

Curriculum Vitae
Spencer Wallace

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EDUCATION

University of Washington

2015 - Present

PhD Astronomy (in progress, expected August 2022)

Advisor: Thomas Quinn

Thesis Topic: Planetesimal Accretion in the Solar System and Beyond

University of Arizona

2009-2014

BS Astronomy, Physics and Computer Science

Advisor: David Arnett

Thesis Topic: Turbulent Entrainment in 1D Stellar Evolution Models

SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS

Contributed to Successful NSF Grant

2020

In Situ Formation of Short Period Terrestrial Planets

Contributed to Successful XSEDE Computing Proposal

2019, 2020

N-body Simulations: Planets to Cosmology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (12 appointments)

2015-2020

ASTR101, ASTR102 - Introductory Astronomy

ASTR150 - Planetary Astronomy

ASTR421 - Stellar Observations and Theory

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Sarah Kahle (UW Undergraduate)

2018-2019

Analyzed a suite of N-body simulations to understand the planetesimal accretion phase at short orbital periods

Lynn Nguyen (UW Undergraduate)

2018-2020

Constructed and ran high resolution simulations of planetesimal growth in the asteroid belt to match the present-day size distribution

Dawn Gershimir (UW Undergraduate)

2019-2020

Analyzed a series of N-body simulations to test whether solids collected at the MRI boundary in a protoplanetary disk can undergo oligarchic growth

Natasha Ciboulet (UW Undergraduate)

2019-Present

Working to implement a fast and efficient collisional fragmentation model for planetesimals in the N-body code CHANGA

PUBLICATIONS

Wallace, S., Quinn, T., Boley, A., “Collision rates of planetesimals near mean-motion resonances”, **MNRAS**, 503(4):5409–5424 (2021).

Wallace, S. and Quinn, T., “N-body simulations of terrestrial planet growth with resonant dynamical friction”, **MNRAS**, 489(2):2159–2176 (2019).

Kim, J., Agertz, O., Teyssier, R., Butler, M., Ceverino, D., Choi, J., Feldmann, R., Keller, B., Lupi, A., Quinn, T., Revaz, Y., Wallace, S (and 31 more), “The AGORA High-resolution Galaxy Simulations Comparison Project. II. Isolated Disk Test”, **ApJ**, 833(2):202 (2016).

Developed a modified stellar feedback model for CHANGA and ran simulations for comparison with other galaxy simulation codes

Johnson, C., Green, E., Wallace, S., O’Malley, C., Amaya, H., Biddle, L., Fontaine, G., “Photometric Survey to Search for Field sdO Pulsators”, *arXiv:1308.1373* (2014).

Conducted multiple nights of photometric observations for a large collection of hot subdwarfs

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

TESS Science Conference II, Poster *August 2021*

Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop, Poster *July 2021*

52nd AAS Division for Dynamical Astronomy Meeting, Contributed Talk *May 2021*

1st N-body Shop Collaboration Meeting, Contributed Talk *January 2021*

50th AAS Division for Dynamical Astronomy Meeting, Contributed Talk *June 2019*

49th AAS Division for Dynamical Astronomy Meeting, Contributed Talk *April 2018*

223rd AAS Meeting, Poster *January 2014*

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Published over 20 articles as a writer for *Astrobites* *2019-2021*

Pre-Major in Astronomy Program Mentor *2018-Present*

Public Program Specialist, Kitt Peak National Observatory *2014-2015*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Glenn Purviance Memorial Astronomy Scholarship *2013*

Galileo Circle Scholarship *2013*

Arizona Assurance Grant *2009-2013*

Wildcat Excellence Tuition Award *2009-2014*