Avery J. Schiff | Graduate Student

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Education

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO

Ph.D. in Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences (in progress)

August 2015-Present

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

B.A. in Physics with Honors Minor in Computer Science GPA: 3.83/4.0, summa cum laude September 2011–May 2015

Experience

Research.

Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP)

Boulder, CO

Advisers: Steven R. Cranmer and Axel Brandenburg

June 2015-Present

Research carried out while a graduate student at the University of Colorado

- Coronal heating with MHD wave mode conversion
 - Created poster and paper on simulating inverted temperature loops in the corona with a mixture of Alfvén wave and compressive wave heating.
- Viability of observing exo-CMEs with star shade occulter
- The f-mode as an active region precursor

Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

Adviser: Stephen J. Ratcliff

September 2014–May 2015

Research presented for undergraduate thesis

• Effects of Varying Metallicity in Solar-Like Stars

Williams College

Williamstown, MA

Adviser: Jay Pasachoff

June 2014-August 2014

Research Experience for Undergrads (REU) at Williams College

- Occultations by Pluto
 - Presented poster at Division of Planetary Sciences meeting, contributed to poster at AAS meeting and paper published in The Astronomical Journal.

Teaching and mentoring.

University of Colorado

Boulder, CO

Administrator of outreach/mentoring group CU-STARs

July 2016-Present

- Tutored undergraduate students in physics and astronomy courses
- Organized outreach trips in which undergraduate students taught at nearby high schools and middle schools
- Led discussions on difficulties encountered by undergraduate science students, particularly those from historically underrepresented backgrounds

Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

Physics TA, various physics courses

February 2013-May 2015

- Graded problem sets
- Ran help sessions

Service and Outreach

- Served on Graduate Student Concerns and Curriculum committee, 2015-17
- Hosted open-house nights at Sommers-Bausch Observatory at the University of Colorado several times a year, 2015-2016
- Presented at Fiske Planetarium in Boulder, Colorado as part of the Above & Beyond: Cosmic Conversations series with the talk "The Stories in our Stars."
- Served on National Solar Observatory/University of Colorado joint faculty search committee, 2016

Papers

- o Schiff, A. J., & Cranmer, S. R. 2016, arXiv:1608.04398
- o Pasachoff, J. M., Person, M. J., Bosh, A. S., et al. 2016, AJ, 151, 97

Posters

- Schiff, A., & Cranmer, S. R. 2016, AAS/Solar Physics Division Meeting, 47, #3.31
- Pasachoff, J. M., Person, M. J., Bosh, A. S., et al. 2015, American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 225, 137.15
- Pasachoff, J. M., Schiff, A. R., Seeger, C. H., et al. 2014, AAS/Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting Abstracts, 46, 419.01

Awards

o University of Colorado George Ellery Hale Graduate Student Fellowship: August 2015 - present