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Employment

Oct 2016 – **CPS Fellow**, Centre for Planetary Sciences, University of Toronto

Feb 2014 – Sep 2016 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, School of Earth and Space Exploration,
Arizona State University
Advisor: Erik Asphaug

Education

Oct 2010 – Jan 2014 **PhD, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge**
Supervisor: Mark Wyatt
Thesis title: Debris in planetary systems

Oct 2006 – Jun 2010 **MPhys (Hons), 1st class, Merton College, University of Oxford**

Teaching

Jan 2015 – May 2015 Co-instructor for Terrestrial Planet Formation (GLG 598) graduate course

Jan 2011 – May 2013 Supervisor/tutor (groups of 2-3) for Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics Part II
(3rd year undergraduate) course

Students advised

Viranga Perera Graduate student, ASU, 2015-2017 -> postdoctoral researcher, John's
Hopkins University

Travis Gabriel Graduate student, ASU, 2015-

Grants

Project	Funding organisation	Award date	Duration	Total funding
<i>Stop hitting yourself: did most terrestrial impactors originate from the terrestrial planets?</i>	NASA	Apr 2016	3 years	\$643,000
Position: PI/Science PI				

Observing programs

Project	Facility	Award date	Time/time valuation	Support funding
<i>Probing terrestrial planet formation with extreme disk variability</i> Position: Co-I, PI: Kate Su, University of Arizona	Spitzer Space Telescope	Aug 2016	120 hrs/ \$258,000	
<i>Mineralogical evolution in extreme debris disks II</i> Position: Co-I, PI: Kate Su, University of Arizona	SOFIA	Oct 2016	2.5 hrs	\$32,000
<i>Mineralogical evolution in extreme debris disks</i> Position: Co-I, PI: Kate Su, University of Arizona	SOFIA	Oct 2015	3.5 hrs	\$38,000
<i>Debris disk variability: observational test bed for probing terrestrial planet formation</i> Position: Co-I, PI: Kate Su, University of Arizona	Spitzer Space Telescope	Dec 2014	130 hrs/ \$279,500	\$10,000

Professional service

- Sep 2015 – Sep 2016 Convener for Stars, Planets and Disks discussion group at ASU
- Apr 2015 – Member, ASU Nexus for Exoplanet System Science (NExSS) team
- Jan 2015 – Jun 2015 Convener for Exoplanetary Systems journal club at ASU
- Jan 2015 Chambliss Student Poster Award judge, 225th AAS meeting
- Reviewer for *The Astrophysical Journal*, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, *Nature*, *Science*

Skills

Programming in C/C++, IDL, python, OpenMP, MPI
Numerical modelling of N-body systems
Numerical modelling of impacts using the SPHLATCH and ISALE codes
Administration of a large Linux cluster (8 nodes, 448 cores)
Use of Windows and Linux/Unix operating systems, Microsoft Office and LaTeX

Publications

Effect of Re-impacting Debris on the Solidification of the Lunar Magma Ocean

Perera V., **Jackson A.P.**, Elkins-Tanton L.T., Asphaug E., 2018, JGR: planets, accepted

Lunar crater identification via machine learning

Silburt A., Ali-Dib M., Chenchong Z., **Jackson A.P.**, Valencia D., Kissin Y., Tamayo D., Menou K., 2018, Icarus, submitted

Ejection of rocky and icy material from binary star systems: Implications for the origin and composition of 1I/Oumuamua

Jackson A.P., Tamayo D., Hammond N., Ali-Dib M., Rein H., 2018, MNRAS Letters, in press

Dynamical and biological panspermia constraints within multi-planet exosystems

Veras D., Armstrong D.J., Blake J.A., Gutiérrez-Marcos J.F., **Jackson A.P.**, Schaeffer H., 2018, Astrobiology, in press

Constraints on the pre-impact orbits of Solar System giant impactors

Jackson A.P., Gabriel T.S.J., Asphaug E., 2018, MNRAS, 474, 2924

The Taurus boundary of stellar/sub-stellar (TBOSS) survey II: Disk masses from ALMA continuum observations

