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Education

The Pennsylvania State University

Doctoral Candidate, Astronomy & Astrophysics

*University Park, PA

2013–2014

Advisor: Eric B. Ford

The University of Florida

Master of Science, Astronomy

Gainesville, FL

2009–2013

Advisor: Eric B. Ford

Columbia University New York, NY

Bachelor of Science, Astrophysics 2006–2009

Advisor: Caleb Scharf

South Puget Sound Community College Olympia, WA

2004–2006

Research

Transiting exoplanets, multiple transiting planet systems and their architectures, planet population inference, planet candidate validation, approximate Bayesian computation

Research Experience

| The Pennsylvania State University | University Park, PA |
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| Graduate Research Assistant | 2014 |

Supervisor: Eric B. Ford

The Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow 2013–2014

Supervisor: Eric B. Ford

The University of Florida Gainesville, FL

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow 2011–2013

Supervisor: Eric B. Ford

The University of Florida Gainesville, FL

Graduate Research Assistant 2011

Supervisor: Eric B. Ford

Columbia Astrophysics Laboratory

Lab Assistant II

Supervisor: Arlin P. Crotts

New York, NY

2007-2009

Teaching Experience

The University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

2009-2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant

AST 1022L: Astronomy Laboratory - Instructor 5 Sections

AST 3018: Astronomy and Astrophysics 1 - Assistant 1 Section

AST 2037: Life in the Universe (Guest Lectures)

Awards and Honors

2013: Homer F. Braddock and Nellie H. and Oscar L. Roberts Fellowship

Eberly College of Science, The Pennsylvania State University

2011-2014: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2009: Ruth Hay and Hans Schrader Astronomy Fellowship College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2005: Phi Theta Kappa

South Puget Sound Community College

Publications

Publications with Significant Contribution

- Transit timing observations from Kepler VII. Confirmation of 27 planets in 13 multiplanet systems via transit timing variations and orbital stability
 Steffen, J. H., Fabrycky, D. C., Agol, E., Ford, E. B., Morehead, R. C., Cochran, W. D., Lissauer, J. J., Adams, E. R., Borucki, W. J., Bryson, S., et al. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Volume 428, Issue 2, p.1077-1087
- Constraining the false positive rate for Kepler planet candidates with multicolour photometry from the GTC
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- Transit Timing Observations from Kepler. II. Confirmation of Two Multiplanet Systems via a Non-parametric Correlation Analysis
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- Kepler's candidate multiple transiting planets (Lissauer+, 2011)
 Lissauer, J. J., Ragozzine, D., Fabrycky, D. C., Steffen, J. H., Ford, E. B., Jenkins, J. M.,
 Shporer, A., Holman, M. J., Rowe, J. F., Quintana, E. V., et al. VizieR On-line Data Catalog: J/ApJS/197/8. Originally published in: 2011ApJS..197....8L
- Architecture and Dynamics of Kepler's Candidate Multiple Transiting Planet Systems

Lissauer, J. J., Ragozzine, D., Fabrycky, D. C., Steffen, J. H., Ford, E. B., Jenkins, J. M., Shporer, A., Holman, M. J., Rowe, J. F., Quintana, E. V., et al. The Astrophysical Journal Supplement, Volume 197, Issue 1, article id. 8, 26 pp. (2011).

 The Distribution of Transit Durations for Kepler Planet Candidates and Implications for Their Orbital Eccentricities

Moorhead, A. V., Ford, E. B., **Morehead, R. C.**, Rowe, J., Borucki, W. J., Batalha, N. M., Bryson, S. T., Caldwell, D. A., Fabrycky, D. C., Gautier, T. N., III, et al. The Astrophysical Journal Supplement, Volume 197, Issue 1, article id. 1, 15 pp. (2011).

A closely packed system of low-mass, low-density planets transiting Kepler-11
 Lissauer, J. J., Fabrycky, D. C., Ford, E. B., Borucki, W. J., Fressin, F., Marcy, G. W., Orosz,
 J. A., Rowe, J. F., Torres, G., Welsh, W. F., et al. Nature, Volume 470, Issue 7332, pp. 53-58
 (2011).

