2017
Supervisor: Dr. Laurie Rousseau-Nepton
Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope, Waimea, HI, USA
- **Research Assistant** May - Aug 2017
Supervisor: Dr. Douglas Welch
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada

- **Research Assistant** May - Dec 2016
 Supervisor: Dr. Chris O'Dea
 University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- **Honours Thesis Researcher** Sept 2015 - Apr 2016
 Supervisor: Dr. Laura Parker
 McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
 - Dissertation title: *On the Segregation of Dark Matter Substructure in the Bolshoi Simulation*
- **Research Assistant** Jan - Aug 2015
 Supervisor: Dr. Judith Irwin
 Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada

Awards & Honours

- Bourse J.A. DeSève (1yr; *declined*) **\$8,000** 2021
- NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral Program (3yr) **\$105,000** 2021
- FRQNT Bourse de Doctorat en Recherche (3yr) **\$70,000** 2021
- iREx Trottier Scholarship **\$1,000** 2019, 2020, 2021
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (1yr; *declined*) **\$15,000** 2019
- McMaster University Symposium Day, 1st Place Talk 2018
- NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's Program (1yr) **\$17,500** 2018
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (1yr) **\$15,000** 2017
- Ontario Graduate Fellowship (1yr; *declined*) **\$12,500** 2017
- Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference Research Presentations, 1st Place 2015, 2016
- McMaster University Faculty of Science Dean's List 2013 - 2017
- McMaster University President's Award **\$2,500** 2012

All values in Canadian Dollars

Refereed Publications

3. [Characterizing exoplanetary atmospheres at high resolution with SPIRou: Detection of water on HD 189733 b](#)
 Boucher, A., Darveau-Bernier, A., Pelletier, S., Lafrenière, D., Artigau, E., Cook, N.J., **Radica, M.**, Allart, R., Doyon, R., Benneke, B., *et al.*
The Astronomical Journal, 162, 233 (2021).
2. [A Search for Supernova Light Echoes in NGC 6946 with SITELLE](#)
Radica, M.C., Welch, D., Rousseau-Nepton, L.
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 497, 3 (2020).
1. [CHANG-ES XXI. Transport processes and the X-shaped magnetic field of NGC 4217: off-center superbubble structure](#)
 Stein, Y., Dettmar, R. -J., Beck, R., Irwin, J., Wiegert, T., Miskolczi, A., Wang, Q. D., English, J., Henriksen, R., **Radica, M.**, Li, J. -T.
Astronomy & Astrophysics, 639, A111 (2020).

White Papers & Conference Proceedings

1. [Exoplanet instrumentation in the 2020s: Canada's pathway towards searching for life on potentially Earth-like exoplanets](#)

Successful Observing Proposals

Summary: 3 PI programs, 2 Co-I programs.

3. [Photometric Followup of an M-Dwarf Trio of Planets Spanning the Radius Valley](#)
Michael Radica, Christopher Mann, David Lafrenière
36 hours, OMM/PESTO, Semester 2021C, PID: OMM-21C-07
2. [Do Exo-Neptunes Have Low-Metallicity Atmospheres? A Case Study of HAT-P-11 b](#)
Michael Radica, Stefan Pelletier, David Lafrenière, Romain Allart, Anne Boucher, Étienne Artigau
8 hours, CFHT/SPIRou, Semester 2021B, PID: 21BC009
1. [A SITELLE Survey for Highly Broadened H-alpha P-Cygni Profiles in NGC 6946 from Core-Collapse Supernova Light Echoes](#)
Michael Radica, Douglas Welch, Laurie Rousseau-Nepton
12 hours, CFHT/SITELLE, Semester 2018B, PID: 18BC017

Conference/Colloquia Talks & Posters

Summary: 6 talks, 3 invited; 5 posters. * denotes an invited talk.

