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Education

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSICS

1998-2004

- *Thesis: Revelations from Time Series Spectroscopy of Pulsating White Dwarf Stars*
- *Advisor: J. Christopher Clemens*

Hanover College

Hanover, Indiana

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR: PHYSICS

1994-1998

Work Experience

Space Telescope Science Institute

Baltimore, MD

DEPUTY PROJECT SCIENTIST FOR THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

Aug. 2020 – Current

- Science and budgetary oversight for the science operations of JWST.
- Oversight for the development and communication for JWST post-pipeline data analysis tools.
- Managed JWebinars, virtual courses on JWST data analysis developed to be held on an AWS cloud-hosted science platform.
- Organized events intended to inform the scientific community and STScI staff about the operations of JWST.

Space Telescope Science Institute

Baltimore, MD

SENIOR STAFF ASTRONOMICAL DATA SCIENTIST

Oct. 2017 – Oct. 2020

- Deputy Branch Manager for 5 mo. in 2020
- TESS Project Manager for MAST from 2019-2020
- Scientific input regarding archive services for exoplanet and time series data
- Improved MAST functionality for JWST observation planning
- Initial AWS Science Platform development of the Timeseries Integrated Knowledge Engine.
- Chaired the SOC for the TESS Data Science Workshop held at STScI

NASA Ames Research Center/SETI Institute

Mountain View, CA

KEPLER MISSION SUPPORT SCIENTIST

Jul 2010 – Jul. 2017

- Led the creation and evaluation of the final Kepler survey exoplanet catalog
- Developed automated vetting metrics to remove false alarms from the exoplanet catalog
- Interfaced with the MAST and NExScI Archives for Kepler and K2 data deliveries

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

VISITING SCIENTIST

Jul. 2008 – Jul. 2010

- Conducted research on variable stars and supernova progenitors

Delaware Asteroseismic Research Center, Univ. of Delaware

Newark, DE

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Jul. 2007 – Jul. 2010

- Organized >20 telescopes to simultaneously take time series observations for >3 weeks to resolve the frequencies of pulsating stars for the Whole Earth Telescope
- Developed software tools to organize and analyze time series photometry.
- Prepared proposals and conducted observations for Whole Earth Telescope runs

The Colorado College

Colorado Springs, CO

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Jul. 2004– Jun. 2007

- Taught undergraduate classes in Physics and Astronomy and provided research experiences for undergraduates.

Awards

HONORS

AURA	AURA Team Award , Awarded to the TESS Data Management and Archive Team	2019
NASA	NASA Silver Achievement Award , Awarded to the entire TESS group	2019
NASA	NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal , Individual award for leading the Kepler planet catalog	2018
NASA	NASA Ames Group Honor Award , Awarded to the Kepler Mission Archives	2017

GRANTS

PI	JWST Cycle 1 General Observer , A Search for the Giant Planets that Drive White Dwarf Accretion, \$249,546	2021
PI	TESS Cycle 4 Guest Investigator , Monitoring The JWST Spectrophotometric Standards	2021
Coll.	ADAP , SynDiff: Bayesian Difference Imaging for Optimal TESS Light Curves”	2021
PI	STScI Discretionary Research Funds , Evaluating the Frequency of TESS’ Exoplanet-like False Alarms, \$69,000	2020
Co-I	ADAP , Stellar Astrophysics Uniform Analysis of Hundreds of Thousands of Eclipsing Binaries, \$45,395	2020
PI	STScI Data Science Initiative Investigation , Serverless Search for Planets in the TESS Data, \$23,500	2019
Co-I	HST Cycle 27 , ID 15856: Search for Secondary Atmospheres in the L98-59 System, 28 orbits	2019
Co-I	TESS Guest Investigator Grant , Search the JWST Continuous Viewing Zone for Transits	2018
Co-I	TESS Guest Investigator Grant , White Dwarf Variability in the Ecliptic South	2018
Co-I	HST Cycle 25 , ID 15129: Completing Kepler’s Mission to Determine the Frequency of Earth-like Planets	2017
Co-I	Astronomical Data Analysis Program Grant , Formation and Circularization of Heartbeat Stars	2017
Co-I	K2 Guest Observer Grant , Discovery and Vetting of Exoplanets, \$250,000	2016, 2017
PI	K2 Guest Observer Grant , Discovery and Vetting Exoplanets, \$100,000	2015
PI	Kepler Guest Observer Grant , Study Tidally Induced Pulsations on Heartbeat Stars, \$36,000	2013
Co-I	NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program , Build 5 Skynet Telescopes in Australia	2010
PI	Hanover College Richter Grant , Observe and Record the 1998 Solar Eclipse	1998

