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## EDUCATION AND PAST POSITIONS

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### American Museum of Natural History

NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellow *October 2020 - Present*

### University of New South Wales

Associate Researcher, School of Physics *June 2019 - September 2020*  
Advisor: Dennis Stello

### Ohio State University

Ph.D. in Astronomy *August 2014 - May 2019*  
Dissertation: *Accurate red giant distances and radii with asteroseismology*  
Advisor: Marc H. Pinsonneault  
M.S. in Astronomy *December 2016*

### Princeton University

B.A. in Astrophysical Sciences, magna cum laude *June 2013*  
Thesis: *A study in weak lensing magnification with WISE AGN and SDSS galaxies*  
Minor in Theatre

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS ([ADS](#); H-INDEX 13 [26 MARCH 2021])

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24. **Zinn, J. C.** *Validation of the Gaia Early Data Release 3 parallax zero-point model with asteroseismology*, ApJ, in press
23. Warfield, J. T.; **Zinn, J. C.**; et al. *An intermediate-age alpha-rich Galactic population in K2*, AJ, Volume 161, Issue 3, 2021 ([arXiv:2102.03377](#))  
Co-advised Warfield
22. **Zinn, J. C.**; et al. *The K2 Galactic Archaeology Program Data Release 2: asteroseismic results from Campaigns 4, 6, & 7*, ApJS, Volume 251, Issue 2, 2020 ([arXiv:2012.04051](#))
21. Riess, A. G.; Casertano, S.; Yuan, W.; Bowers, B. J.; Macri, L.; **Zinn, J. C.**, Scolnic, D. *Cosmic distances calibrated to 1% precision with Gaia EDR3 parallaxes and Hubble Space Telescope photometry of 75 Milky Way Cepheids confirm tension with  $\Lambda$ CDM*, ApJL, Volume 908, Issue 1, 2021 ([arXiv:2012.08534](#))  
Corroborated the Gaia EDR3 parallax offset with asteroseismology

20. Silva Aguirre, V.; et al. (incl. **Zinn, J. C.**), *Detection and characterization of oscillating red giants: first results from the TESS satellite*, ApJL, Volume 889, Issue 2, 2020 ([arXiv:1912.07604](#))  
Provided *K2* asteroseismic results using my BAM pipeline
19. Sharma, S.; Stello, D.; Bland-Hawthorn, J.; Hayden, M. R.; **Zinn, J. C.**; (+ 32 additional authors), *The K2-HERMES survey: age and metallicity of the thick disk*, MNRAS, Volume 490, Issue 4, 2019 ([arXiv:1904.12444](#))  
Provided *K2* asteroseismic masses using my BAM pipeline
18. Grunblatt, S. K.; Huber, D.; Gaidos, E.; Hon, M., **Zinn, J. C.**, Stello, D., *Giant planet occurrence within 0.2 au of low-luminosity red giant branch stars with K2*, AJ, Volume 158, Issue 6, 2019 ([arXiv:1910.05346](#))  
Verified asteroseismic detections of planet hosts using my BAM pipeline
17. **Zinn, J. C.**; Pinsonneault, M. H.; Huber, D.; Stello, D.; Stassun, K.; Serenelli, A., *Testing the radius scaling relation with Gaia DR2 in the Kepler field*, ApJ, Volume 885, Issue 2, 2019 ([arXiv:1910.00719](#))
16. **Zinn, J. C.**; Stello, D.; Huber, D.; Sharma, S., *The Bayesian Asteroseismology data Modeling Pipeline and its application to K2 data*, ApJ, Volume 884, Issue 2, 2019 ([arXiv:1909.11927](#))
15. **Zinn, J. C.**; Pinsonneault, M. H.; Huber, D.; Stello, D. *Confirmation of the Gaia DR2 parallax zero-point offset using asteroseismology and spectroscopy in the Kepler field*, ApJ, Volume 878, Issue 2, 2019 ([arXiv:1805.02650](#))
14. Aguado, D. S.; (+ 230 additional authors); **Zinn, J. C.**; and Zou, H., *The fifteenth data release of the Sloan Digital Sky Surveys: first release of MaNGA-derived quantities, data visualization tools, and stellar library*, ApJS, Volume 240, Issue 2, 2019 ([arXiv:1812.02759](#))  
Checked surface gravity calibration using asteroseismic targets
13. Pinsonneault, M. H.; Elsworth, Y. P.; Tayar, J.; Serenelli, A.; Stello, D.; **Zinn, J. C.**; et al. (+ 30 additional authors), *The second APOKASC catalog: the empirical approach*, ApJS, Volume 239, Issue 32, 2018 ([arXiv:1804.09983](#))  
Confirmed systematics in *Kepler* asteroseismology by comparing to *K2*
12. Buder, S.; (+ 40 additional authors); **Zinn, J. C.**; and Žerjal, M., *The GALAH survey: second data release*, MNRAS, Volume 478, Issue 4, 2018 ([arXiv:1804.06041](#))  
Derived asteroseismic surface gravities from *K2* for spectroscopic calibration
11. Hon, M.; Stello, D.; and **Zinn, J. C.**, *Detecting solar-like oscillations in red giants with deep learning*, ApJ, Volume 859, Issue 1, 2018 ([arXiv:1804.07495](#))  
Vetted asteroseismic data used for machine learning training
10. Abolfathi, B.; (+ 345 additional authors); **Zinn, J. C.**; and Zou, H., *The fourteenth data release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: first spectroscopic data from the Extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey and from the second phase of the Apache Point Observatory Galactic Evolution Experiment*, ApJS, Volume 235, Issue 2, 2018 ([arXiv:1707.09322](#))  
Identified a systematic error in the secondary clump spectroscopic data

