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Experience

Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian

ASTROPHYSICIST, CHANDRA DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Aug. 2022 - Present

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

NPP FELLOW

Pasadena, California

Oct. 2019 - Aug. 2022

Observatories of the Carnegie Institution for Science

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Pasadena, California

Sept. 2016 - Sept. 2019

Education

Michigan State University

PHD, ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS

East Lansing, Michigan

Awarded Aug. 2016

Advisor: Megan Donahue

Thesis: "Multi-Wavelength Observations of Galaxy Clusters: Population Evolution and Scaling Relations for Intermediate-Redshift Clusters"

MS, ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS

Awarded May 2013

Case Western Reserve University

BS, ASTRONOMY

Cleveland, Ohio

Awarded May 2011

Research

High-Redshift Quasars

Discovery and Analysis of $z > 5$ Quasars

Galaxy Clusters

Characterizing the Evolutionary Pathways of Cluster Members

The Cosmic Web

X-Ray Observations of Diffuse Cosmic Structures

Multiwavelength Synergy

Leveraging Insights Across All Observational Domains

My portfolio consists of 69 refereed publications, including 14 first-author publications, with an h-index of 26. I have been directly awarded over \$875,000, with accepted PI'd observations with *Chandra*, *XMM-Newton*, the *Hubble Space Telescope*, *NuSTAR*, the Jansky Very Large Array, Gemini, both Magellans, and the Palomar Hale Telescope.

Observations Awarded

Only observations for which I was the PI, US PI, and/or Observer are listed.

Chandra	PI: #27700055 195 ks to confirm a $z > 6$ quasar-companion system	2025
	Observer: #27700099 750 ks to map a high- z quasar overdensity	2025
	PI: #26700321 40 ks to trace $z \sim 6.2$ quasar variability	2024
	PI: #25700049 333 ks to study a strongly-lensed quasar	2023
	PI: #24700083 708 ks to find jets around high- z quasars	2022
	PI: #23700223 82 ks to observe a high- z quasar and companion	2021
	PI: #23800222 92 ks to observe an AGN-rich cluster at $z > 1$	2021
XMM-Newton	PI: #094284 257 ks Fulfill Programme to explore high- z radio-loud quasars	2023
	PI: #086378 260 ks Fulfill Programme to explore high- z radio-loud quasars	2022
	PI: #090286 Up to 195 ks to build a sample of double-lensed quasar fluxes	2021
	PI: #086378 186 ks to study a high- z radio-bright quasar	2019
Hubble Space Telescope	PI: #15198 5 orbits with the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph	2017
JWST	US PI: #03084 14.0 primary hours	Cycle 2
NuSTAR	PI: #8081 210 ks with 50 ks XMM of a luminous lensed $z > 3$ quasar	2022
	PI: #7291 225 ks targeting a high- z blazar candidate	2021
Very Large Array	Cost PI/Chandra Observer: #23A-179 11.0 hours and 45 ks of Chandra	2022
	PI: #22A-319 6.00 hours extending the depth of #21B-151	2022
	PI: #21B-151 6.00 hours to search for a radio signature of a high- z X-ray jet	2021
Magellan Telescopes	PI: 38.5 Nights Awarded	2017-2024
Gemini Observatory	PI: 1.0 hours	2020
Palomar Hale 200 Inch	PI: 13 Nights Awarded	2020-2022
Irénée du Pont Telescope	PI: 15 Nights Awarded	2017-2020

Conference Organization

25 Years of Science with Chandra Symposium	Boston, MA
CO-CHAIR, LOC	2024
High-Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy: A Chandra Workshop	Cambridge, MA
CHAIR, LOC	
EX-OFFICIO, SOC	2023
Science with the Line Emission Mapper: From Planets to Galaxies and Beyond	Cambridge, MA
CHAIR, LOC	2023
Ten Years of High-Energy Universe in Focus: NuSTAR 2022	Cagliari, Italy
MEMBER, LOC	2022

Professional Organizations

American Astronomical Society	Full Member
AAS HEAD	Member

Publications

PRIMARY (FIRST OR SECOND AUTHOR)

