

Riley McGlasson

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Education

Purdue University

PhD, Planetary Sciences

Macalester College

B.A., Physics (Astronomy emphasis) and Mathematics Minor

Acquincum Institute of Technology, Budapesti Műszaki Egyetem

Semester in Computer Science Abroad

West Lafayette, IN

2020 – Present

Saint Paul, MN

2016–2020

Budapest, Hungary

Fall 2018

Research Experience and Professional Preparation

Graduate Research Assistant

Purdue University

Advisor: Dr. Ali Bramson

- Analyzing SHARAD radar observations of Mars' polar regions.
- Developing Martian radar analog lab capabilities for the Bramson Lab.

Astronomy Ranger Intern

Bryce Canyon National Park

- Developed and presented astronomy interpretive programs.
- Led educational “telescope tours” of planets, constellations, and deep sky objects to visitors of Bryce Canyon National Park.
- Presented “A Message to the Universe”, a public talk about the Voyager missions, to 100+ visitors at the Bryce Canyon Annual Astronomy Festival.

REU Student Researcher

Arecibo Observatory

Advisor: Dr. Sean Marshall and Dr. Flaviane Venditti

- Developed a shape model for the potentially hazardous asteroid Midas.
- Performed approximately 50 radar observations of near-Earth asteroids using the Arecibo 305-meter radio telescope.

REU Student Researcher

University of Alabama in Huntsville/NASA MSFC

Advisor: Dr. Navdeep Panesar

- Studied the magnetic origins of solar coronal jets.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Macalester College

Advisor: Dr. John Cannon

- Performed the first characterization of the neutral ISM in two local volume dwarf galaxies using the HI 21cm spectral line.
- Determined cluster membership for galaxies around the Pisces-Perseus Supercluster, as part of the Arecibo Pisces-Perseus Supercluster Survey.

West Lafayette, IN

August 2020 – Present

Bryce, UT

Summer 2019

Arecibo, Puerto Rico

Summer 2018

Huntsville, AL

Summer 2017

Saint Paul, MN

Spring 2017

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

1. **McGlasson, R. A.**, Bramson, A. M., Morgan, G. A., Sori, M. M., (2023). Varied Histories of Outlier Polar Ice Deposits on Mars. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, 128, e2022JE007592.
2. Virkki, A. K., Marshall, S. E., Venditti, F., et al. (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2022). Arecibo Planetary Radar Observations of Near-Earth Asteroids: 2017 December - 2019 December. *Planetary Science Journal*, 3, 222.

3. Sori, M.M., Becerra, P., Bapst, J., Byrne, S., and **McGlasson, R. A.**, (2022). Orbital forcing of Martian climate revealed in an outlier ice deposit. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 49, e2021GL097450.
4. **McGlasson, R. A.**, Marshall, S. E., Venditti, F., et al. (2022). Radar and Lightcurve Observations and a Physical Model of Potentially Hazardous Asteroid 1981 Midas. *The Planetary Science Journal*, 3, 35.
5. **McGlasson, R. A.**, Panesar, N. K., Sterling, A. C., Moore, R. L., (2019). Magnetic Flux Cancellation as the Trigger Mechanism of Solar Coronal Jets. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 882, 16.
6. Cannon, J.M., Shen, Z., et al. (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2018). Delayed Stellar Mass Assembly in the Low Surface Brightness Dwarf Galaxy KDG 215. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 864, L14.
7. Bralts-Kelly, L., Bulatek, A. M., et al. (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2017). First Characterization of the Neutral ISM in Two Local Volume Dwarf Galaxies. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 848, L10.