9. Albareti, F. D.; (+ 341 additional authors); **Zinn, J. C.**; and Zou, H., *The 13<sup>th</sup> data release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: first spectroscopic data from the SDSS-IV Survey Mapping Nearby Galaxies at Apache Point Observatory*, ApJS, Volume 233, Issue 2, 2017 ([arXiv:1608.02013](#))  
Checked surface gravity calibration using asteroseismic targets
8. **Zinn, J. C.**; Huber, D.; Pinsonneault, M. H.; Stello, D., *Evidence for spatially-correlated Gaia parallax errors in the Kepler field*, ApJ, Volume 844, Issue 2, 2017 ([arXiv:1706.09416](#))
7. Huber, D.; **Zinn, J. C.**; et al. (+ 18 additional authors), *Asteroseismology and Gaia: testing scaling relations using 2200 Kepler stars with TGAS parallaxes*, ApJ, Volume 844, Issue 2, 2017 ([arXiv:1705.04697](#))  
A companion paper to mine on spatially-correlated *Gaia* parallax errors
6. **Zinn, J. C.**; Kochanek, C. S.; et al. (+ 12 additional authors), *Variable classification in the LSST era: exploring a model for quasi-periodic light curves*, MNRAS, Volume 468, Issue 2, 2017 ([arXiv:1612.04834](#))
5. Kennedy, M. R.; Callanan, P.; Garnavich, P. M.; Fausnaugh, M.; **Zinn, J. C.**, *XMM-Newton observations of the peculiar cataclysmic variable Lanning 386: X-ray evidence for a magnetic primary*, MNRAS, Volume 466, Issue 2, 2017 ([arXiv:1612.04397](#))  
Obtained spectroscopic data for Lanning 386
4. Stello, D.; **Zinn, J. C.**; et al. (+ 12 additional authors), *The K2 Galactic Archaeology Program Data Release 1: asteroseismic results from Campaign 1*, ApJ, Volume 835, Issue 1, 2017 ([arXiv:1611.09852](#))  
Contributed asteroseismic data using my BAM pipeline
3. More, A.; Oguri, M.; Kayo, I.; **Zinn, J. C.**; et al. (+ 14 additional authors), *The SDSS-III BOSS quasar lens survey: discovery of 13 gravitationally lensed quasars*, MNRAS, Volume 456, Issue 2, 2016 ([arXiv:1509.07917](#))  
Identified three of the 13 presented lenses using a spectroscopic approach
2. Slepian, Z.; Gott, R.; and **Zinn, J. C.**, *A one-parameter formula for testing slow-roll dark energy: observational prospects*, MNRAS, Volume 438, Issue 3, 2014 ([arXiv:1301.4611](#))  
Quantified anticipated constraints using Cosmic Microwave Background data
1. (+ 493 additional authors); **Zinn, J. C.**, *The ninth data release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: first spectroscopic data from the SDSS-III Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey*, ApJS, Volume 203, Issue 2, 2012 ([arXiv:1207.7137](#))