- 1 **Marcotulli & Connor et al.** 2025, *ApJL*, 927, 6
 “NuSTAR observations of a varying-flux quasar in the Epoch of Reionization”
- 2 **Connor et al.** 2024, *Univ*, 10, 227
 “Uncovering the First AGN Jets with AXIS”
- 3 **Connor et al.** 2022, *ApJ*, 927, 45
 “Gaia GraL: Gaia DR2 Gravitational Lens Systems. VII. XMM-Newton Observations of Lensed Quasars”
- 4 **Connor et al.** 2021b, *ApJL*, 922, 24
 “X-Ray Evidence Against the Hypothesis that the Hyper-luminous $z = 6.3$ Quasar J0100+2802 is Lensed”
- 5 **Connor et al.** 2021a, *ApJ*, 911, 120
 “Enhanced X-ray Emission from the Most Radio-Powerful Quasar in the Universe’s First Billion Years”
- 6 **Connor et al.** 2020, *ApJ*, 900, 189
 “X-ray Observations of a [C II]-bright, $z=6.59$ Quasar/Companion System”
- 7 **Connor et al.** 2019d, *ApJ*, 887, 171
 “X-ray Observations of a $z \sim 6.2$ Quasar/Galaxy Merger”
- 8 **Connor et al.** 2019c, *ApJL*, 884, 20
 “COS Observations of the Cosmic Web: A Search for the Cooler Components of a Hot, X-ray Identified Filament”
- 9 **Connor et al.** 2019b, *ApJ*, 878, 66
 “Assembling a RELIC at Redshift 1: Spectroscopic Observations of Galaxies in the RELICS Cluster SPT-CLJ0615–5746”
- 10 **Connor et al.** 2019a, *ApJ*, 875, 16
 “On the Origin of the Scatter in the Red Sequence: An Analysis of Four CLASH Clusters”
- 11 **Connor et al.** 2018, *ApJ*, 867, 25
 “Wide-Field Optical Spectroscopy of Abell 133: A Search for Filaments Reported in X-ray Observations”
- 12 **Bañados, Connor et al.** 2018, *ApJL*, 856, 25
 “Chandra X-Rays from the Redshift 7.54 Quasar ULAS J1342+0928”
- 13 **Connor et al.** 2017, *ApJ*, 848, 37
 “Crowded Field Galaxy Photometry: Precision Colors in the CLASH Clusters”
- 14 **Donahue, Connor et al.** 2017, *ApJ*, 835, 216
 “Observations of $\text{Ly}\alpha$ and O VI: Signatures of Cooling and Star Formation in a Massive Central Cluster Galaxy”
- 15 **Donahue, Connor et al.** 2015, *ApJ*, 805, 177
 “Ultraviolet Morphology and Unobscured UV Star Formation Rates of CLASH Brightest Cluster Galaxies”
- 16 **Connor et al.** 2014, *ApJ*, 794, 48
 “Scaling Relations and X-Ray Properties of Moderate-luminosity Galaxy Clusters from $0.3 < z < 0.6$ with XMM-Newton”

SECONDARY PAPERS

- 17 **Ighina, L., et al. (Connor, T: 3/22)** 2025, *ApJL*, 990, L56
 “X-Ray Investigation of Possible Super-Eddington Accretion in a Radio-loud Quasar at $z = 6.13$.”

