

Will Waldron | Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Doctorate of Philosophy in Physics

Huntsville, AL

August 2016 - August 2022

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Master of Science in Physics

Huntsville, AL

August 2014 - May 2016

Harding University

Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics

Searcy, AR

August 2010 - May 2014

KEY SKILLS

- *Physics Specialties:* Infrared Sensors; Radiometry; Galaxies in Clusters
- *Technical Skills:* Data Analysis; High Dimensional, Non-Parametric Statistics; Image Processing
- *Computer Languages:* C++; Fortran; LaTeX; Mathematica; MATLAB; Python (preferred)
- *Operating Systems:* CentOS; Linux Mint; Ubuntu; Windows
- *Other Skills:* Atlassian Products

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

PhD Research: Star Formation in the Tail of ESO 137-001

August 2016 - December 2022

- Seeking to understand star formation in tails of galaxies that have spectacular RPS tails
- Utilize image reduction techniques to identify sources in Hubble Space Telescope (HST) images of galaxy tail
- Identified error in the data reduction technique of a Yale collaborator
- Assist new PhD students in their studies

Recent Research

August 2022 - Present

- Generalized my PhD galaxy reduction pipeline to improve quality and turn-around time of *Hubble* images.

EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Lecturer

Huntsville, AL

August 2024 - Present

- Teach introductory undergraduate Physics courses including University Physics I & II

Harding University*Assistant Professor***Searcy, AR***August 2019 - May 2024*

- Teach introductory and advanced undergraduate Physics courses including:
 - Introductory Astronomy
 - College Physics I & II
 - Modern Physics
 - Analytical Mechanics
 - Electromagnetic Theory
 - Senior Physics Capstone I (Applications & Experimentation)
- Assist with liberal arts renewal in the natural sciences.
- Help with vision and planning for Harding's Gilliam Biological Research Station.
- Work with colleagues to teach them Python.

Dynetics, Inc.*Research Analyst***Huntsville, AL***April 2015 - July 2019*

- Created software solutions to explore and analyze data using high-dimensional, non-parametric statistics
 - Presented software at the Naval Applications in Machine Learning workshop
 - Software is now receiving cross-branch recognition
- Studied classifiers (including deep neural networks) and their effectiveness
- Tested and modeled infrared systems including the radiometry from source to sensor
 - Worked on a software team to create a toolkit to compare imagery
 - Utilized image processing techniques for infrared data post-processing
 - Assisted in design of infrared, radiometric simulations

Harding University*Research Assistant***Searcy, AR***August 2013 - August 2014*

- Assisted Dr. David Burks during his authorship of *Camaraderie*
 - Contacted and helped integrate input from third party contributors such as alumni and faculty
 - Sifted through thousands of images in search of good fits for the book
 - Performed preliminary editing before sending copies to the editor

Harding University*Student Association President***Searcy, AR***May 2012 - May 2013*

- Acted as the mediator between students and administration
- Instrumental in transition between Presidents Burks and McLarty by participating on the Transition Committee and reconciling campus unrest throughout the year
- Worked with a team to send students to Louisiana after Hurricane Isaac to aid in cleanup
- Spoke in chapel on multiple occasions as well as was a student lecturer during the 2012 Bible Lectureships

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Harding University Trustees Scholar
- Dean's List at both schools at all levels
- Member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Chi and the American Studies Institute

CONFERENCES

- Naval Applications in Machine Learning 2019
 - Presented statistical software which I authored
 - Supplemented presentation of deep learning paper, “Characterizing Inter-Layer Functional Mappings of Deep Learning Models”
- SPIE Defense and Commercial Sensing 2019
 - Presented partial differential equation paper, “A Method for Solving 2D Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations Exemplified by the Heat-Diffusion Equation”
- Attended First Results from *James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)* Conference in December 2022

REFERENCES

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Publications

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