

# Dr. Steven R. Goldman

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**Specialization:** Evolved stars, dust, long period variables, symbiotic Miras, Magellanic Clouds, dwarf galaxies, Local Group, M31, UV to mid-IR imaging and spectroscopy, radio interferometry, spectral energy distribution (SED) fitting, time-series analysis, image alignment and drizzling.

**Research Interests:** The impact of evolved stars on their environment and vice-versa. Specifically, the effects of metallicity on the dust production, wind dynamics, mass-loss mechanism, and evolution of Asymptotic Giant Branch (AGB) stars and Red Supergiants (RSGs). This involves studies of statistical samples of nearby AGB populations using primarily the Hubble and Spitzer Space Telescopes.

## APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI)</b> Baltimore, MD USA <i>Position:</i> Science Software Engineer	February 2023 - present
<b>Haverford College</b> Haverford, PA USA <i>Position:</i> Visiting Assistant Professor	January 2023 - May 2023
<b>Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA)</b> Mountain View, CA USA <i>Position:</i> Observatory & Instrument Scientist	November 2021 - February 2023
<b>STScI</b> Baltimore, MD USA <i>Position:</i> Postdoctoral Fellow <i>Supervisor:</i> Martha Boyer	October 2017 - November 2021

## EDUCATION

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<b>Keele University</b> Staffordshire, United Kingdom <i>Degree:</i> PhD in Astrophysics <i>Thesis:</i> The metallicity dependence of maser emission and mass loss from RSG and AGB stars <i>Advisor:</i> Jacco Th. van Loon	October 2013 - December 2017
<b>St. Lawrence University</b> Canton, NY <i>Degree:</i> B.S. in Physics	September 2009 - July 2013

## AWARDED PROPOSALS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

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2022 Hubble Space Telescope, <a href="#">PID: 17088</a> (\$137 k)	30 primary orbits
2022 SOFIA (first quintile)	18 hours (canceled)
2022 GASKAP-OH (Science team lead: LMC maser populations)	50 hours
2021 Hubble Space Telescope, <a href="#">PID: 16492</a> (\$65 k)	4 primary orbits
2021 SOFIA, <a href="#">PID: 75_0057</a> (\$40 k)	4 hours
2017 Australia Telescope Compact Array Telescope, PID: C2996	92 hours

2017 Very Large Telescope VISIR, PID: 099.D-0907	1 Night
2017 Very Large Telescope VISIR, PID: 098.D-0272	0.5 hours
2016 Very Large Telescope XSHOOTER, PID: 097.D-0605	1.5 hours
2015 Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope, PID: R14/010	30 hours
2014 Southern African Large Telescope	5.5 hours
2012 National Science Foundation Summer REU Fellowship	

## RECENT AWARDED PROPOSALS (CO-INVESTIGATOR)

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James Webb Space Telescope (3 programs)	72 primary / 2 parallel hours
Hubble Space Telescope (9 programs)	120 primary / 535 parallel orbits
SOFIA (2 programs)	20.25 hours
SOFIA Legacy (cut short by cancellation)	100 hours → 4 hours
ACA (NESS)	750 hours
Astrophysics Data Analysis Program (18-ADAP18-142)	\$335 k
ALMA	5 hours

## SELECTED SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2024 Talk, AAS Winter Meeting	New Orleans, USA
2022 Invited Speaker, IAU General Assembly	Busan, South Korea
2022 Featured Speaker, AstroPhilly22	Villanova University, USA
2022 Invited Colloquium	University of Auckland, New Zealand
2022 Invited Colloquium	University of Canterbury, New Zealand
2022 Invited Talk, AAS Summer Meeting	Pasadena, USA
2022 Invited Colloquium	NRC Herzberg, Canada
2021 Invited Panelist, Evolved Stars and their Circumstellar Environments	Global (Remote)
2021 Invited Talk, GAPS: unsolved problems in red Giants And suPergiantS	Global (Remote)
2021 Talk, DELVE: The Death-Throes of Evolved Stars	Global (Remote)
2021 Invited Talk	St. Lawrence University, USA
2020 Invited Talk	STScI, USA
2019 Invited Colloquium	RIT, USA
2019 Invited Colloquium	EAO Hawaii, USA
2019 Talk, A Star Has Evolved: A Conference in the Honor of Hans Olofsson	Smögen, Sweden
2019 Talk, HotSci	STScI, USA
2018 Talk, Cosmic Dust: origin, applications & implications	Copenhagen, Denmark
2018 Talk, European Week in Astronomy and Space Science	Liverpool, UK
2016 Talk, Blowing in the wind ( <a href="#">Awarded Best Talk</a> )	ICISE, Vietnam
2016 Talk, Postgraduate Research Symposium ( <a href="#">Awarded Best Talk</a> )	Keele University, UK
2016 Talk, SKA Delivering the Science	Cambridge University, UK
2015 Talk, UK SKA Science Meeting	Manchester University, UK
2015 Invited Colloquium,	Kagoshima University, Japan