- 18 **Ighina, L., et al. (Connor, T: 9/24)** 2025, A&A, 698, A158
“High- z radio quasars in RACS: I. Selection, identification, and multi-wavelength properties.”
- 19 **Rojas-Ruiz, S., et al. (Connor, T: 10/11)** 2025, ApJ, 985, 34
“First Measurements of Black Hole Accretion and Radio-jet Timescales in a Young Quasar at the Edge of Reionization.”
- 20 **Walter, F., et al. (Connor, T: 5/14)** 2025, ApJL, 983, L8
“Kiloparsec-scale Alignment of a Radio Jet with Cool Gas and Dust in a $z \sim 6$ Quasar.”
- 21 **Muhibullah, M., et al. (Connor, T: 6/13)** 2025, ApJ, 983, 47
“The Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey. XII. Exploring X-Ray Active Galactic Nuclei in Dynamically Active Massive Galaxy Clusters at $z \sim 1$.”
- 22 **Petit, Q., et al. (Connor, T: 6/24)** 2025, A&A, 696, A51
“Gaia Gral: Gaia gravitational lens systems: IX. Using XGBoost to explore the Gaia Focused Product Release GravLens catalogue.”
- 23 **Bañados, E., et al. (Connor, T: 3/24)** 2025, NatAs, 9, 293
“A blazar in the epoch of reionization.”
- 24 **Mazzucchelli, C., et al. (Connor, T: 6/16)** 2025, A&A, 694, A171
“The host galaxies of radio-loud quasars at $z > 5$ with ALMA.”
- 25 **Bañados, E., et al. (Connor, T: 6/10)** 2024, ApJL, 977, L46
“[C II] Properties and Far-infrared Variability of a $z = 7$ Blazar.”
- 26 **Thongkham, K., et al. (Connor, T: 8/11)** 2024, ApJ, 976, 186
“The Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey 2: Second Data Release.”
- 27 **Trudeau, A., et al. (Connor, T: 7/11)** 2024, ApJ, 972, 27
“The Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey 2: A Stacking Analysis Investigating the Evolution of Star Formation Rates and Stellar Masses in Groups and Clusters.”
- 28 **Decarli, R., et al. (Connor, T: 19/41)** 2024, A&A, 689, A219
“A quasar-galaxy merger at $z \sim 6.2$: Rapid host growth via the accretion of two massive satellite galaxies.”
- 29 **Greenwell, C. L., et al. (Connor, T: 14/35)** 2024, ApJS, 273, 20
“The NuSTAR Serendipitous Survey: The 80 Month Catalog and Source Properties of the High-energy Emitting Active Galactic Nucleus and Quasar Population.”
- 30 **Thongkham, K. et al. (Connor, T: 9/10)** 2024, ApJ, 967, 123
“The Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey 2: Equatorial First Data Release.”
- 31 **Saade, M. L. et al. (Connor, T: 4/15)** 2024, ApJ, 966, 104
“NuSTAR Observations of Candidate Subparsec Binary Supermassive Black Holes.”
- 32 **Loiacono, F. et al. (Connor, T: 15/34)** 2024, A&A, 685, A121
“A quasar-galaxy merger at $z \sim 6.2$: Black hole mass and quasar properties from the NIRSpect spectrum.”
- 33 **Kirkpatrick, J. D. et al. (Connor, T: 66/86)** 2024, ApJS, 271, 55
“The Initial Mass Function Based on the Full-sky 20 pc Census of ~ 3600 Stars and Brown Dwarfs.”
- 34 **Dobie, D. et al. (Connor, T: 13/29)** 2024, MNRAS, 528, 5880
“Gaia Gral: Gaia DR2 gravitational lens systems - VIII. A radio census of lensed systems.”
- 35 **Zou, S. et al. (Connor, T: 22/30)** 2024, ApJL, 963, L28
“A SPECTROSCOPIC survey of biased halos In the Reionization Era (ASPIRE): Impact of Galaxies on the Circumgalactic Medium Metal Enrichment at $z > 6$ Using the JWST and VLT.”

