

EDUCATION	<i>University of Maryland College Park - 2014-present</i>	
	Masters in Astronomy - Awarded 2016	
	PhD in Astronomy - Expected in 2020	
	<i>Vassar College - 2010-2014</i>	
	BA in Astronomy & Physics	
	Study Abroad: University of Edinburgh	Spring Semester 2013
AWARDS & HONORS	Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship	Spring 2020
	NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship (28 out of 180 selected)	2016 - present
	Hartmann Student Travel Grant for Division of Planetary Science meeting	2016
	Vassar College Departmental Honors in Astronomy	2014
	Vassar College Departmental Honors in Physics	2014
	Vassar College General Honors	2014
	Sigma Xi	2014
	Ethel Hickox Pollard Memorial Physics Award	2013
	Janet Murray '31 Memorial Scholarship	2013
RESEARCH	<i>University of Maryland</i>	2015-present
	Topic: The Tilts and Spins of Planets and Moons	
	Advisor: Dr. Douglas Hamilton	
	Summary: My dissertation's primary focus is on the origin of Uranus' 98° tilt within the context of ice giant formation. I used an N-body integrator (HNBody) to calculate the motions of the planets, and wrote numerical tools in C to calculate a planet's spin-state as a product of collisions or a secular spin-orbit resonance. My research has expanded to using hydrodynamic simulations (DISCO) to analyze the final spin periods of gas giants, and to explore how collisions may have shaped the orbital architectures of irregular satellite systems.	
	Talks:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Using collisions and resonances to tilting Uranus" at the 231st AAS meeting • "Continuing the investigation to tilting Uranus with a secular spin-orbit resonance" at the 49th DPS meeting • "Tilting Uranus without a Collision" at the 5th AstroCon DC meeting 	
	Poster:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "How do collisions shape the orbits of irregular satellites?" at the 50th DPS meeting • "Why is it so difficult to tilt Uranus?" at the 50th DDA meeting • "Tilting Uranus without a Collision" at the 48th DPS meeting 	
	<i>NASA GSFC Summer Internship</i>	2014
	Topic: Constraining cosmic ray origins through spectral radio breaks in supernova remnants.	
	Advisor: Dr. John Hewitt	
	Summary: I wrote a Python code to analyze Planck and WMAP data and compile a spectrum for supernova remnants as possible sources for cosmic rays.	

Poster: “Constraining Cosmic Ray Origins Through Spectral Radio Breaks In Super-nova Remnants” at the 225th AAS meeting.

Senior Thesis 2013-2014

Topic: Analyzing structure and activity in Hubble Deep Field elliptical galaxies.

Advisor: Dr. Debra Elmegreen

Summary: I used IRAF to conduct unsharp masking, take radial profiles, and conduct basic photometry of multiple elliptical galaxies in order to understand their internal structures as possible indicators of their formation histories.

Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium Summer Research Fellow 2013

Topic: Analyzing the causes of the black-drop effect observed during the 2012 Venus transit at Williams College.

Advisor: Dr. Jay M. Pasachoff

Presentation: Keck Northeast Astronomy Consortium Student Research Symposium at Vassar College.

Posters:

- “Observations of the Black-Drop Effect at the 2012 Transit of Venus” at the 223rd AAS meeting.
- “Recent KBO (Pluto/Charon and beyond, including Quaoar) Occultation Observations by the Williams College Team as part of the Williams-MIT Collaboration” at the 45th DPS meeting

Optical Science Center for Applied Research Summer Internship 2012

Topic: Reduced LIBS (Laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy) data for iron samples under Mars-like conditions in preparation for the Mars Science Laboratory.

Advisor: Dr. Noureddine Melikechi - Delaware State University

Other: Using Gaussian Optics Theory and ABCD Matrix Theory to figure out the correct focal lengths of lenses for a beam expander that will be used in future experiments.

Vassar College Observatory 2010-2012

Topic: Observing the periodicities of contact binary star systems VW Cep, OO Agr, Zeta Tauri, and Beta Lyrae using both photometry and spectroscopy methods from data taken at the Vassar College Observatory

Advisor: Dr. Fred Chromey

TEACHING

Teaching assistant at University of Maryland for Astronomy 101 2014-2016

Academic Astronomy Intern at Vassar College 2013-2014

Teaching assistant at the Williams College Planetarium 2013

Narrator of the movie “Colors and Motions of the Sun” 2013

Created by Professor Jay M. Pasachoff of Williams College

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym3W0A2GzFI>

Teaching Assistant at the Community Hebrew School in Poughkeepsie, NY 2012

RELEVANT SKILLS

Software: Jupyter, IRAF, ImageJ, DS9, Microsoft Office.

Languages: C, Python, Mathematica, LaTeX.

Telescope Maintenance: Vassar College Observatory

ACTIVITIES

Executive Secretary for NASA 2017, 2018

GRAD-MAP member and volunteer 2015-present

Society of Physics Students (SPS) member

2010-2014