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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational astrophysics, machine learning, pulsating hot subluminous B stars, chaotic systems, globular cluster dynamics.

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College — Hanover, NH
Master of Science — Astronomy — May 2021 (expected)
Doctor of Philosophy – Astronomy — Spring 2024 (expected)

High Point University — High Point, NC
Bachelor of Science, **summa cum laude** — Computational Physics — May 2019
Advisor: Brad N. Barlow

PUBLICATIONS

- Vos, J., Vučkovič, M., Chen, X., Han, Z., **Boudreaux, T. M.**, Barlow, B. N., Østensen, R., Nèmeth, P., 2019, "The orbital period — mass ratio relation of wide sdB+MS binaries and its application to the stability of RLOF.", *Monthly Notices of The Royal Astronomical Society*, **482**, 4592
- **Boudreaux, T. M.**, 2017, "The applications of deep neural networks to sdBV classification", *Open Astronomy*, **26**, 258.
- **Boudreaux, T. M.**, Barlow, B. N., Fleming, S. W., Soto, A. V., Million, C., Reichart, D. E., Haislip, J. B., Linder, T. R., Moore, J. P., 2017. "A search for rapidly pulsating hot subdwarf stars in the GALEX survey", *Astrophysical Journal*, **845**, 171.

PROCEEDINGS

- Vos, J., Vučkovič, M., Chen, X., Han, Z., **Boudreaux, T. M.**, Barlow, B. N., Østensen, R., Nèmeth, P., 2019, "Using wide hot subdwarf binaries to constrain Roche-lobe overflow models", *Contrib. Astron. Obs. Skalnat Pleso*, **49**, 264

COMPUTING SKILLS

- *Programming Languages:*
  1. *Expert:* Python, C/C++
  2. *Comfortable:* MATLAB, Arduino, PHP, JavaScript
  3. *Familiar:* FORTRAN, LabView, Mathematica
- *Web Backend Technologies:* Flask, MongoDB, MySQL, Google App Engine
- *Misc:* Period04, Docker, GitHub, ZFS, LaTeX, Bash, Zsh

AWARDS & HONORS

- **The National Science Foundation**, 2019
  Graduate Record Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- **High Point University**, 2019
  University Award for Highest Achievement
- **High Point University Honors Scholar Program**, 2019
  All University Honors

- **The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation**, 2018
  Goldwater Scholar in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering
- **High Point University Department of Physics**, 2018
  Endowed Scholarship
- **National Collegiate Honors Council**, 2018
  Portz Scholarship
- **Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honors Society**, 2018
  Elected Associate Member
- **Sigma Pi Sigma, National Physics Honor Society**, 2018
  Elected Member
- **The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation**, 2017
  Honorable Mention for excellence in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering
- **High Point University**, 2015–2019
  Presidential Scholarship
- **High Point University**, 2015–2019
  Honors Scholar
- **High Point University**, 2015–2019
  Dean's list

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- **National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting**, 2018, Boston, MA
  "The Applications of Deep Neural Networks to sdBV Classification" [Invited]
- **North Carolina Astronomers Meeting**, 2017, Greensboro, NC
  "The Applications of Deep Neural Networks to sdBV Classification"
- **Eighth Annual Meeting on Hot Subdwarfs and Related Objects**, 2017, Krakòw, Poland
  "The Applications of Deep Neural Networks to sdBV Classification"
- **High Point University Research and Creative Works Symposium**, 2017, High Point, NC
  "A Virtual Survey of all known Hot Subdwarfs – searching for p-mode pulsations with GALEX"
- **Meeting of Astronomers in South Carolina**, 2017, Greenville, SC
  "The Applications of Deep Neural Networks to Time Domain Astrophysics"
- **North Carolina Astronomers Meeting**, 2016, Greensboro, NC
  "A Virtual Survey of all known Hot Subdwarfs – searching for p-mode pulsations with GALEX"

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- **233rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society**, 2019, Seattle Washington
  "A Journey to Mars: HPUniverse Day and Its Impact on Young Minds and a Community."
- **233rd Meeting of the American Astronomical Society**, 2019, Seattle Washington
  "Effects of the Primordial Binary Fraction on the Evolution of Globular Clusters."
- **High Point University Research and Creative Works Symposium**, 2018, High Point, NC
  "Listening to the voices of Stars with Deep Neural Networks"
- **231st Meeting of the American Astronomical Society**, 2018, Washington D.C.
  "Using Deep Learning to Analyze the Voices of Stars."

- **North Carolina Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting**, 2017, High Point, NC
  "A Virtual Survey of all known Hot Subdwarfs – searching for p-mode pulsations with GALEX"
- **High Point University Research and Creative Works Symposium**, 2016, High Point, NC
  "New Long Period Hot Subdwarfs from the Hobby-Eberly Telescope"
- **227th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society**, 2016, Kissimmee, FL
  "New Long Period Hot Subdwarfs from the Hobby-Eberly Telescope"

JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

- **Harvard Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory**, 2018
  Harvard SAO REU Student
- **Space Telescope Science Institute**, 2016
  SASP Summer Intern
- **High Point University**, 2016
  Student Instructor Calculus III
- **Encore Stage & Studio**, 2016-2017
  Technical Director
- **Encore Stage & Studio**, 2015-2016
  Assistant Technical Director

SOFTWARE

All of my software can be found on my GitHub page.

- mplEasyAnimate — Simple and easy animation library for use with matplotlib.
- astroSynth — Synthetic pulsating star light curve generation suite.
- pyBJD — Python bindings for Ohio state UTC to BJD conversion. [Deprecated]
- vectorPy — Python 3–vector package.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Effects of the Primordial Binary Fraction on Globular Cluster Evolution, 2018
- Applications of Deep Learning to Classification of PTF Data, 2018
- Applications of Machine Learning to the Classification of Pulsating Stars, 2017–2018
- A Search for Rapidly Pulsating Hot Subdwarfs in the GALEX Survey, 2016–2017
- Orbital Solution Analysis of Long Period sdB+F/G/K Binaries, 2015–2016