- The Architectures of Planetary Systems from Transit Observations
 Ford, E. B., Fabrycky, D. C., Holman, M. J., Lissauer, J. J., Moorhead, A. V., Morehead,
 R. C., Ragozzine, D., Steffen, J. H., Koch, D., Kepler Science Team American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting #217, #103.05; Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, Vol. 43, 2011
- Five Kepler Target Stars That Show Multiple Transiting Exoplanet Candidates
 Steffen, J. H., Batalha, N. M., Borucki, W. J., Buchhave, L. A., Caldwell, D. A., Cochran,
 W. D., Endl, M., Fabrycky, D. C., Fressin, F., Ford, E. B., et al. The Astrophysical Journal,
 Volume 725, Issue 1, pp. 1226-1241 (2010).
- Kepler-9: A System of Multiple Planets Transiting a Sun-Like Star, Confirmed by Timing Variations

Holman, M. J., Fabrycky, D. C., Ragozzine, D., Ford, E. B., Steffen, J. H., Welsh, W. F., Lissauer, J. J., Latham, D. W., Marcy, G. W., Walkowicz, L. M., et al. Science, Volume 330, Issue 6000, pp. 51- (2010).

 Discovery of a Low-mass Companion to a Metal-rich F Star with the MARVELS Pilot Project

Fleming, S. W., Ge, J., Mahadevan, S., Lee, B., Eastman, J. D., Siverd, R. J., Gaudi, B. S., Niedzielski, A., Sivarani, T., Stassun, K. G., et al. The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 718, Issue 2, pp. 1186-1199 (2010).

Other Peer-Reviewed Publications.....

Architecture of Kepler's Multi-transiting Systems. II. New Investigations with Twice as Many Candidates

Fabrycky, D. C., Lissauer, J. J., Ragozzine, D., Rowe, J. F., Steffen, J. H., Agol, E., Barclay, T., Batalha, N., Borucki, W., Ciardi, D. R., et al. The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 790, Issue 2, article id. 146, 12 pp. (2014).

Planetary Candidates Observed by Kepler IV: Planet Sample from Q1-Q8 (22 Months)

Burke, C. J., Bryson, S. T., Mullally, F., Rowe, J. F., Christiansen, J. L., Thompson, S. E., Coughlin, J. L., Haas, M. R., Batalha, N. M., Caldwell, D. A., et al. The Astrophysical Journal Supplement, Volume 210, Issue 2, article id. 19, 12 pp. (2014).

- Planet Occurrence within 0.25 AU of Solar-type Stars from Kepler
 Howard, A. W., Marcy, G. W., Bryson, S. T., Jenkins, J. M., Rowe, J. F., Batalha, N. M.,
 Borucki, W. J., Koch, D. G., Dunham, E. W., Gautier, T. N., III, et al. The Astrophysical Journal Supplement, Volume 201, Issue 2, article id. 15, 20 pp. (2012).
- Almost All of Kepler's Multiple-planet Candidates Are Planets
 Lissauer, J. J., Marcy, G. W., Rowe, J. F., Bryson, S. T., Adams, E., Buchhave, L. A., Ciardi, D. R., Cochran, W. D., Fabrycky, D. C., Ford, E. B., et al. The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 750, Issue 2, article id. 112, 15 pp. (2012).
- Kepler's First Rocky Planet: Kepler-10b
 Batalha, N. M., Borucki, W. J., Bryson, S. T., Buchhave, L. A., Caldwell, D. A., Christensen-Dalsgaard, J., Ciardi, D., Dunham, E. W., Fressin, F., Gautier, T. N., III, et al. The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 729, Issue 1, article id. 27, 21 pp. (2011).
- Ground-based Multisite Observations of Two Transits of HD 80606b
 Shporer, A., Winn, J. N., Dreizler, S., Colón, K. D., Wood-Vasey, W. M., Choi, P. I., Morley,
 C., Moutou, C., Welsh, W. F., Pollaco, D., et al. The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 722,
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Conference Abstracts

- A Test of Stellar Cohabitation in Multiple Transiting Planet Systems
 Morehead, R. C., Ford, E. B. American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting #221, #343.04
- Enhancing Multiple-Transiting Planet System Validation with Transit Duration Ratios

Morehead, R. C., Ford, E. B., Prša, A., Ragozzine, D. American Astronomical Society, ESS meeting #2, #28.01

- Validation of Candidate Multiple-Transiting Planet Systems and Assessing Possible False Positives based on Photometric Observables
 Morehead, R. Ford F. B. Kepler Science Team American Astronomical Society AAS
 - **Morehead, R.**, Ford, E. B., Kepler Science Team American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting #217, #140.09; Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, Vol. 43, 2011
- The Distribution of Orbital Eccentricities for Kepler Planet Candidates
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 Society, AAS Meeting #217, #103.06; Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, Vol. 43,
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