Ward-Duong K., Patience J., Bulger J., van der Plas G., Menard F., Pinte C., **Jackson A.P.**, Bryden G., Turner N.J., Harvey P., Hales A., de Rosa R.J., 2018, *ApJ*, 155, 54

How to design a planetary system for different scattering outcomes: giant impact sweet spot, maximising exocomets, scattered disks

Wyatt M.C., Bonsor A., **Jackson A.P.**, Marino S., Shannon A., *MNRAS*, 2017, 464, 3385

Gas and dust around A-type stars at tens of Myr: signatures of cometary breakup

Greaves J. S., Holland W. S., Matthews B. C., Marshall J. P., Dent W. R. F., Woitke P., Wyatt M. C., Matrà L., **Jackson A.P.**, *MNRAS*, 2016, 461, 3910

The spherical Brazil nut effect and its significance to asteroids

Perera V., **Jackson A.P.**, Asphaug E., 2016, *Icarus*, 278, 194

Insights into planet formation from debris disks: II. Giant impacts in extrasolar planetary systems

Wyatt M.C., **Jackson A.P.**, in *The disk in relation to the formation of planets and their proto-atmospheres*, eds. Falanga M., Rodrigo R., Blanc M., Lammer H., *Internat. Space Sci. Inst. – Beijing*, 2016, also at *Space Science Reviews*, 2016, 205, 231

Eight billion asteroids in the Oort cloud

Shannon A., **Jackson A.P.**, Veras D., Wyatt M.C., 2014, *MNRAS*, 446, 2059

Debris from giant impacts between planetary embryos at large orbital radii

Jackson A.P., Wyatt M.C., Bonsor A., Veras D., 2014, *MNRAS*, 440, 3757

Molecular Gas Clumps from the Destruction of Icy Bodies in the β Pictoris Debris Disk

Dent W.R.F., Wyatt M.C., Roberge A., Augereau J.-C., Casassus S., Corder S., Greaves J.S., de Gregorio-Monsalvo I., Hales A., **Jackson A.P.**, Hughes A.Meredith, Lagrange A.-M., Matthews B., Wilner D., 2014, *Science*, 343, 1490

Debris from terrestrial planet formation: the Moon-forming collision

Jackson A.P., Wyatt M.C., 2012, *MNRAS*, 425, 657

Planetary evaporation by UV & X-ray radiation: basic hydrodynamics

Owen J.E., **Jackson A.P.**, 2012, *MNRAS*, 425, 2931

The coronal X-ray-age relation and its implications for the evaporation of exoplanets

Jackson A.P., Davis T.A., Wheatley P.J., 2012, *MNRAS*, 422, 2024

Media

Interviewed for Royal Canadian Institute for Science podcast – Oct 2017

Interviewed for BBC Radio Cambridgeshire 'Naked Scientists' programme – Feb 2013

Press Releases

Accompanying the paper *Ejection of rocky and icy material from binary star systems: Implications for the origin and composition of 1I/Oumuamua*:

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These were carried quite widely by a variety of news organisations internationally, including *The Guardian* (int.), the *Associated Press* (int.), *The Daily Mail* (UK), *CTV News* (Canada) and the *CBC* (Canada)

Presentations

Invited conference presentations

Jun 2018	Giant Impacts and their relation to Rapidly Evolving Debris Disks	Astrophysical Frontiers in the next decade and beyond	Portland, Oregon, USA
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Seminars and Colloquia

Mar 2018	The Solar system is unusual: Two channels for terrestrial planet formation	Astronomy colloquium	Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, USA
Feb 2018	The Solar system is unusual: Two channels for terrestrial planet formation	Astronomy colloquium	University of Rochester, New York, USA
Jun 2017	To see a world in a grain of sand: Using debris to test planet formation theory and the occurrence rate of Solar System analogues	Astrophysics seminar	Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, USA
Sep 2015	Asymmetric and variable debris disks: signatures of ongoing planet formation	Astrophysics colloquium	Lund University, Sweden
Sep 2015	Optically thick debris from terrestrial planet formation	Astrophysics seminar	Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK
Oct 2013	Light from shattered worlds	Astrophysics seminar	DAMTP, Cambridge, UK
Mar 2013	Light from shattered worlds	Planet-Z meeting	ETH Zurich, Switzerland
May 2012	When worlds collide: Debris from terrestrial planet formation	Astrophysics seminar	Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK

