## Samson A. Johnson

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

The Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio, 2016-Present

- PhD Student in Astronomy

Dean's Distinguished University Fellowship WFIRST Microlensing Survey Science Investigation Team Jet Propulsion Lab Summer Internship Program NSF GRFP Honorable Mention 2016

University of Montana, Davidson Honors College

Missoula, Montana, 2011-2015

- BA in Physics, BA in Mathematics, High Honors

Montana University System Honors Scholarship Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship Jack and Isabel Haynes Scholarship Cail Physical/Bio-Sciences Scholarship Shallenberger/Alumni Association Scholarship in Physics

## **Employment**

Software Developer, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

Aug. 2015- July 2016

- Refined site operation software for MINERVA robotic exoplanet detection telescope array
- Developed software for automation of precision RV spectrograph

Research Assistant, University of Montana

June 2014-June 2015

- Designed and tested dispatch scheduling software/simulation for use with MINERVA

Laboratory Assistant, University of Montana

Winter 2011, Summer 2013

- Assembled vacuum chambers, handled vacuum specific hardware
- Designed, constructed framework for vacuum pumps and chambers

Good Food Store, Missoula, MT

April 2012-Oct. 2013

- Deli and beverage bar staff, customer service, teamwork, task management
- Received multiple commendations on helpfulness and safety

The Huckleberry People, Missoula, MT

Sept. 2011-April 2012

- Production based job working in warehouse environment
- Time management, order assembly, manual dexterity

Papa Murphy's Pizza, Missoula, MT

July 2009-Sept. 2011

- Supervisor position, delegating tasks to crews of 5-10 members

- Customer service, money handling, problem solving, conflict resolution

## **Publications**

#### First Author

- The Quiescent Progenitors of Type II Supernovae
   Johnson, S. A., Kochanek, C. S., Adams, S. M., 2018, MNRAS, 480, 1696
- On the Progenitor of the Type Ibc Supernova 2012fh
   Johnson, S. A., Kochanek, C. S., Adams, S. M., 2017, MNRAS, 472, 3115
- The Radial Velocity of OGLE-2015-BLG-0966S
   Johnson, S. A., Yee, J. C., 2017, PASP, 129, 074401

### Coauthor:

- A Full Implementation of Spectro-Perfectionism for Precise Radial Velocity Exoplanet Detection: A Test Case With the MINERVA Reduction Pipeline Cornachione, M., et al, accepted
- Minerva-Australis. I. Design, Commissioning, and First Photometric Results Addison, B., Wright, D. J., Wittenmyer, R. A., et al. 2019, PASP, 131, 115003
- 3. First Radial Velocity Results From the MINiature Exoplanet Radial Velocity Array (MINERVA) Wilson, M. L., Eastman, J. D., Cornachione, M. A., et al. 2019, PASP, 131, 115001
- 4. KELT-22Ab: A Massive, Short-Period Hot Jupiter Transiting a Near-solar Twin Labadie-Bartz, J., Rodriguez, J. E., Stassun, K. G., et al. 2019, ApJS, 240, 13
- 5. KELT-19Ab: A...Hot Jupiter Transiting a Likely Am Star with a Distant Stellar Companion Siverd, R. J., Collins, K. A., Zhou, G., et al. 2018, AJ, 155, 35
- 6. KELT-20b: A giant planet with a period of  $P \sim 3.5$  days transiting the...early A star HD 185603 Lund, M. B., Rodriguez, J. E., Zhou, G., et al. 2017, AJ, 154, 194
- The Mysterious Dimmings of the T Tauri Star V1334 Tau
   Rodriguez, J. E., Zhou, G., Cargile, P. A., et al. 2017, ApJ, 836, 209

#### Advising

- Abby Aronica (undergraduate), *The Ohio State University*, 2019 Refined galactic model for use in microlensing survey simulations.
- Kit Fieldhouse (high school), *University of Montana*, 2015: Developed a program to automate follow-up observation scheduling of transiting planet candidates. Employed in KELT follow-up, and presented at national science fairs.

#### Service

- Referee for ApJ
- Ohio State University
  - Graduate chair of graduate admissions, spring 2019
  - Lead graduate feedback in astronomy faculty search, spring 2018
  - Made a lot of coffee

#### Outreach

- Polaris Mentor 2019-2020 (group enhancing retention of underrepresented undergraduates in physics/astronomy)
- Mentor for new astronomy graduate students at Ohio State University (2019-2020)
- Friends of Ohio State Astronomy, volunteer for 6 events, 2017-2019
- Graduate Order of Magnitude group, co-founder, 2017-2019, Columbus, Ohio
- Breakfast of Science Champions, coordinator and volunteer, 11/2017, 11/2018 Columbus, Ohio
- Ohio Supercomputer Center Summer Institute 07/2017, mentor Columbus, Ohio
- Science Olympiad, Astronomy portion exam proctor, 04/2017 Columbus, Ohio
- Astronomy on Tap lecture, 2017 Columbus, Ohio
- Blue Mountain Observatory public viewing nights, assistant for 3 nights, 2014 Missoula, Montana
- Society of Physics Students member, 2013-2015 Missoula, Montana

# Observing Experience

- MINERVA, Mt Hopkins, Arizona 4x0.7 meter, 9 weeks on site
- CTIO, La Serena, Chile, SMARTS 1.3 meter, 14 nights of microlensing observing
- Large Binocular Telescope, Mt Graham, Arizona 2x8.4 meter, 10 nights
- Tillinghast Telescope, Mt Hopkins, Arizona 1.5 meter, 2 nights

## Conferences and Workshops

- 2019 Sagan Summer Workshop: Astrobiology for Astronomers, Attendee
- The WFIRST Microlensing Survey: Predictions of the Free Floating Planet Detection Rate, Science in Our Own Backyard: Exploring the Galaxy...with WFIRST, 15 min talk
- The WFIRST microlensing survey: mission updates and predictions of the free-floating planet yield 23rd International Microlensing Conference, 15 min talk
- Measuring the abundance of free floating planets with WFIRST, Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science IV 2018, 15 minute talk
- 2017 Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop: Microlensing in the Era of WFIRST, Attendee
- Synopsis of the MINiature Exoplanet Radial Velocity Array (MINERVA), Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science III 2017, 15 minute talk
- Dispatch Scheduling to Maximize Exoplanet Detection, SPIE Astronomical Telescopes + Instrumentation 2016, 15 minute talk
- Dispatch Scheduling to Maximize Exoplanet Detection, American Astronomical Society 2016 Winter meeting, poster
- Optimization of the MINERVA Exoplanet Search Strategy via Simulations, American Astronomical Society 2015 Winter meeting, poster

#### Seminars

- The Secret Lives of Neutrinos: Oscillations and Mass Differences, Apr. 10, 2015. Physics and Astronomy Seminar, University of Montana.
- Dispatch Scheduling to Maximize Exoplanet Yield, Nov. 7, 2014. Physics and Astronomy Seminar, University of Montana.