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#### **Education**

The Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA

Doctoral Candidate, Astronomy & Astrophysics 2013–2014

Advisor: Eric B. Ford

The University of Florida Gainesville, FL

Master of Science, Astronomy 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

# **Awards and Fellowships**

**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

2005: Phi Theta Kappa

#### Research Experience

# **Professional Activities**

# **Teaching**

# **Education and Public Outreach**

**Podcast**: *Tides: More Than What Floats Your Boat*, IYA 365 Days of Astronomy Podcast, May 25, 2009

**Public Lecture**: *Eight is Enough: The Great Pluto Debate*, Columbia University, July 11, 2008

**Public Observing Volunteer**: Rutherford Observatory, Columbia University, 2007–2009 **Astronomy Club President**: South Puget Sound Community College, 2005–2006

Public Talk: Strange New Worlds: The Planets of the Kepler Mission, Alachua Astronomy Club, Gainesville, Fl, November 2011

Public Talk: Strange New Worlds: The Planets of the Kepler Mission, Robert Ferguson Observatory, Sonoma County, CA, May 2012

"Python Coding for Astronomers", University of Florida Graduate Astronomy Organization Professional Development Workshop Series, October-December 2012, Co-Instructor

"Updates from the Kepler Mission," University of Florida Astronomy and Astrophysics Society, Gainesville, FL, February 19th, 2013, Public Talk

"So You Want to Go to Graduate School" University of Florida Astronomy and Astrophysics Society, Gainesville, FL, October 24th, 2013, Panel Discussion

#### **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
   Colón, K. D., Ford, E. B., Morehead, R. C. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Volume 426, Issue 1, pp. 342-353.
- Constraining the False Positive Rate for Kepler Planet Candidates with Multi-Color Photometry from the GTC
   Colón, K. D., Ford, E. B., Morehead, R. C. eprint arXiv:1207.2481
- Transit Timing Observations from Kepler. II. Confirmation of Two Multiplanet Systems via a Non-parametric Correlation Analysis
   Ford, E. B., Fabrycky, D. C., Steffen, J. H., Carter, J. A., Fressin, F., Holman, M. J., Lissauer, J. J., Moorhead, A. V., Morehead, R. C., Ragozzine, D., et al. The Astrophysical Journal, Volume 750, Issue 2, article id. 113, 18 pp. (2012).
- 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. eprint arXiv:1202.6328
- 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 Implica-

#### tions 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.....

- 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,
   Issue 1, pp. 880-887 (2010).

#### Other Publications and 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, 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
   Moorhead, A., Ford, E. B., Morehead, R., Kepler Science Team American Astronomical
   Society, AAS Meeting #217, #103.06; Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, Vol. 43,
   2011
- Status of a Program Monitoring Optical Lunar Surface Transients
   Crotts, A. P. S., Berger, A., Cecil, G., Cseresnjes, P., Ebel, D., Hickson, P., Joner, M., Pfrommer, T., Marka, S., Morehead, R., et al. 40th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, (Lunar and Planetary Science XL), held March 23-27, 2009 in The Woodlands, Texas, id.2373