

# Erika Wagoner

## Graduate Research Assistant

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As a student doing research in astrophysics, I have extensive experience with modeling, statistics, and data visualization. My graduate research has also involved analysis of large survey data for cosmology. As such, I am very familiar with the challenges of data handling and analysis. I also audited one session of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) Data Science Fellowship Program (DSFP), which covered topics including continuous integration, code documentation, and database creation and queries.

As a member of both the Dark Energy Survey (DES) and the LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration (DESC), I have experience in working in collaboration with others. I have also helped advise undergraduate researchers working with my PhD advisor, Dr. Eduardo Rozo.

## Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Physics, University of Arizona 2015–2020  
Research focused on large scale structure methods and measuring the cosmic expansion rate using velocity dispersions around galaxy clusters. Used galaxy catalog data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey and the Dark Energy Survey as well as mock catalogs.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Astronomy, The Ohio State University 2013–2014  
Worked with Dr. Jennifer Johnson and Dr. Sarah Schmidt. Research focused on modeling M Dwarf colors, temperatures, and metallicities. Used data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey and stellar isochrone models. Part of the Summer Undergraduate Research Program in Astronomy at OSU.

**Undergraduate Researcher**, Department of Physics, The Ohio State University 2012  
Worked with Dr. L Stanley Durkin. Research focused on testing upgraded board design for the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector.

## Education

**Philosophy Doctor (Ph.D.)**, Dep. of Physics, University of Arizona, USA 2020  
Subject of dissertation: Measurement of  $H_0$  using velocity dispersions of galaxies in clusters. Advisor: Dr. Eduardo Rozo. Other committee members: Dr. Elisabeth Krause, Dr. Sam Gralla, Dr. Elliott Cheu, and Dr. Charles Wolgemuth.

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.)**, Deps. of Physics and Astronomy, The Ohio State University, USA 2014  
Graduated *magna cum laude* (GPA 3.712), with honors in the Arts and Sciences, and with honors research distinction in Astronomy and Astrophysics. Successfully completed and defended an **undergraduate thesis**. Thesis advisors: Dr. Jennifer Johnson and Dr. Sarah Schmidt. Committee: Dr. L. Stanley Durkin and Dr. Donald Terndrup.

## Teaching

**Teaching Assistant**, **Introductory Physics** Fall 2014  
Undergraduate course Physics 141, University of Arizona

**Undergraduate tutor**, **Physics (various)** 2011–2014  
Various undergraduate physics courses, The Ohio State University

**Computer skills** Programming languages: Python, C/C++, SQL, Mathematica

Markup languages: HTML, CSS, Markdown, reStructuredText,  $\LaTeX$

Operating systems: Windows, macOS, Linux

Other: Git, Bash, Microsoft Office, LibreOffice, Keynote, Numbers, Pages

## Languages

Native language: **English**, Semi-fluent: **French**

## Talks and Presentations

- [1] Systematics Mitigation with Gaussian Processes  
Dark Energy Survey Collaboration Meeting, University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2019

## Honors and Awards

- [1] LSST DESC Travel Grant  
*Summer 2018*
- [2] Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant  
University of Arizona, *Spring 2018*
- [3] Graduation Honors (B.S.)  
*magna cum laude*  
with honors in Arts and Sciences  
with honors research distinction in Astronomy and Astrophysics
- [4] Smith Senior Award  
The Ohio State University Department of Physics, *Spring 2014*
- [5] Runner-up, Denman Undergraduate Research Forum  
The Ohio State University, *Spring 2014*
- [6] Smith Junior Award  
The Ohio State University Department of Physics, *Spring 2013*

## Publications

### Theses

- [1] Testing Stellar Models for M Dwarfs  
Wagoner. Bachelor's thesis, The Ohio State University, May 2014. HDL: [1811/60400](https://hdl.handle.net/1811/60400)

### Peer-reviewed journals

- [1] Core Cosmology Library: Precision Cosmological Predictions for LSST  
Chisari, Alonso, Krause, Leonard, Bull, Neveu, Villarreal, Singh, McClintock, Ellison, Du, Zuntz, Mead, Joudaki, Lorenz, Tröster, Sanchez, Lanusse, Ishak, Hlozek, Blazek, Campagne, Almoubayyed, Eifler, Kirby, Kirkby, Plaszczynski, Slosar, Vrstil, Wagoner, LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration. 2019, *ApJS*, 242, p. 2. DOI: [10.3847/1538-4365/ab1658](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4365/ab1658). arXiv: [1812.05995](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.05995)
- [2] Examining the relationships between colour,  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , and [M/H] for APOGEE K and M dwarfs  
Schmidt, Wagoner, Johnson, Davenport, Stassun, Souto, Ge. 2016, *MNRAS*, 460, pp. 2611–2624. doi: [10.1093/mnras/stw1139](https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stw1139). arXiv: [1605.03732](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.03732)

### Peer-reviewed conferences and workshops

- [1] Using APOGEE Data to Examine Late-K and Early-M Dwarfs  
Schmidt, Wagoner, Johnson, Gregorio Fernandez Trincado, Robin, Reyle, Terrien, Allende-Prieto, Hearty, Majewski, Schiavon. *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts #225*, 2015

### Published code

- [1] CCL: Core Cosmology Library  
Chisari, Alonso, Krause, Leonard, Bull, Neveu, Villarreal, Singh, McClintock, Ellison, Du, Zuntz, Mead, Joudaki, Lorenz, Troester, Sanchez, Lanusse, Ishak, Hlozek, Blazek, Campagne, Almoubayyed, Eifler, Kirby, Kirkby, Plaszczynski, Slosar, Vrstil, Wagoner. 2019. ascl: [1901.003](https://ascl.net/1901.003)