- *Towards a Robust Extraction Algorithm for NIRISS SOSS Spectra*
Michael Radica, Antoine Darveau-Bernier, David Lafrenière, Loic Albert & Geert-Jan Talens
Poster presentation, **Canadian Astronomical Society Annual General Meeting** May 2021
Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory, Penticton, BC, Canada
- *Towards a Robust Extraction Algorithm for NIRISS SOSS Spectra*
Michael Radica, Antoine Darveau-Bernier, David Lafrenière, Loic Albert & Geert-Jan Talens
Poster presentation, **Exoplanets 3** Jul 2020
Heidelberg, Germany
- *NEAT Exploration of Exoplanet Atmospheres*
Michael Radica, David Lafrenière & Antoine Darveau-Bernier
Poster presentation, **Canadian Astronomical Society Annual General Meeting** May 2020
York University, York, ON, Canada
- *A Search for Supernova Light Echoes in NGC 6946 with SITELLE*
Michael Radica, Doug Welch, & Laurie Rousseau-Nepton
Poster presentation, **Canadian Astronomical Society Annual General Meeting** Jun 2019
McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada
- **The Search for Supernova Light Echoes in NGC 6946*
Michael Radica & Doug Welch
Invited Talk, **McMaster University Symposium Day** Oct 2018
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- **A High Resolution Study of NGC 6822 with SITELLE*
Michael Radica & Laurie Rousseau-Nepton
Invited Talk, **Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope Colloquium Series** Dec 2017
Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope, Waimea, HI, USA
- *The Evolution of Dark Matter Substructure in Simulated Galaxy Clusters*
Michael Radica & Laura Parker

- Contributed Talk, **Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference** Nov 2016
Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada
- **Probing Correlations between AGN Activity and X-Ray Emission*
Michael Radica, Ajay Gill, Sarka Wykes & Chris O'Dea
Invited Talk, **Summer AstroTea Series** Aug 2016
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- *Segregation of Dark Matter Substructure in the Bolshoi Simulation*
Michael Radica & Laura Parker
Poster presentation, **McMaster Honours Thesis Poster Presentation** Jan 2015
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
- *Studying Radio Haloes of Galaxies with CHANG-ES*
Michael Radica & Judith Irwin
Contributed Talk, **Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference** Nov 2014
Trent University, Peterborough, ON, Canada
- *Quark Stars and Compact Stellar Remnants*
Michael Radica
Contributed Talk, **McMaster Undergraduate Colloquium Series** Feb 2013
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada

Committee Membership & Community Service

- CUPC 2021 Judge - Astrophysics Nov 2021
- CASCA 2021 AGM Online Organizing Committee Sept 2020 - May 2021
- UdeM Equity and Diversity Committee June 2020 - present
- CASCA Graduate Student Committee Jan 2020 - present

Teaching & Mentorship

- **Co-op Program Alumni Mentor** 2020 - present
McMaster University
Mentor to an undergraduate student in the Physics & Astronomy co-op program.
- **Teaching Assistant** 2020 - present
Université de Montréal
Marking and presentation of tutorials (*en français*) for courses including:
 - Astrobiologie (Winter 2020, 2021)
 - Introduction à la Physique Numérique (Fall 2020)
- **Graduate Student Mentor** Sept 2018 - Aug 2019
McMaster University
Mentor to incoming M.Sc student.
- **Teaching Assistant** 2017 - 2019
McMaster University
Marking and presentation of tutorials for courses including:
 - Introduction to Physics for Engineers (Winter 2017)
 - Planetary Astronomy (Winter 2018, 2019)
 - Introduction to Astronomy (Fall 2018)
 - The Big Questions in Astronomy (Fall 2018)
 - Stellar Structure (Winter 2019)
- **Senior Undergraduate Mentor** May - Aug 2016

University of Manitoba
Research mentor to two first year undergraduate students.

◦ **Certified Tutor**

2014 - 2019

- McMaster Physics Help Initiative (2014 - 2016)
- McMaster Physics Help Center (Winter 2018)
- Private Tutor (Fall/Winter 2019)

Invited Public Talks

◦ *The Search for Earth 2.0*

Oct 2021

Villa Maria High School, Montréal, QC, Canada

Other Science Outreach

- 24 Hours of Science - Astronomer in your Classroom (May 2021)
- Montréal Student Space Association iREx Liaison (2020 - present)
- William J. McCallion Planetarium Presenter (2017 - 2019)
- McMaster Sidewalk Astronomy Guide (2017 - 2019)
- McMaster University Fall Preview Lab Tour Guide (Oct 2013)