Contributed conference oral presentations

Mar 2018	Ejection of rocky and icy material from binary star systems: Implications for the origin and composition of 1I/ʻOumuamua	LPSC 2018	The Woodlands, Texas, USA
Oct 2017	Constraining the pre-impact orbits of Solar System giant impactors	DPS 2017	Provo, Utah, USA
Aug 2017	Constraining the pre-impact orbits of Solar System giant impactors	Accretion: building new worlds	LPL, Houston, Texas, USA
Mar 2017	Impacts into thin crust overlying a magma ocean	LPSC 2017	The Woodlands, Texas, USA

Oct 2015	Extreme, Variable debris disks produced by giant impacts during terrestrial planet formation	EPSC 2015	Nantes, France
Feb 2015	Stop hitting yourself: did most terrestrial impactors originate from the terrestrial planets?	Early solar system bombardment III	LPL, Houston, Texas, USA
Jan 2015	Debris from giant impacts: signatures of forming and dynamic planetary systems	AAS 225	Seattle, Washington, USA
Sep 2014	Giant impacts in the Beta Pic system	30 years of Beta Pic and debris disk studies	IAP, Paris, France
Jul 2014	Debris from giant impacts, at home and abroad	Characterising planets across the HR diagram	Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK
Sep 2013	Light from shattered worlds	EPSC 2013	UCL, London, UK
Oct 2012	When worlds collide: Debris from terrestrial planet formation	Rocks 'n' stars	MPS, Göttingen, Germany
Mar 2012	Evaporating planets with stellar X-rays: A potential test for migration scenarios?	UK-Germany NAM	Manchester, UK
Mar 2012	Debris from giant impacts	Exoplanets and their host stars	Oxford, UK

Contributed conference poster presentations

Aug 2017	Impact generation of holes in the early lunar crust	Accretion: building new worlds	LPL, Houston, Texas, USA
Mar 2017	Constraining the pre-impact orbits of Solar System giant impactors	LPSC 2017	The Woodlands, Texas, USA
Oct 2016	Constraining the pre-impact orbits of Solar System giant impactors	DPS 48/EPSC 2016	Pasadena, CA, USA
Oct 2016	Stop hitting yourself!	DPS 48/EPSC2016	Pasadena, CA, USA
Nov 2014	Stop hitting yourself: did most terrestrial impactors originate from the terrestrial planets?	DPS 46	Tucson, Arizona, USA
Jun 2013	Light from shattered worlds: debris from giant impacts	IAUS 299	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Mar 2013	Debris from giant impacts: A dusty window on terrestrial planet formation	Characterising Exoplanets	Royal Society, London, UK
Mar 2012	Debris from giant impacts: Signposts of terrestrial planet formation	UK-Germany NAM	Manchester, UK
Jul 2011	Debris from giant impacts: Signposts of terrestrial planet formation	Origins of solar systems	Mt. Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA

Public Outreach

Speaker and guide for Canada 150 UTSC Solar Walk
Front of house work at Institute of Astronomy public observing evenings
Demonstrator at annual Cambridge University Science Festival
Member of the Institute of Astronomy Ask an Astronomer team

Public talks

Mar 2018	Making the Moon	Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Mississauga Centre	Audience 150
Oct 2017	Solar System Origins	Royal Canadian Institute for Science event: The Planets, a Musical Odyssey of Evolution, Environment and Exploration	Audience 200
Jul 2017	150 years of Solar System astronomy	UTSC, Toronto Canada Day Solar Walk	Audiences 150- 180
Nov 2013	Views of Venus	Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge Public observing evening	Audience 170
Nov 2012	How to build an Earth... in 4 easy steps	Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge Public observing evening	Audience 165

Awards

2008 - 2010	Postmaster (College scholarship), Merton College, Oxford
2007	Exhibitioner (College scholarship), Merton College, Oxford

Professional Organisations

Royal Astronomical Society
American Astronomical Society
Division for Planetary Sciences
Division for Dynamical Astronomy