- 36 **Omoruyi, O. et al. (Connor, T: 19/22)** *2024, ApJ, 963, 1*
 ““Beads-on-a-string” Star Formation Tied to One of the Most Powerful Active Galactic Nucleus Outbursts Observed in a Cool-core Galaxy Cluster.”
- 37 **Yang, J. et al. (Connor, T: 22/56)** *2023, ApJL, 951, L5*
 “A SPECTROSCOPIC SURVEY OF BIASED HALOS IN THE REIONIZATION ERA (ASPIRE): A FIRST LOOK AT THE REST-FRAME OPTICAL SPECTRA OF $z > 6.5$ QUASARS USING JWST.”
- 38 **Wang, F. et al. (Connor, T: 23/59)** *2023, ApJL, 951, L4*
 “A SPECTROSCOPIC SURVEY OF BIASED HALOS IN THE REIONIZATION ERA (ASPIRE): JWST REVEALS A FILAMENTARY STRUCTURE AROUND A $z = 6.61$ QUASAR.”
- 39 **Bañados, E. et al. (Connor, T: 4/23)** *2023, ApJS, 265, 29*
 “The Pan-STARRS1 $z > 5.6$ Quasar Survey. II. Discovery of 55 Quasars at $5.6 < z < 6.5$.”
- 40 **Schindler, J.-T. et al. (Connor, T: 3/12)** *2023, ApJ, 943, 67*
 “The Pan-STARRS1 $z > 5.6$ Quasar Survey. III. The $z \approx 6$ Quasar Luminosity Function.”
- 41 **Koss, M. J. et al. (Connor, T: 14/26)** *2023, ApJL, 942, L24*
 “UGC 4211: A Confirmed Dual Active Galactic Nucleus in the Local Universe at 230 pc Nuclear Separation.”
- 42 **Decker, B. et al. (Connor, T: 4/17)** *2022, ApJ, 936, 71*
 “MaDCoWS XI: Stellar Mass Fractions and Luminosity Functions of MaDCoWS Clusters at $z \sim 1$.”
- 43 **Lagattuta, D. J. et al. (Connor, T: 13/21)** *2022, MNRAS, 514, 497*
 “Pilot-WINGS: An extended MUSE view of the structure of Abell 370.”
- 44 **Smirnova-Pinchukova, I. et al. (Connor, T: 9/19)** *2021, A&A, 659, 125*
 “The Close AGN Reference Survey (CARS): No obvious signature of AGN feedback on star formation, but subtle trends.”
- 45 **Rojas-Ruiz, S. et al. (Connor, T: 4/12)** *2021, ApJ, 920, 150*
 “The Impact of Powerful Jets on the Far-infrared Emission of an Extreme Radio Quasar at $z \sim 6$.”
- 46 **Gonzalez, A. et al. (Connor, T: 3/8)** *2021, MNRAS, 507, 963*
 “Discovery of a Possible Splashback Feature in the Intracluster Light of MACS J1149.5+2223.”
- 47 **Vito, F. et al. (Connor, T: 5/22)** *2021, A&A, 649, 133*
 “Chandra and Magellan/FIRE follow-up observations of PS0167-13: an X-ray weak QSO at $z = 6.515$.”
- 48 **Bañados, E. et al. (Connor, T: 7/20)** *2021, ApJ, 909, 80*
 “The discovery of a highly accreting, radio-loud quasar at $z = 6.82$.”
- 49 **Wang, F. et al. (Connor, T: 9/23)** *2021, ApJL, 907L, 1*
 “A Luminous Quasar at Redshift 7.642.”
- 50 **Dicker, S.R. et al. (Connor, T: 9/20)** *2020, ApJ, 902, 144*
 “The Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey. X. Initial Results from a Sunyaev-Zeldovich Effect Study of Massive Galaxy Clusters at $z > 1$ Using MUSTANG2 on the GBT.”
- 51 **Frisbie, R.L.S. et al. (Connor, T: 4/9)** *2020, ApJ, 899, 159*
 “Properties of the Hot Ambient Medium of Early-type Galaxies Hosting Powerful Radio Sources.”
- 52 **Holoien, T. et al. (Connor, T: 18/33)** *2020, ApJ, 898, 161*
 “The Rise and Fall of ASASSN-18pg: Following a TDE from Early to Late Times.”
- 53 **Moravec, E. et al. (Connor, T: 7/21)** *2020, ApJ, 898, 145*
 “The Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey. IX. High Radio Activity in a Merging Cluster.”