Conference Posters and Presentations

* Indicates R. A. McGlasson is presenting author

† Indicates oral presentation

1. ***McGlasson, R.A.**, Sori, M.M., Bramson, A.M., Lalich, D.E. (2023). Radar Sounding Observations Reveal Stratigraphic Similarity Between Ice Deposits at the Polar Cap and in Korolev Crater on Mars. AAS Division of Planetary Sciences (DPS), #222.
2. ***McGlasson, R.A.**, Bramson, A.M., Sori, M.M., Lalich, D.E. (2023). Time Series Analysis and Geologic Modeling of Radar Reflectors within Polar Outlier Ice Deposits in Korolev and Burroughs Craters on Mars. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2118.
3. †Sori, M.M., Laferriere, K.L., Burkman, K.S., Herring, J., Klidas, A., Manelski, H.T., **McGlasson, R.A.**, Menten, S.M., Pamerleau, I.F., Pérez-Cortés S.L. (2023). Hollows as a Source for Mercury's Polar Organics. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #1103.
4. †Broad, K.E., Sadler, B.O., Hoover, S.L., James, P.B., Robitaille, B.A., Büttner, C., Schmitt, D.R., **McGlasson, R.**, Bramson, A.M., Sori, M. M., Hutton, L. M., Delph, J. R. (2023). A Gravity Survey of the Kentland Crater Formation. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2715.
5. Hoover, S.L., Broad, K.E., Sadler, B.O., James, P.B., Robitaille, B.A., Büttner, C., Schmitt, D.R., Bramson, A.M., Sori, M.M., Hutton, L.M., **McGlasson, R.** (2023). A Gravity Gradient Method for Calculating Bulk Density in Topographically Complex Areas. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2857.
6. Bramson, A.M., Laferriere, K., Izquierdo, K., **McGlasson, R.** (2022). Constraining Mars' Polar Environment through Multi-faceted Analyses of Orbital GPR Data. 19th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar.
7. ***McGlasson, R. A.**, Sori, M. M., Bramson, A. M., (2022). A Significant Periodicity of NPLD Layers as Revealed by SHARAD Observations. 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2063.
8. *†**McGlasson, R. A.**, Bramson, A. M., Morgan, G. A., Sori, M. M., (2021). Subsurface Radar Observations of Outlier Polar Ice Deposits on Mars. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021, #P32D-05.
9. Sori, M.M., Becerra, P., McGlasson, R.A., Bapst, J., Byrne, S. (2021), Morphology of crater ice deposits on Mars reveals Earth-like Milankovitch climate forcing, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021, 812204.
10. *†**McGlasson, R. A.**, Bramson, A. M., Morgan, G. A., Sori, M. M., (2021). Subsurface Radar Observations of Outlier Polar Ice Deposits on Mars. 52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #1649.
11. Repp, D. W., Marshall, S. E., et al. (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2020). Shape modeling of potentially hazardous asteroid 2015 DP155 from radar and lightcurve observations. 51st Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2897.
12. Taylor, P. A., Rivera-Valentín, E. G., (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2019). Radar and Optical Observations of Equal-Mass Binary Near-Earth Asteroids (190166) 2005 UP156 and 2017 YE5. 50th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2945.
13. ***McGlasson, R. A.**, Marshall, S. E., et al., (2019). Shape Model of Potentially Hazardous Asteroid (1981) Midas from Radar and Lightcurve Observations. American Astronomical Society Meeting #233, 255.03.

14. Taylor, P. A., Brozovic, M., et al. (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2018). Radar and Optical Observations of Equal-Mass Binary Near-Earth Asteroid 2017 YE5. American Astronomical Society Division of Planetary Sciences meeting #50, 508.07.
15. Marshall, S. E., Cobb, A., et al. (**incl. McGlasson, R. A.**), (2018). Using Bayesian Optimization to Find Asteroids' Pole Directions. American Astronomical Society Division of Planetary Sciences meeting #50, 505.01D.
16. ***McGlasson, R. A.**, Panesar, N. K., Sterling, A. C., Moore, R. L., (2017). Magnetic Flux Cancellation as the Trigger Mechanism of Solar Coronal Jets. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2017, #SH43A-2796.

Awards and Grants

Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) Fellow	2023-2026
Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellow	2023
Purdue University Graduate Teaching Award	2023
Purdue TA Honor Roll	Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Purdue Student Service-Learning Grant <i>In support of development of the Astronomy on Tap program</i>	2021
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention	2021
Lunar and Planetary Institute Career Development Award <i>52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference</i>	2021
Macalester Physics Department's Dr. Sherman W. Schultz Memorial Award	2020
Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award Student Prize <i>American Astronomical Society 233rd meeting</i>	2019

Field Experience

- Ground Penetrating Radar collection at 450 MHz near the Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS; Hanksville, UT) as Executive Officer of Crew 288, a two-week-long analog astronaut mission at the MDRS.
- Ground Penetrating Radar collection at 80 and 160 MHz at the Kentland Crater impact structure.

Teaching Experience

EAPS 111: Physical Geology <i>Lab TA for Purdue introductory geology class</i>	Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
EAPS 100: Planet Earth <i>TA for asynchronous online Purdue introductory Earth Science class</i>	Spring 2022
PHYS 440: Observational Astronomy <i>Undergraduate TA for Macalester upper-level observational astronomy course</i>	Spring 2020
PHYS 113: Modern Astronomy I <i>Undergraduate TA for Macalester introductory astronomy course</i>	Spring 2019

Volunteer Service and Outreach

Peer Reviewer <i>Geophysical Research Letters and Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets</i>	2022 – Present
"Leading Women to Space Careers" Mentor <i>Graduate student mentor for pilot mentorship program in the Purdue Honors College</i>	2022–2023
Prospective Student Expo Coordinator	2022–2023

Organized the 2022 (virtual) and 2023 (in person) prospective student interview weekends for Purdue EAPS.

EAPS Graduate Student Mentorship Program Coordinator	2022
<i>Organized mentorship pairs and development programs to support incoming graduate students in Purdue EAPS.</i>	
Astronomy on Tap Organizer:	Fall 2021–Fall 2023
<i>Established and served as primary organizer for the Lafayette, IN satellite series of “Astronomy on Tap”.</i>	
Radio Host	Fall 2017–Spring 2020
<i>Hosted Radio Astronomy: Macalester College’s astronomy talk show on WMCN 91.7 FM</i>	
Host and Telescope Operator	Fall 2017, Fall 2019
<i>Macalester College Public Observing Nights</i>	
“Ask a Scientist Booth” Scientist	Summer 2018
<i>Arecibo Observatory Noche de Observación</i>	
NASA in the Park Presenter	Summer 2017
<i>Presented vacuum chamber experiments at the annual NASA in the Park event, Huntsville, AL</i>	
Destination Imagination Appraiser	2017–2020
<i>Judged teams (elementary–high school levels) at the regional and state-level for Destination Imagination, a global creative problem-solving competition.</i>	