Service

Panel	NASA Keck Time Allocation Committee , Panel Chair	2021-2022
Committee	STScI/JHU Colloquium , Committee Member	2021-2022
Member	American Astronomical Society , Chambliss Judge	2010-Current
Associate Editor	Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences , Exoplanets Section	2020-Current
SOC Member	Symposium, JWST: a new window on the Universe , EAS	2022
SOC Member	Special Session: “JWST, a great observatory nearing liftoff” , EAS	2021
Member	Exoplanet Exploration Program Analysis Group (ExoPAG) , Exoplanetary System Demographics Group	2018-Current
Author	The Kepler & K2 Missions , book edited by Steve Howell, proceeds go to charity	2019-Current
Public Talk	Dublin Mountain Partnership , Exoplanets and JWST	2019, 2022
Classroom Visit	Rogers Forge Children’s Center , Exoplanets for Preschoolers	2019
Panel	TESS General Investigator Cycle 2 TAC , Panel Chair	2020
SOC Chair	TESS Data Analysis Workshop , STScI	2019
Public Talk	San Francisco Amateur Astronomers , When Binary Stars get Funky	2016
Workshop	American Association of Physics Teachers Meeting , Using Kepler Data in the Classroom	2013, 2016
Co-instructor	Edna Mahn Correctional Facility for Women , College-Level Mathematics	2009-2010

Mentoring

Michael Kunz	Undergraduate Intern, STScI , Stellar Variability of Photometric Standards	2021
Jafr-Tayar Shabazz	NAC Undergraduate Intern, STScI , Citizen science search for stellar flares	2019
Daria Cara	High School Intern, STScI , Develop search of K2 data with new search algorithm.	2019
Veselin Kostov	Postdoctoral Researcher, GSFC , Discovery and vetting of exoplanets with K2	2018
Miles Currie	Research for Undergraduates Intern, SETI Institute , Develop detrending algorithm for K2	2016
Mara Zimmerman	Research for Undergraduates Intern, SETI Institute , Circularization of heartbeat stars	2015

Invited Presentations

Speaker	Future Science Enabled by TESS , AAS240 Splinter Session	2022
Invited Speaker	Machine Learning Club Debate , Will ML Accelerate Exoplanet Discoveries?	2021
Invited Speaker	Synergies between TESS and JWST , TESS Science Conference II	2021
Career Panel	Diverse Career Panel , Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science	2021
Career Panel	Careers Panel , NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoc Symposium	2021
Panel	TESS Data Analysis Panel , TESS Science Conference I	2019
Colloquium	Counting Exoplanets , University of Delaware, Dept. of Physics	2019
Invited Speaker	TESS Town Hall Closing Speaker , AAS 235, Hawaii	2020
Invited Speaker	One Telescope, Two Missions, Thousands of Exoplanets , TASC4/KASC11 Workshop, Denmark	2018
Colloquium	Kepler's Final Exoplanet Catalog , Villanova U.	2018
Invited Speaker	Kepler's Final Catalog of Exoplanets , American Geophysical Union Special Session on Exoplanets	2017
Invited Speaker	Kepler's Final Exoplanet Catalog , Kepler Science Conference IV	2017
Speaker	Heartbeat Stars , SETI Institute Lecture Series	2015

Public Media

Quoted	The Week , Explained: James Webb Space Telescope, the Successor to Hubble Telescope	Dec 24, 2021
Live Interview	NPR Science Friday , Kepler Unveils A New Crop Of Exoplanets	Jun 19, 2017
Quoted	USA Today , 10 new planets that could have life	June 19, 2017
Interview	NASA Ames Podcast , Susan Thompson Talks About Creating Kepler Planet Catalogs	Jun 19, 2017
Quoted	Phys Org , Heartbeat Stars unlocked in new study	Oct 24, 2016

Technical Skills

Software Development Tools: python, matlab, perl, git, svn

Science Tools: AstroPy, Astroquery, DS9, Period04, Lightkurve, Wqed, Jdaviz

Amazon Web Services: Lambda, EC2, S3

Communication Tools: Latex, HTML, Markdown, Jahia, MS Office

Publications

I have published 88 refereed papers under the names *S. E. Thompson* and *S. E. Mullally*. I am first or second author on 12 refereed publications. I have an h-index of approximately 40 and i10-index of 70. A full list of publications where I am an author can also be found in an ADS Library from the following link <https://tinyurl.com/susanemullallylibrary>

L. Cacciapuoti et al., 2022. "The TESS Triple-9 Catalog: 999 uniformly-vetted exoplanet candidates." Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

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