- 54 **Steinhardt, C.L. et al. (Connor, T: 35/95)** 2020, *ApJS*, 247, 64
“The BUFFALO HST Survey.”
- 55 **Gonzalez, E.J. et al. (Connor, T: 11/14)** 2020, *MNRAS*, 494, 349
“Setting the scene for BUFFALO: a study of the matter distribution in the HFF galaxy cluster MACS J0416.1-2403 and its parallel field.”
- 56 **Starikova, S. et al (Connor, T: 5/7)** 2020, *ApJ*, 892, 34
“Stellar-mass Measurements in A133 with Magellan/IMACS.”
- 57 **Chen, P., et al. (Connor, T: 17/24)** 2020, *ApJL*, 889, L6
“The Most Rapidly-Declining Type I Supernova 2019bkc/ATLAS19dqr.”
- 58 **DeMaio, T., et al. (Connor, T: 7/12)** 2020, *MNRAS*, 491, 3751
“The growth of brightest cluster galaxies and intracluster light over the past 10 billion years.”
- 59 **Johnson, S.D., et al. (Connor, T: 5/14)** 2019, *ApJL*, 884, L31
“The Physical Origins of the Identified and Still Missing Components of the Warm-Hot Intergalactic Medium: Insights from Deep Surveys in the Field of Blazar 1ES1553+113.”
- 60 **Holoien, T.W.S., et al. (Connor, T: 19/24)** 2019, *ApJ*, 883, 111
“Discovery and Early Evolution of ASASSN-19bt, the First TDE Detected by TESS.”
- 61 **Grossova, R., et al. (Connor, T: 11/16)** 2019, *MNRAS*, 488, 1917
“Powerful AGN jets and unbalanced cooling in the hot atmosphere of IC 4296.”
- 62 **Husemann, B., et al. (Connor, T: 11/18)** 2019, *A&A*, 627, 53
“The Close AGN Reference Survey (CARS). A massive multi-phase outflow impacting the edge-on galaxy HE1353-1917.”
- 63 **Juráňová, A., et al. (Connor, T: 11/12)** 2019, *MNRAS*, 484, 2886
“Cooling in the X-ray halo of the rotating, massive early-type galaxy NGC 7049.”
- 64 **Lakhchaura, K., et al. (Connor, T: 7/9)** 2018, *MNRAS*, 481, 4472
“Thermodynamic properties, multiphase gas and AGN feedback in a large sample of giant ellipticals.”
- 65 **DeMaio, T., et al. (Connor, T: 5/7)** 2018, *MNRAS*, 474, 3009
“Lost but not forgotten: intracluster light in galaxy groups and clusters.”
- 66 **Morrison, H.L., et al. (Connor, T: 5/13)** 2016, *AJ*, 151, 7
“Globular and Open Clusters Observed by SDSS/SEGUE: The Giant Stars.”
- 67 **Fogarty, K., et al. (Connor, T: 3/5)** 2015, *ApJ*, 813, 117
“Star Formation Activity in CLASH Brightest Cluster Galaxies.”
- 68 **Werner, N., et al. (Connor, T: 9/15)** 2014, *MNRAS*, 439, 2291
“The origin of cold gas in giant elliptical galaxies and its role in fuelling radio-mode AGN feedback”

Service and Leadership

CfA	Chair, AAS MegaBooth Committee (<i>informal</i>)
Chandra	Organizer, Big Project Panel of annual Peer Review
NuSTAR	Member of the Science Operations Center; Quality Assurance reviewer
Review Panels	NuSTAR, Chandra, NASA ADAP, other NASA peer review
Independent Reviews	ALMA, JWST, Gemini, Hubble, NASA FINNESST
Referee	<i>The Astrophysical Journal Letters</i> , <i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i>
Postdoc Representative	Co-Leader of the Carnegie Observatories Postdoc Association for two years
AAS	Founding Member of the Early Career Advisory Board Chambliss Poster Judge

Invited Talks and Colloquia

25 Years of Science with the Chandra X-ray Observatory

APS GLOBAL PHYSICS SUMMIT

Anaheim, California

March 2025

25 Years of Science with the Chandra X-ray Observatory

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

Lawrence, Kansas

November 2024

25 Years of Science with the Chandra X-ray Observatory

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

Stillwater, Oklahoma

April 2024

25 Years of Science with the Chandra X-ray Observatory

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

Manhattan, Kansas

April 2024

Growing the First Supermassive Black Holes

INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

Busan, Republic of Korea

August 2022

X-Rays from the Dawn of Time: Understanding the Growth of the First Supermassive Black Holes with X-ray Observations