## TEACHING

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### Haverford College, USA

*Astro 101*, Visiting Assistant Professor

Spring, 2023

### Keele University, UK

*Electronics*, Demonstrator/Lab Assistant

2014 - 2016

*Programming I*, Demonstrator/Lab Assistant

2015

## STUDENTS MENTORED

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Tessa Pearlstein	Haverford College, Summer 2023
<i>Dust Injection Rate of TP-AGB stars in the M33 galaxy</i>	
Sean Garner	SOFIA/USRA, Summer 2022
<i>SOFIA/EXES Water Line Analysis of the Symbiotic Mira HM Sge</i>	
Nathan Wolthuis	SOFIA/USRA, Summer 2022
<i>HST/WFC3 Image Analysis of Nebular NII emission of HM Sge</i>	

## OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

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SOFIA	3 flights
James Clerk Maxwell Telescope	70 hours
Very Large Telescope	1 night
Australia Telescope Compact Array	92 hours
Parkes Radio Telescope	36 hours
Arecibo L-band (ALFALFA)	20 hours

## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

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### Observatory Service

- *Drizzlepac*: Primary maintainer for the widely-used image re-alignment software also used for the alignment, drizzling, and catalog creation for the Hubble Advanced Products.
- *SOFIA Data-Analysis Cookbooks and FAQs*: Jupyter notebooks demonstrating a variety of techniques for analyzing infrared data from SOFIA, as well as detailed explanations FAQs of common misconceptions.

### Research

- The *DESK*: Independently led the development and publication of the first open-source python package to fit the SEDs of evolved stars with models to get meaningful intrinsic properties.
- The *BEAST*: Improved on testing and functionality of a large-scale open-source astropy-affiliated python package that fits stellar populations' SEDs to determine ISM, dust, and stellar properties using Bayesian statistics, dust models, and stellar evolutionary models.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Public Outreach Talks, 2018–Present, (USA, Canada, & Mexico)

- NASA's *Universe of Learning*, *Skype-a-Scientist*, *Astronomy On Tap*, Independently organized

Earth and Space Observatory volunteer, 2013–2017, (Keele University, UK)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Organized the SOFIA New Zealand Lecture Series	July 2022
SOFIA School Co-Chair	February 2022
STScI postdoctoral representative	2020 - 2022
DELVE conference SOC	February 2021
Low-Density Universe Lunch Organizer	2018 - 2019
TAC Panel Support: Hubble & SOFIA	
Referee: Astrophysical Journal; Astronomy & Astrophysics	
Panelist: NASA	

**SELECTED PRESS**

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- NASA press release, *NASA's Hubble Finds Surprises Around a Star That Erupted 40 Years* ([Link](#))  
 Phys.org, *Research investigates evolution of symbiotic binary HM Sagittae* ([Link](#))  
 Sky at Night magazine interview about SOFIA New Zealand deployment ([Link](#))  
 NASA press release, *SOFIA Watches a Binary Star System's Eclipse* ([Link](#))

**REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**Links: [ADS](#), [ORCID](#), [Google Scholar](#)**First-Authored Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

Citations source: NASA ADS

1. Goldman S. R. et al., 2025, submitted to ApJ  
Equatorial Enhancement in the Dustiest OH/IR Stars in the Galactic Bulge
2. Goldman S. R. et al., 2024, ApJ, 961, 14  
[A Multi-Wavelength Study of the Symbiotic Mira HM Sge with SOFIA & HST](#)
3. Goldman S. R. et al., 2022, ApJS, 259, 41 citations: 6  
[A Census of Thermally-Pulsing AGB stars in the Andromeda Galaxy and a First Estimate of their Contribution to the Global Dust Budget](#)
4. Goldman S. R., 2020, JOSS, 5(54), 2554 citations: 7  
[The Dusty Evolved Star Kit \(DESK\): A Python package for fitting the Spectral Energy Distribution of Evolved Stars. Journal of Open Source Software](#)
5. Goldman S. R. et al., 2019, ApJ, 884, 152 citations: 7  
[AGB Stars in the Nearby Galaxy: Leo P](#)
6. Goldman S. R. et al., 2019, ApJ, 877, 49 citations: 33  
[An Infrared Census Of Dust In Nearby Galaxies With Spitzer \(DUSTiNGS\): V. The Period-luminosity Relation For Dusty Metal-poor AGB Stars](#)
7. Goldman S. R. et al., 2018, MNRAS, 473, 3835 citations: 15  
[A dearth of OH/IR stars in the Small Magellanic Cloud](#)
8. Goldman S. R. et al., 2017, MNRAS, 465, 403 citations: 126  
[The wind speeds, dust content, and mass-loss rates of evolved AGB and RSG stars at varying metallicity](#)

