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Dr. MacKenzie is a planetary scientist interested processes that create and rework the surfaces of icy satellites. She has investigated sediments on Titan since 2012—working with data from Cassini’s Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer, RADAR, and Imaging Science Subsystem—with the aim of understanding how sediments play a role in habitability and prebiotic chemistry. She serves as a Co-I on the Dragonfly mission concept, assisting in the defining and implementation of the science goals and objectives as a science theme lead. She most recently led a team of over 50 scientists to NASA’s call for pre-Decadal Survey mission concept studies to propose a study of large-class missions to Saturn’s moon Enceladus.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Physics University of Idaho	December 2017
M.Sc. Physics University of Idaho	August 2015
B.S. Physics University of Louisville	May 2012

PROFESSIONAL & MISSION EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral fellow, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab	1/2018-present
Dragonfly NF4 Mission concept, Co-I and Science Theme Lead	3/2016-present
Oceanus NF4 Proposal, Student collaborator	5/2016 – 4/2017
JPL Planetary Science Summer School, Principal Investigator	5/2015- 8/2015

PUBLICATIONS

MacKenzie, S. M., J. M. Lora, and R. D. Lorenz. “A Thermal Inertia Map of Titan” *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets* <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019JE005930>

MacKenzie, S. M., J. W. Barnes, J. D. Hofgartner, S. P. D. Birch, M. M. Hedman, A. Lucas, S. Rodriguez, E. P. Turtle, and C. Sotin. "The case for seasonal surface changes at Titan’s lake district." *Nature Astronomy* (2019): 1.

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Hatchett, W. T., J. W. Barnes, J. P. Ahlers, **S. M. MacKenzie**, and M. M. Hedman. "A pilot investigation to constrain the presence of ring systems around transiting exoplanets." *New Astronomy* 60 (2018): 88-94.

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- Birch, S. P. D., A. G. Hayes, P. Corlies, E. R. Stofan, J. D. Hofgartner, et al including **S. M. MacKenzie**. "Morphological evidence that Titan's southern hemisphere basins are paleoseas." *Icarus* 310 (2018): 140-148.
- MacKenzie, S. M.**, T. E. Caswell, C. M. Phillips-Lander, E. N. Stavros, J. D. Hofgartner, V. Z. Sun, K. E. Powell et al. "THEO concept mission: testing the habitability of Enceladus's Ocean." *Advances in Space Research* 58, no. 6 (2016): 1117-1137.
- MacKenzie, S. M.**, and J. W. Barnes. "Compositional similarities and distinctions between Titan's evaporitic terrains." *The Astrophysical Journal* 821, no. 1 (2016): 17.
- Cordier, D., T. Cornet, J. W. Barnes, **S. M. MacKenzie**, T. Le Bahers, et al. "Structure of Titan's evaporites." *Icarus* 270 (2016): 41-56.
- Neish, C. D., J.W. Barnes, C. Sotin, **S. M. MacKenzie** et al "Spectral properties of Titan's impact craters imply chemical weathering of its surface." *Geophysical Research Letters* 42.10 (2015): 3746-3754.
- Vixie, G., J. W. Barnes, B. Jackson, S. Rodriguez, S. Le Mouélic, et al including **S. M. MacKenzie**. "Possible temperate lakes on Titan." *Icarus* 257 (2015): 313-323.
- MacKenzie, S. M.**, J. W. Barnes, C. Sotin, J. M. Soderblom, S. Le Mouélic, S. Rodriguez, K. H. Baines et al. "Evidence of Titan's climate history from evaporite distribution." *Icarus* 243 (2014): 191-207.
- Pipino, A., T. Szabo, E. Pierpaoli, **S. M. MacKenzie**, & F. Dong. "The properties of brightest cluster galaxies in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Data Release 6 adaptive matched filter cluster catalogue". *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 417(2011), 2817-2830.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Cassini Data Analysis Program	2019-2022
NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship	2014-2017
Leonard Halland Centennial Scholarship	2015-2016
Glen E. and Jean K. Nielsen Science Scholarship	2014-2015
Idaho Space Grant Consortium Research Fellowship	2013
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship	2011

