

Department of Astronomy/Steward Observatory  
Internal Symposium

Kuiper Building Room 308

8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Friday, March 4, 2016

- 7:45-8:20 Coffee in Kuiper Atrium
- 8:20-8:30 Instructions
- 8:30-8:37 **Buell Jannuzi** – Introductory Remarks
- 8:37-8:44 **Beth Willman** – Dwarfs Around Dwarfs
- 8:44-8:51 **Brian Svoboda** – The Formation and Evolution of Protoclusters in the Milky Way
- 8:51-8:58 **Michelle Wilson** – A Spectroscopic Survey of the Fields of 28 Strong Gravitational Lenses: Lens Environments
- 8:58-9:05 **Alessandra Springmann** – Thermal Release of Labile Elements from Primitive Meteorites: Applications for Comets, Asteroid Sample Return Missions, and Asteroid Mining
- 9:05-9:12 **Grant Williams** – Whipping Supernovae into Shape
- 9:12-9:19 **Michi Baubock** – Validating Theoretical Approximations in Pulse Profile Modeling for NICER
- 9:19-9:26 **Megan Gralla** – AGN Environments with the Sunyaev Zel’dovich Effect
- 9:26-9:32 **Yifan Zhou** – The Discovery of Near-Infrared Variability of a Planetary Mass Companion
- 9:32-9:39 **Decker French** – Tidal Disruption Events Prefer Unusual Host Galaxies
- 9:39-9:46 **Barry Rothberg** – Monsters in the Making: The Evolutions & Properties of Intermediate Redshift ULIRGs
- 9:46-9:53 **Ya-Lin Wu** – Finding the Progenitor of SN 2016adj Using MagAO
- 9:53-10:00 **Vivien Parmentier** – The Cloud Composition of Hot Jupiter Atmospheres
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- 10:00-10:30 Coffee in Kuiper Atrium
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- 10:32-10:39 **Abhijit Saha** – Towards Sub-Percent Accuracy Spectrophotometry
- 10:39-10:46 **Kevin Wagner** – First Results from the Scorpion Planet Survey

- 10:46-10:53 **Peter Milne** – Revisiting Riess et al. 1998 in Light of UV-Optical Bi-Modality of Normal Type Ia Supernovae
- 10:53-11:00 **Jianwei Lyu** – Star Formation and AGN Activity in Quasars at  $z>5$
- 11:00-11:07 **Elisabeth Mills** – ALMA Observes Recent Accretion onto the Galactic Center Circumnuclear Disk
- 11:07-11:14 **Kevin Hainline** – What Can We Learn From Finding and Studying Obscured Active Galactic Nuclei?
- 11:14-11:21 **Michael Hammer** – Reversing Giant Planet Migration with Vortices
- 11:21-11:28 **Nick Ballering** – The Dust Composition of the Beta Pic Debris Disk
- 11:28-11:35 **Hao Yang** – Pressure-Dependent Changes in Light Curve Shape of Brown Dwarfs
- 11:35-11:42 **Daniel Apai** – Earths in Other Solar Systems

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Lunch 11:42-1:25

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- 1:30-1:37 **Nirav Merchant** – CyVerse: Clouds That You Like to Have Around
- 1:37-1:44 **Nirav Merchant Group**
- 1:44-1:51 **Asher Baltzell** – Findr: Doing Real Things with Virtual Computational Resources (For Finding Exoplanets)
- 1:51-1:58 **OPEN**
- 1:58-2:05 **Eric Butcher** – Research in the Autonomous Space Vehicles and Astrodynamics Laboratory
- 2:05-2:12 **Moriba Jah** – Space Object Behavioral Sciences: The Key to Understanding and Predicting the Space Object Population and its Evolution
- 2:12-2:19 **Chris Walker** – Terahertz Space Telescope (TST): A Far-Infrared Surveyor Concept
- 2:19-2:26 **Carolyn Raithel** – Constraining the Neutron Star Equation of State from Moment of Inertia Measurements
- 2:26-2:33 **David Ball** – Non-Thermal Particles as a Source of X-ray Flares in GRMHD Models of Sgr A\*
- 2:33-2:40 **Justin Spilker** – Running on Empty: Gas During the Buildup of Early Quiescent Galaxies
- 2:40-2:47 **Adam Bolton** – Lensed Lyman-Alpha Emitting Galaxies and CDM Substructure
- 2:47-2:54 **Steph Sallum** – Imaging Protoplanets
- 2:54-3:01 **Richard Donnerstein** – Object Subtraction for Detection of Ultra-Faint Galaxies

3:01-3:08 **Jennifer Kadowaki** – Low Surface Brightness Galaxies in the Dark Energy Survey

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3:08-3:40 Coffee Break in Kuiper Atrium

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3:40-3:47 **Ed Prather** – Teaching From a Worldviews Perspective in STEM

3:47-3:54 **Gurtina Besla** – Imprints of Tidal Interactions between the Magellanic Clouds in the Stellar Periphery

3:54-4:01 **Min-Kai Lin** – How to Fragment Protostellar Disks with Pen & Paper

4:01-4:08 **John Bieging** – Molecular Cloud Maps with the Heinrich Hertz Telescope: Toward a Universal Star-Formation Law

4:08-4:15 **Evan Schneider** – The Physics of Galactic Winds

4:14-4:22 **Kirk Hendricks** – What LBT-MODS Prism Data Can Do For You

4:22-4:29 **Federico Fraschetti** – Very-High Energy Steady Spectrum of Crab Nebula and Particle Acceleration

4:29-4:36 **Annalisa Calamida** – New Insights into the Galactic Bulge Initial Mass Function

4:36-4:43 **Jarron Leisenring** – Mid-IR Observations of Volcanism on Io

4:43-4:50 **Rixin Li** – On the Robustness of Particle Concentration by the Streaming Instability

4:50-4:57 **Dan Avner** – FRoST: Flagstaff Robotic Survey Telescope

4:57-5:04 **Nathan Smith (NAU)** – Thermophysical Modelling of Phobos

5:04-5:11 **Kathryn Neugent** – Using Dark Energy Camera Data to Find High Inclination NEOs

5:11-5:18 **Philip Massey** – A Runaway Red Supergiant in M31

5:18-5:25 **Gijs Mulders** – The Exoplanet Population around Low-Mass Stars

5:25-5:32 **Theodora Karalidi** – Weather Maps of Luhman 16A & 16B

5:32-5:39 **Megan Kiminki** – Eta Carinae Has Erupted At Least Twice Over the Last Millennium

5:39-5:46 **Marcia Rieke** – JWST Update: Houston We Have a Telescope

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Reception to Follow in Atrium