**Co-Authored Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

9. McQuinn et al. 2024, accepted in ApJ  
The Ancient Star Formation History of the Extremely Low-Mass Galaxy Leo P: An Emerging Trend of a Post-Reionization Pause in Star Formation
10. Gilbert et al. 2024, accepted in ApJ  
The Local Ultraviolet to Infrared Treasury I. Survey Overview of the Broadband Imaging
11. Cohen et al. 2024b, accepted in ApJ  
[Scylla III. The Outside-In Radial Age Gradient in the Small Magellanic Cloud and the Star Formation Histories of the Main Body, Wing and Outer Regions](#)

12. Cohen et al. 2024a, accepted in ApJ  
[Scylla II. The Spatially Resolved Star Formation History of the Large Magellanic Cloud Reveals an Inverted Radial Age Gradient](#)
13. Murray et al. 2024, accepted in ApJS  
[Scylla I: A pure-parallel, multi-wavelength imaging survey of the ULLYSES fields in the LMC and SMC](#)
14. Karnath et al. 2024, ApJ, 974, 65  
[An Analysis of the Complex and Compact Outflow Cavity Carved by HOPS 361-A in NGC 2071 IR](#)
15. Gull et al. 2022, ApJ, 941, 206  
[A Panchromatic Study of Massive Stars in the Extremely Metal-Poor Local Group Dwarf Galaxy Leo A](#)
16. Ingallinera et al. 2022, MNRAS, 512, 21  
[Evolutionary map of the Universe \(EMU\): 18-cm OH-maser discovery in ASKAP continuum images of the SCORPIO field](#)
17. Sankrit et al. 2022, ApJ, 926, 177  
[SOFIA/FORCAST Monitoring of the Dust Emission from R Aqr: Start of the Eclipse](#)
18. Scicluna et al. 2022, MNRAS, 512, 1091  
[The Nearby Evolved Stars Survey II: Constructing a volume-limited sample and first results from the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope](#)
19. Jones et al., 2021, MNRAS, 504, 565  
[Infrared variable stars in the compact elliptical galaxy M32](#)
20. Girardi et al., 2020, ApJ, 901, 19  
[PHAT XX. AGB stars and other cool giants in M31 star clusters](#)
21. Nanni A. et al., 2019, MNRAS, 487, 502  
[The mass-loss, expansion velocities and dust production rates of carbon stars in the Magellanic Clouds](#)
22. Dharmawardena T. E. et al., 2019, MNRAS, 489, 3218  
[The Nearby Evolved Stars Survey: I. JCMT/SCUBA-2 Sub-millimetre detection of the detached shell of U Antliae](#)
23. Karambelkar V. R. et al., 2019, ApJ, 877, 110  
[SPIRITS Catalog of Infrared Variables: Identification of Extremely Luminous Long Period Variables](#)
24. Orosz G. et al., 2017, AJ, 153, 1190  
[Astrometry of OH/IR stars using 1612 MHz hydroxyl masers. I. Annual parallaxes of WX Psc and OH138.0+7.2](#)
25. Groenewegen M. A. T. et al., 2016, A&A, 596, A50  
[The ALMA detection of CO rotational line emission in AGB stars in the Large Magellanic Cloud](#)
26. McDonald I. et al., 2015, MNRAS, 453, 4324  
[ALMA reveals sunburn: CO dissociation around AGB stars in the globular cluster 47 Tucanae](#)

**Other Publications:**

27. Goldman et al. 2022, Research Notes of the AAS, 6, 159  
[Sudden Dimming of the Symbiotic Mira HM Sge](#)
28. Goldman et al. 2022, AAS Meeting, 240 proceedings, 426.04  
[A Census of Thermally-Pulsing AGB stars in the Andromeda Galaxy and a First Estimate of their Contribution to the Global Dust Budget](#)
29. Sloan et al. 2021, AAS Meeting, 237 proceedings, 541.16  
[Spitzer's Last Look at the Small Magellanic Cloud.](#)
30. Scicluna et al. 2020, arXiv:2002.03100 (Decadal white paper)  
[Studies of Evolved Stars in the Next Decade: EAO Submillimetre Futures White Paper Series](#)
31. Karambelkar et al. 2020, , AAS Meeting, 235 proceedings, 335.04  
[SPIRITS catalog of infrared variables : Identification of extremely luminous long period variables](#)
32. Goldman S. R. and Boyer M. L., 2019, IAU Meeting 343 proceedings, 14(S343), 406-408  
[Infrared light curves of dusty & metal-poor AGB stars](#)
33. Goldman S. R. and Boyer M. L., 2019, AAS Meeting 233 proceedings, 33.06  
[Infrared light curves of dusty & metal-poor AGB stars](#)