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Education

Rice University — *Houston, TX USA*

Ph.D. Physics — *2016-present (expected May 2019)*

- Thesis: Modeling Impulsive Heating in the Solar Corona (working title)
- Advisor: Stephen Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Rice University — *Houston, TX USA*

M.S. Physics — *2013-2016*

Baylor University — *Waco, TX USA*

B.S. Astrophysics — *2009-2013*

- Thesis: Astrophysical Applications of Dusty Plasma Physics, Advisor: Lorin Matthews, Ph.D.
- University Honors Program, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List
- Minors: Mathematics, Great Texts of the Western Tradition

Papers

Refereed Publications

W.T. Barnes, P.J. Cargill, S.J. Bradshaw — *ApJ, 2016*

Inference of Heating Properties from Hot Non-flaring Plasmas in Active Region Cores II. Nanoflare Trains — *doi: 10.3847/1538-4357/833/2/217*

W.T. Barnes, P.J. Cargill, S.J. Bradshaw — *ApJ, 2016*

Inference of Heating Properties from Hot Non-flaring Plasmas in Active Region Cores I. Single Nanoflares — *doi: 10.3847/0004-637X/829/1/31*

Conference Proceedings

W.T. Barnes, K.P. Dere — *16th SciPy Conference, 2017*

ChiantiPy: A Python Package for Astrophysical Spectroscopy — *doi: 10.25080/shinma-7f4c6e7-011*

Professional Service

SHINE Workshop

Discussion session co-organizer and co-chair (with S. Bradshaw and N. Viall) — *30 July-3 August 2018*

Topic: Signatures of Time-dependent Heating in Active Regions and the Slow Solar Wind

SPD/AAS Congressional Visit Day

Student Representative — *25 May 2018*

Visited senators and representatives to lobby for increase in NASA heliophysics budget

Presentations

Conference Talks

Triennial Earth-Sun Summit — *Leesburg, VA*

American Geophysical Union — *21-24 May 2018*

Timelag Analysis of Simulated Active Region Cores Heated by Nanoflares

Python in Astronomy 2018 — *New York City, NY*

Center for Computational Astrophysics, The Flatiron Institute — *30 April-4 May 2018*

A Complete fiasco - The Difficulties of Dealing with Atomic Data and a Possible Pythonic Solution

16th Python in Science Conference — *Austin, TX*

SciPy, Enthought — *10-16 July 2017*

ChiantiPy: a Python package for Astrophysical Spectroscopy

Coronal Loops Workshop VIII — *Palermo, Italy*
INAF IASF Palermo — *27-30 June 2017*
Constraining Nanoflare Heating Frequency with a Global Active Region Model

47th Annual Solar Physics Division Meeting — *Boulder, CO*
American Astronomical Society — *31 May-3 June 2016*
Hot Non-flaring Plasmas in Active Region Cores Heated by Single Nanoflares

Texas Undergraduate Astronomy Research Symposium — *College Station, TX*
Texas A&M University — *14 September 2012*
Dust Grain Charging in a Protoplanetary Disk

Seminars

NRL Solar and Heliospheric Physics Branch Seminar (Invited) — *Washington, D.C.*
Naval Research Laboratory — *11 July 2018*
Investigating Heating Frequency in Active Region Cores through Timelag Analysis of Forward Modeled Emission

Space Physics Seminar Series — *Houston, TX*
Rice University — *27 February 2017*
A Framework for Forward Modeling Solar Active Regions

Space Physics Seminar Series — *Houston, TX*
Rice University — *9 November 2015*
Impacts of Two-fluid Effects on Emission from Impulsively Heated Coronal Loops

Outreach

North Houston Astronomy Club Late Summer Gathering — *Conroe, TX*
Lone Star College-Montgomery Campus — *24 August 2018*
Why is the Sun So Hot? A Current Perspective on Coronal Heating

Posters

Solar Heliospheric and Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop — *Cocoa Beach, FL*
National Science Foundation — *30 July-3 August 2018*
Using Synthetic and Observed Timelags to Constrain Nanoflare Heating Frequency in Active Region Cores