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, AND RECOGNITION

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Astrophysical Journal, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, and Astronomy & Astrophysics referee

AAS Astronomy Ambassador 2019 – Present

AAS Doxsey Travel Prize 2019

Ann S. Tuttle Citizenship, Engagement, and Outreach Prize 2018

Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics Graduate Fellowship	2019
Junior Member, American Astronomical Society	2016 – Present
Member, Sigma Xi	2013 – 2019

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

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AMNH Astro Seminar <i>Accurate asteroseismology for Galactic archaeology in the Gaia era</i>	September 2020
AAS 235 <i>Testing the radius scaling relation with Gaia DR2 in the Kepler field</i>	January 2020
Centre College, Danville, KY <i>Red giant asteroseismology and the Galaxy (invited talk)</i>	April 2019
AAS 233 <i>Self-consistent radius and distance scales from red giant asteroseismology using K2, Kepler, and Gaia</i>	January 2019
SDSS-IV Collaboration Meeting <i>APOKASC-Gaia self-consistency, Round II: mutually testing scaling relations and parallax systematics with the second data releases of APOKASC and Gaia (contributed talk)</i>	June 2018
Galactic Archaeology, Kepler & K2 Science Conference IV <i>Mind the GAP: a 360 degree view of the Galaxy with the K2 Galactic Archaeology Program (contributed talk)</i>	June 2017
Galactic Archaeology with Kepler and K2, AAS 229 <i>K2 red giant asteroseismology with Bayesian Asteroseismology data Modeling (BAM) (invited talk)</i>	January 2017

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

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<i>Facilitator</i> (telescope nights & hands-on activities in Sydney)	2019 – 2020
<i>Show presenter and designer</i> , Ohio State University planetarium	2014 – 2019
<i>Organizer</i> , Astronomy on Tap (informal lectures at local bars)	2015 – 2016

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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<i>Life in the universe</i> , Head lab instructor, Ohio State University	2014
<i>Krisann Stephany</i> , Ohio State Astro. undergrad & SURP researcher Supervised her development of a planetarium show, “Origin of the elements”, and aligning its content to national education standards. Collaborated with local teachers for her to create and implement a middle school module based on the show.	2018 – 2019

*Jack Warfield*, Ohio State University Astronomy undergrad *2018 – Present*  
Co-supervised his generation of a *K2* asteroseismology–APOGEE catalogue, and subsequent investigations of an asteroseismically-young, chemically-old stellar population.

## OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

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LBT Observatory, Large Binocular Telescope *June 2016*  
Instrument: Multi-Object Double CCD Spectrograph/Imager; Large Binocular Camera; LUCI (infrared spectrograph/imager)  
Description: Ohio State queue observing — **88 hours**

MDM Observatory, 2.4m Hiltner Telescope *September 2015*  
Instrument: Ohio State Multi-Object Spectrograph (Blue)  
Description: Ohio State queue observing — **88 hours**

MDM Observatory, 2.4m Hiltner Telescope *June 2015*  
Instrument: Ohio State Multi-Object Spectrograph (Red)  
Description: Deep imaging and spectroscopy of lens candidates, **Principal Investigator** — **24 hours**

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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<b>Languages</b>	Python, bash, IDL, Cython, SQL, Fortran
<b>Tools</b>	Latex, Emacs, Starry Night, Scidome, git