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Education

Bachelor of Science degree (2008) from Louisiana State University
- *Major: Physics with Astronomy concentration*
- *Minor: Mathematics*

Masters (2011) in Physics, Louisiana State University
Ph.D. (2013) in Physics, Louisiana State University
Post-doctoral Fellow in Department of Physics at Texas Tech University, 2013-2016
Post-doctoral Fellow in Department of Physics & Astronomy at Michigan State University, 2016-present

Invited Talks

University of Michigan – Astronomy Seminar, December 2016

Michigan State University — Astronomy seminar, October 2016

American Museum of Natural History Astronomy Seminar, April 2014

Texas A&M University Astronomy Seminar, October 2013

Professional Service

Chandra X-ray Observatory Time Allocation Committee member for Cycle 17

NSF panelist in June, 2016

LSST Milky Way working group member 2015-present. Chair of "Development of algorithms to select stellar tracers of different stellar populations - both variable and static" session in LSST Milky Way working group meeting, October 2015

LSST Observing Strategies white paper contributor, Milky Way Plane section.

Observing Experience

Lead Observer present for:

- SOAR Observatory, MSU membership time
  Instrument: Goodman Spectrograph. 7 nights, 2016-present
- McDonald Observatory
  Telescope: Otto Struve 82". Instrument: CQUEAN. 4 nights, August 2014
- CTIO, NOAO Proposal ID #2012-A0424
  Telescope: SMARTS 0.9m at CTIO. Instrument: Tek2K. 7 nights, June 2012
- CTIO, NOAO Proposal ID #2011-A0432
  Telescope: YALO 1m at CTIO. Instrument: Y4KCam. 7 nights, June 2011
- Las Campanas Observatory
  Telescope: Henrietta Swope Telescope at LCO. Instrument: SITe#3. 7 nights, June 2011

Assisting Observer for:

- CTIO, NOAO Proposal ID #2010-A0410
  Telescope: Blanco 4m at CTIO. Instrument: Mosaic-II. 8 nights, July, 2010
- McDonald Observatory
  Telescope: Otto Struve 82 in. Instrument: Argos. 14 nights, May, 2009

Outreach

Organized monthly "Science on Tap" and "Bad Science" Movie nights at Alamo Drafthouse Movie Theatre in Lubbock, TX, 2015-2016.

Assistant Moderator and Astronomy panelist of reddit.com/r/AskScience, an online community with over 14.7 million subscribers. 2013-present

Presented talk to Ionia High School astronomy students, 02-2017

Judged astronomy presentations for Ionia High School astronomy class, 05-2017

Presented an introduction to the solar system at Sycamore Elementary School in Holt, MI, 02-2017

Presented an introduction to the solar system at Wright Elementary School in Lubbock, TX, 02-2016

Judged solar system presentations at Wright Elementary School in Lubbock, TX, 02-2016

Presenter at "Astronomy on Tap" in Lansing, MI, 10-2016 & 11-2017

Public observing on small telescopes for MSU observatory, 2016-present

Led star parties for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, 2014-2015

Operator at the Landolt Astronomical Observatory for public viewing nights, 2012-2013

Operator at Highland Road Park Observatory for public viewing nights, 2012-2013

Led other graduate students in organizing monthly science talks, 2011-2012

Assisted in organizing monthly science talks for local high school students by researchers in various scientific fields, 2008-2011

Teaching

Taught 154 person lecture course ISP205 — Visions of the Universe, an introduction to astronomy for non-majors, at Michigan State University in Fall, 2017.

Taught 180 person lecture course Astronomy 1400 – Solar System Astronomy at Texas Tech University in Fall, 2014.

Center for Astronomy Education Workshop attended at 219th AAS meeting in Austin, TX

Mentored both undergraduates and graduate students in research projects at Texas Tech University, 2013-2015

Mentored undergraduates in research projects at Louisiana State University, 2011-2013, with some results presented at AAS meetings

Awards and Scholarships

Louisiana Board of Regents Fellowship

Louisiana Space Consortium (LaSPACE) Graduate Student Research Assistance

First Authorships

Papers:

- "Orbital Dynamics of Candidate Transitional Millisecond Pulsar 3FGL J1544.6-1125: An unusually face-on system" Britt, C.T. et al. ApJ, in press, arXiv: 170906087
- "Discovery of a long-lived, high-amplitude dusty infrared transient" Britt et al, 2016, MNRAS, 460, 2822
- "The relationship between X-ray luminosity and duty cycle for dwarf novae and their specific frequency in the inner Galaxy" Britt et al. 2015, MNRAS, 448, 3455
- "Photometry of Optical Counterparts of X-ray Sources in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt, C. T. , Hynes, R. I., Johnson, C. B., et al. 2014, ApJS, 214, 10B
- "New Interacting Binaries in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt, C. T., Torres, M. A. P., Hynes, R. I., et al. 2013, ApJ, 769, 120
- "Mass Determination of Optical Counterpart to CXO-GBS J174601.2-311224: an Extremely Short Period, Eclipsing, near-Roche Lobe filling RS Cvn", Britt et al. In preparation for submission to MNRAS.