Rice Data Science Conference — *Houston, TX*
Rice University — *9-10 October 2017*
Timelag Analysis of Global Hydrodynamic Simulations of Active Regions in the Solar Corona

Solar Heliospheric and Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop — *Saint-Sauveur, Quebec, CA*
National Science Foundation — *24-28 July 2017*
Modeling Observable Signatures of Nanoflare Heating Frequency in Active Region Cores

Solar Heliospheric and Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop — *Santa Fe, NM*
National Science Foundation — *11-15 July 2016*
Understanding the Impact of Nanoflare Heating Frequency on the Observed Emission Measure Distribution

Coronal Loops Workshop VII — *Cambridge, UK*
Unversity of Cambridge — *21-23 July 2015*
Effects of Ion Heating on Emission Measure of Coronal Loops in Active Region Cores

Triennial Earth-Sun Summit — *Indianapolis, IN*
American Astronomical Society — *26-30 April 2015*
Nonnegative Matrix Factorization as a Method for Studying Coronal Heating

44th Annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference — *The Woodlands, TX*
Lunar and Planetary Science Institute — *18-22 March 2013*
Dust Grain Growth in a Protoplanetary Disk: Effects of Location on Charge and Size

Software and Computing Skills

Languages	Bash, C, C++, Python
Scientific Computing	IDL, Mathematica, MATLAB, NumPy, SciPy, SLURM, TORQUE
Markup	CSS, HTML, LaTeX, markdown, reStructuredText
Other	continuous integration, documentation, testing, version control

Research Fellowships

NSF REU Research Fellowship *Waco, TX USA*

Baylor University, CASPER *June 2012–August 2012*

Received NSF REU fellowship to study dust grain charging and growth in protoplanetary disks.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship *Waco, TX USA*

Baylor University, Dept. of Physics *June 2011–August 2011*

Awarded summer research funding to investigate plasma physics of charged dust grains in Saturn's F Ring.

Students Mentored

Lily Han, Undergraduate (Rice), assisted in advising undergraduate thesis work *Oct. 2017-Apr. 2018*

Brandon Wang, High school intern, advisor for STEM research course *Apr. 2017-May 2018*

Tessa Wilkinson, Undergraduate, Google Summer of Code mentor (the SunPy project) *May-Aug. 2016*

Teaching Experience

ASTR 201: Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe *Rice University*

Guest Lecturer *Spring 2017*

Gave two guest lectures for non-majors astronomy course of approximately 70 undergraduate students. Topics covered included eclipses, phases of the moon, and the celestial sphere.

PHYS 102: Electricity and Magnetism *Rice University*

Lab Teaching Assistant *Spring 2014, Spring 2015*

Instructed lab sections of 40+ undergraduate students on topics including electrostatic interactions, magnetic induction, and basic circuits.

PHYS 101: Mechanics *Rice University*

Lab Teaching Assistant *Fall 2014, Fall 2015*

Instructed lab sections of 40+ undergraduate students on topics including kinematics, collisions, and simple harmonic motion.

Honors and Awards

Nov. 2018 **Metcalf Travel Award to the SDO Workshop**, Solar physics Division of the AAS

Nov. 2017 **Scientific Image Contest (Second Place)**, Wiess School of Natural Sciences, Rice University

July 2017 **Outstanding Student Poster Award**, SHINE Workshop

May 2016 **William and Elva Gordon Fellowship**, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Rice University

May 2016 **Chuoke Graduate Student Award**, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Rice University

2015, 2016, 2018 **Studentship Travel Award for SPD Annual Meetings**, Solar Physics Division of the AAS

April 2013 **URSA Scholars Week Outstanding Research Poster in Physics**, Baylor University

2009-2013 **President's Gold Scholarship**, Baylor University

2011, 2012 **Gordon K. Teal Scholarship**, Department of Physics, Baylor University

2010, 2011 **Herbert D. Schwetman Scholarship**, Department of Physics, Baylor University

Employment Experience

Office Assistant

Department of Physics, Baylor University *January 2010-May 2013*

Assisted with examinations and attendance for introductory astronomy class of approximately 300 students. Helped with departmental events and mailing as well as other miscellaneous duties.

Memberships

- Sigma Pi Sigma
- Phi Beta Kappa