HARVARD | SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS HIGH ENERGY – ASTROPHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

Virtual

March 2022

Lights at the Edge of the Universe: Exploring the Quasar Population at the Dawn of Time

HARVARD | SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS HIGH ENERGY – ASTROPHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

Virtual

March 2021

On the Nature of Galaxy Clusters as Archaeological Records

OBSERVATORIES OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTION FOR SCIENCE – COLLOQUIUM

Virtual

February 2021

Multiwavelength Insights into the Growth and Evolution of Galaxy Clusters

HARVARD | SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS – GALAXY CLUSTERS SEMINAR

Virtual

October 2020

Building a Galaxy Cluster

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT HUNTSVILLE – PHYSICS SEMINAR

Huntsville, Alabama

October 2018

Formal Collaborations

HEX-P Probe	Chair of Media and Communications Group
MaDCoWS	Photometric selection and analysis of $z \gtrsim 1$ galaxy clusters
Gaia GrAL	Machine-learning search for gravitational lenses in <i>Gaia</i>
BUFFALO	<i>Hubble</i> -based exploration of cluster outskirts
AXIS Probe	Member of AGN and Galaxies Science Working Groups
Athena	Member of Formation and Growth of Earliest SMBH Science Working Group

Honors & Awards

FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023	Chandra , Characterizing a dimming, high-redshift quasar	\$26,000
2024	XMM , Survey of radio-loud quasars	\$15,000
2023	Chandra , Confirmation and Characterization of a Lensed High-Redshift Quasar	\$82,243
2023	JWST , Spatially resolving a $z \sim 6$ radio-driven outflow	\$123,576
2023	Chandra , Characterizing the Largest (~ 40 kpc) Radio Jet in the First Gyr of the Universe	\$12,130
2022	Chandra , Surveying for Jets in the First Radio-Loud Quasars	\$222,128
2022	NuSTAR , Breaking the Lens: AGN Cutoff Energy Above Redshift 3	\$99,541
2022	JWST , The JWST-legacy narrow-band survey of $H\alpha$ and [OIII] emitters in the epoch of reionization	\$14,280
2021	Chandra , Do $z > 6$ Quasar Companions Host AGN?	\$59,840
2021	Chandra , An AGN census in a radio-active cluster merger at $z \sim 1$	\$62,200
2021	NuSTAR , The NuSTAR View of the Epoch of Reionization: Hard Energy Insights Into the Drivers of Early Quasar Superluminosity	\$20,000
2019	XMM , Unlocking Super-Eddington Accretion with the Most Distant Radio Source	\$71,514
2019	Chandra , Hunting down the first heavily obscured QSO at $z > 6$	\$5,000
2019	Fellowship , NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow	\$300,000
2017	HST , UV Observation of a QSO Sightline Intersecting an X-ray Identified Filament of the Cosmic Web	\$61,543
2016	Fellowship , Michigan State University College of Natural Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship	\$6,000
2016	Fellowship , MSU Physics Fellowship	\$1,702

AWARDS

2022	JPL Postdoc Research Award , Awarded for the best research poster in Astronomy & Astrophysics, one of five lab-wide categories	JPL
2016	Kaplan Award , Awarded for the best presentation of the year at the MSU Physics Grad Organization lunch talks	MSU
2012	Best Graduate TA Award , Awarded for the best graduate teaching assistant of the year in the MSU Department of Physics and Astronomy	MSU
2009	Peter Witt Scholarship , CWRU scholarship honoring students who have shown a dedication to community involvement	CWRU
2009	Case Alumni Association Scholarship , Awarded to CWRU students majoring in STEM based on merit, need, and skills	CWRU