Conference Proceedings:

- "The Variable Sky near the Galactic Plane" Britt, C. T. & Maccarone, T. J. 2015, LSST Milky Way Working Group Meeting, Steward Observatory
- "The Chandra Galactic Bulge Survey" Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Jonker, P. G. et al. 2015 Milky Way Astrophysics from Wide-Field Surveys, Royal Astronomical Society
- "An Isolated Forming Star in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Green, J. D., 2014 AAS HEAD, 14, #119.04
- "Dwarf Novae in the Galactic Bulge Survey – Observational Constraints on X-ray/ Recurrence Time Relations and Space Density", Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Hynes, R. I. et al. 2014 American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts #223, 223, #155.33
- "The Chandra Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt, C. T., Hynes, R. I., Jonker, P. G. et al. 2013 Astronomical Society of the Pacific Conference Series, CTIO 50th Anniversary Conference.
- "Variability of Optical Counterparts in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt, C. T., Hynes, R. I., Johnson, C. B. et al. 2013 American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts #221, 221, #421.01
- "Variability of Optical Counterparts in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt et al, 2012, xrb confE, 7B
- "New Interacting Binaries Identified by the Chandra Galactic Bulge Survey", Britt et al, 2012, AAS, 21915303B
- "Echomapping Sco X-1", Britt et al, 2010, HEAD, 11.4213B

Accepted Proposals:

- "Exploring New Dynamically Selected Black Hole Candidates Found in Quiescence" Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Jonker, P. G., et al. E-VLA, NRAO ID: 17B-227
- "Spectral Evolution of a Black Hole X-ray Transient" Britt, C.T., Maccarone, T. J., Gemini ID: GS-2017A-Q-84, GS-2016A-Q-87 , GS-2016B-Q-Q35, ToO untriggered
- "X-ray Spectroscopy of an Extreme outbursting Young Stellar Object", Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Green, J., et al. XMM ID#078322, 2015
- "Dynamical Mass Measurements of Eclipsing Candidate Black Hole Binaries Discovered in Quiescence" Britt et al. 2015, NOAO, prop 272
- "Spectroscopy of a New Candidate Black Hole Discovered in Quiescence", Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Hynes, R. I. et al, 2014 NOAO, prop 378B
- "NIR Spectrum of new Candidate FU Orionis Star", Britt, C. T., Maccarone, T. J., Green, J. 2014 NOAO, Gemini prop PW-2013B-006
- "Photometric Calibration and Bright Variables in the Chandra Galactic Bulge Survey" Britt et al, 2012 NOAO, prop 424A

Astronomers' Telegrams:

- "Brackett-Gamma emission in MAXI J1535-571", Britt, C.T., Bahramian, A., Strader, J., ATEL #10816, 1B
- "Swift J1910.2-0546: Optical Variability", Britt, C.T., Johnson, C.C., Hynes, R.I., ATEL #4195, 1B
- "ASASSN-16do confirmed as high inclination, low mass ratio CV", Britt, C.T., Maccarone, T., Strader, J. Chomiuk, L. ATEL #8987, 1B

Coauthorships

Papers:

- "Science-Driven Optimization of the LSST Observing Strategy", LSST Science Collaboration, et al. arXiv: 170804058
- "Spectroscopic classification of X-ray sources in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Wevers, T., et al, 2017, MNRAS, 470, 4512
- "Candidate Hα emission and absorption line sources in the Galactic Bulge Survey", Wevers, T., et al. 2017, MNRAS, 466, 163
- "CXOGBS J174954.5-294335: a new deeply eclipsing intermediate polar", Johnson, C.B., et al. 2017, MNRAS, 466, 129
- "Sco X-1 revisited with Kepler, MAXI and HERMES: outflows, time-lags and echoes unveiled", Scaringi et al. 2015, MNRAS, 451, 3857
- "Gemini spectroscopy of Galactic Bulge Sources: a population of hidden accreting binaries revealed?" Wu et al. 2015, MNRAS, 448, 1900
- "CXOGBS J173620.2-293338: A Candidate Symbiotic X-ray Binary Associated with a Bulge Carbon Star", Hynes, R. I., Torres, M. A. P., Heinke, C. O. et al. 2014, ApJ, 780, 11

- “HD 314884: a slowly pulsating B star in a close binary”, Johnson, C. B.; Hynes, R. I., Maccarone, T., et al. 2014, MNRAS, 444, 1584
- “Identification of 23 Accreting Binaries in the Galactic Bulge Survey”, Torres, M. A. P., Jonker, P. G., Britt, C. T., et al. 2014, MNRAS, 440, 365
- “Near-infrared counterparts to the Galactic Bulge Survey X-ray source population”, Greiss, S., Steeghs, D., Jonker, P. G., et al. 2014, MNRAS, 438, 2839
- “The Galactic Bulge Survey: Completion of the X-Ray Survey Observations”, Jonker, P. G., Torres, M. A. P., Hynes, R. I. et al. 2014, ApJS, 210, 18
- “CXOGBSJ174444.7-260330: a new long orbital period cataclysmic variable in a low state”, Ratti, E. M., van Grunsven, T. F. J., Jonker, P. G., et al. 2013, MNRAS, 428, 3543
- “The Orbital Period of Scorpius X-1”, Robert I. Hynes & Christopher T. Britt, 2012, ApJ, 755, 66H
- “Identification of Galactic Bulge Survey X-ray Sources with Tycho-2 Stars” Hynes, R. I., Wright, N. J., Maccarone, T. J. et al. 2012, ApJ, 761, 162
- “Radio sources in the Chandra Galactic Bulge Survey”, Maccarone et al. 2012, MNRAS, 426, 3057M
- “The Galactic Bulge Survey: Outline and X-ray Observations”, Jonker et al. 2011, ApJS, 194, 18J