FIRST AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS

Lunar and Planetary Science Conference	March 2019
"A Thermal Inertia Map of Titan and the Effect on a Dry Climate" (talk)	
"Titan's Surface from Dragonfly: Bridging the Gap Between Composition	

and Environment" (poster)	
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting "Near-infrared characteristics of Titan's north polar cap" (talk)	December 2018
Geological Society of America Annual Meeting "Near-infrared characteristics of Titan's north polar cap" (invited talk) "Dragonfly: a rotorcraft-lander to explore Titan's prebiotic chemistry and habitability" (talk)	November 2018
50th Meeting of the Division of Planetary Sciences "On the nature of Titan's north polar cap" (talk)	October 2018
Titan Surface Working Group "A Thermal Inertia Map of Titan" (talk)	May 2018
49th Meeting of the Division of Planetary Sciences "A bright intra-dune feature on Titan and its implications for sand formation and transport" (poster)	November 2017
Titan Surface Working Group "Phantom Lakes at the North Pole" (talk)	October 2017
Cassini VIMS Team Meeting "Characteristics of the Bright Fensal Feature" (talk)	September 2017
5th International Planetary Dunes Workshop "A new candidate sand source in Titan's equatorial region?" (talk)	May 2017
Titan Surface Working Group "Spherical Radiative Transfer in C++" (talk)	November 2016
48th Meeting of the Division of Planetary Sciences "Compositional mapping of Titan's North Pole with VIMS" (talk)	October 2016
Outer Planets Assessment Group Meeting "Titan's North Pole: Defining the Spectral Units" (poster)	August 2016
International Association of Sedimentology "Exploring Titan's Dynamic Surface with Evaporites" (talk)	May 2016
Cassini VIMS Team Meeting "North Polar Mapping with VIMS" (talk)	May 2016
Outer Planets Assessment Group Meeting "THEO Concept Mission: Testing the Habitability of Enceladus's Ocean" (poster)	February 2016

47th Meeting for the Division for Planetary Science "THEO Concept Mission: Testing the Habitability of Enceladus's Ocean" (poster)	November 2015
4th International Planetary Dunes Workshop "The Lake-Dune Connection: Investigating Titan's Sand Sources" (talk)	May 2015
46th Meeting for the Division for Planetary Science "Characteristics of the 5-um-bright spectral unit from spectral analysis of Tui Regio" (talk)	November 2014
Titan Surface Working Group "Is all 5-um-bright material the same?" (talk)	October 2014
45th Meeting for the Division for Planetary Science "Evidence of Titan's Climate History from Evaporite Distribution" (talk)	October 2013
Titan Through Time "Spectral Characteristics of Titan's 5-um-bright Material" (poster)	April 2014
Cassini Titan Surface Meeting "Evidence of Titan's Climate History from Evaporite Distribution" (talk)	August 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

Walter G. Berl Award for Outstanding Paper in JHU APL Technical Digest	April 2018
JHU APL Bumblebee Award for Championing Revolutionary Capabilities	April 2018
University of Idaho Dean's Graduate	May 2017
Division for Planetary Sciences Hartmann Student Travel Award	October 2017
University of Idaho 3 Minute Thesis Competition 1st Place	April 2016
University of Idaho College of Science Innovation Showcase 3rd Place	April 2016
University of Idaho College of Science Video Competition 1st Place	April 2016
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention	2012
University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences Woodcock Medalist	2012
University of Louisville Honors Scholar Suma Cum Laude	2012
University of Louisville Department of Physics and Astronomy Graduating Senior	2012
William Marshal Bullitt Award in Astronomy	2012
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship	2011

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Conference organizer	
DPS SOC	2018
Titan Surface Working Group Meeting	2015
Member of Roadmap to Ocean Worlds Committee	2016

Reviewer for *Icarus* since 2017

Reviewer for NASA mission and grant proposals as
Executive Secretary, External Reviewer since 2015

MISSION EXPERIENCE

Dragonfly New Frontiers 4 Proposal since March 2016
Co-Investigator: co-wrote the science section of the proposal, created maps for
landing site selection, geology science team lead

Oceanus New Frontiers 4 Proposal May - April 2016
Student collaborator: assisted in the design and writing of evaporite investigation,
science section of the proposal, and STM development

Jet Propulsion Laboratory Planetary Science Summer School May - August 2015
Principal Investigator: led the design, planning, and execution of a mock mission;
presented poster at several conferences; wrote manuscript

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Veevers Crater, Western Australia July 2016
Assisted in OSL and photographic data collection

United Arab Emirates April 2014
Assisted in OSL, GPR, and photographic data collection

SHORT COURSES

Sensors & Software GPR short course at GSA November 2018

NASA Astrobiology Institute Astrobiology Summer School June 2018

JPL Planetary Science Summer School June - August 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant August - December 2015
University of Idaho Department of Physics

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant August - December 2011
University of Louisville Department of Physics and Astronomy