Selected Education and Public Outreach

PUBLIC TALKS

Astronomy on Tap Hawai'i

25 YEARS OF CHANDRA: A QUARTER CENTURY OF COSMIC EXPLOSIONS, BLACK HOLES, AND STELLAR WINDS

Hilo, Hawai'i

October 2024

AAS 244 Exhibitor Theater

25 YEARS OF CHANDRA – SCIENCE FROM NASA'S X-RAY FLAGSHIP

Madison, Wisconsin

June 2024

Astronomy on Tap Madison

25 YEARS OF SCIENCE FROM THE CHANDRA X-RAY OBSERVATORY

Madison, Wisconsin

June 2024

CONFERENCE BOOTHS

2025 **AAS 246**, Led team of 5

Anchorage, AK

2025 **APS Global Summit**, Led team of 2

Anaheim, CA

2025 **AAS 245**, Led team of 6

Washington, DC

2024 **AAS 244**, Led team of 4

Madison, WI

2024 **21st HEAD Meeting**, Sole staffer

Austin, TX

2024 **AAS 243**, Led team of 10

New Orleans, LA

2023 **AAS 242**, Lead team of 8

Albuquerque, NM

2023 **APS April**, Lead team of 2

Minneapolis, MN

2023 **20th HEAD Meeting**, Lead team of 4

Waikoloa Village, HI

2023 **AAS 241**, Lead team of 8

Seattle, WA

PROGRAMS

Cambridge Explores the Universe

Organizing and running Chandra booth

Mt Wilson STEM Program

Overnight educational program for students

Carnegie Observatories Open House

Developed and ran Spectroscopy display

Observing Experience

OBSERVING

Magellan Baade Telescope

IMACS, IMACS-GISMO, FIRE, MAgE, FOURSTAR

Las Campanas Observatory, Chile

First: 2017

Magellan Clay Telescope

LDSS-3

Las Campanas Observatory, Chile

First: 2018

Hale Telescope

DBSP, TRIPLESPEC, WIRC

Palomar Observatory, USA

First: 2020

SOAR Telescope

GOODMAN, SOI, SPARTAN

Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory, Chile

First: 2012

Irénée du Pont Telescope

DIRECT CCD, ECHELLE, WFCCD

Las Campanas Observatory, Chile

First: 2017

Burrell Schmidt Telescope

DIRECT IMAGING

Kitt Peak National Observatory, USA

First: 2011

ADDITIONAL DATA REDUCED AND ANALYZED

Hubble Space Telescope

ACS/WFC3 IMAGING, COS SPECTRA

UV / Optical / IR

Chandra X-ray Observatory

ACIS IMAGING AND SPECTROSCOPY

X-Ray

XMM-Newton

EPIC IMAGING AND SPECTROSCOPY

X-Ray

Keck I

MOSFIRE IMAGING

Near-IR

Gemini-North

GMOS IMAGING

Optical

Mentoring and Supervision

Ben Phan

SPARK INTERN, TO PRESENT AT AAS 247

CfA

2025–

Gabrielle Oliva

SUMMER REU STUDENT, TO PRESENT AT AAS 247

CfA

2025

Will Kinley

SUMMER REU STUDENT, TO PRESENT AT AAS 247

CfA

2025

Katie Cranmer

CHANDRA IT SPECIALIST, PRESENTED A POSTER AT 2025 SUMMER AAS: “MADCoWS GET X-RAY VISION:

CROSS-MATCHING MADCoWS2, ERASS, AND THE CSC TO SEARCH FOR X-RAY EMISSION OF EARLY GALAXY CLUSTERS”

2024–2025

Osase Omoruyi

HARVARD ASTRONOMY PHD STUDENT, ADVISED WHILE HER OFFICIAL ADVISOR WAS ON PATERNITY LEAVE

Harvard

2023

Sophia Torrance

SUMMER STUDENT, PRESENTED A POSTER AT 2020 WINTER AAS: “EXPLORING GALAXY QUENCHING MECHANISMS IN

GROUPS AND CLUSTERS: A MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF RED SEQUENCE GALAXIES”

CASSI

2019

References

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