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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D.	Astronomy	University of Hawaii	2004
	<i>Thesis: Small Bodies in the Outer Solar System</i>		
M.S.	Astronomy	University of Hawaii	2001
B.A.	Physics with Honors	Oberlin College	1998

Professional Experience

Faculty Member:	Carnegie Institution of Washington, DTM	7/07-present	
Hubble Fellow:	Carnegie Institution of Washington, DTM	9/04-7/07	
Research Assistant:	Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawaii	5/99-9/04	
Teaching Assistant:	Physics and Astronomy, University of Hawaii	8/98-5/99	
Mechanical Engineer:	Genencor International	5/98-8/98	
Honors Student:	Department of Physics, Oberlin College	8/97-5/98	
	<i>Project: Determination of Stress in Sputtered Molybdenum Thin Films by X-ray diffraction and Geometric Optics</i>		
Tutor:	Modern Physics, Oberlin College	8/97-12/97	
Research Fellow:	Department of Astronomy, University of Minnesota	5/97-8/97	
	<i>Project: A Telescope Guidance System</i>		
Research Assistant:	Department of Physics, Bucknell University	5/96-8/96	
	<i>Project: The Dust Tail of Comet P/Halley</i>		
Laboratory Assistant:	Department of Physics, Oberlin College	2/96-5/96	
Research Assistant:	NASA Lewis Research Center	12/95-2/96	
	<i>Project: Attenuation of Microwave Transmission Lines</i>		
Research Assistant:	Department of Physics, Oberlin College	8/95-12/95	
	<i>Project: The Efficiency of Solar Cells</i>		

Honors

2001 ARCS Scholar of the year
2003 ARCS Scholar of the year
Hubble Fellow
Asteroid (17898) named Scott Sheppard
NSF Fellow

Research Interests

Small Bodies in the Solar System: comets, asteroids, satellites and Kuiper Belt objects
Brown Dwarfs
Star, Planet and Solar System Formation

Refereed Publications for Scott S. Sheppard

- Sheppard, S. and Trujillo, C. "Discovery of a Trailing (L5) Neptune Trojan and the Missing Intermediate Sized Planetesimals" 2010, *Science*, submitted
- Elliot, J. et al. "The Occultation of Bright Kuiper Belt Object 55636 (2002 TX300)" 2010, *Nature*, in press
- Chornock, R. et al. "Spectroscopic Discovery of Type IC Supernova Associated with the GRB 100316D" 2010, *ApJ Letters*, in press
- Sheppard, S. "The Colors of Extreme Outer Solar System Objects" 2010, *Astron. J.*, 139, 1394
- Sheppard, S. and Trujillo, C. "A Survey for Satellites of Venus" 2009, *Icarus*, 202, 12
- Brucker, M., Grundy, W., Stansberry, J., Spencer, J., Sheppard, S., Chiang, E. and Buie, M. "High Albedos of Low Inclination Classical Kuiper Belt Objects" 2009, *Icarus*, 201, 284
- Sheppard, S. and Cushing, M. "An Infrared High Proper Motion Survey Using the 2MASS and SDSS: Discovery of M, L, and T Dwarfs" 2009, *Astron. J.*, 137, 304
- Sheppard, S., Lacerda, P. and Ortiz, J. "Photometric Light Curves of Trans-Neptunian Objects and Centaurs: Rotations, Shapes and Densities" 2008, chapter in the Univ. of Arizona Space Science Series book "The Solar System Beyond Neptune", ed. A. Barucci, H. Boehnhardt, D. Cruikshank and A. Morbidelli (Tucson: Univ. of Arizona Press)
- Nicholson, P., Cuk, M., Sheppard, S., Nesvorny, D. and Johnson, T. "Irregular Satellites of the Giant Planets" 2008, chapter in "The Solar System Beyond Neptune", ed. A. Barucci, H. Boehnhardt, D. Cruikshank and A. Morbidelli, (Tucson: Univ. of Arizona Press)
- Sheppard, S. "Dwarf Plutonian Planets and other Large Kuiper Belt Objects: Their Rotations, Phase Functions and Absolute Magnitudes" 2007, *Astron. J.*, 134, 787
- Berger, E., Fox, D., Price, P. et al. "A New Population of High Redshift Short-Duration Gamma-Ray Bursts", 2007, *AstroPhys. J.*, 664, 1000
- Sheppard, S. and Trujillo, C. "A Thick Cloud of Neptune Trojans and Their Colors" 2006, *Science*, 313, 511
- Sheppard, S., Jewitt, D. and Kleyna, J. "A Survey for "Normal" Irregular Satellites Around Neptune: Limits to Completeness" 2006, *Astron. J.*, 132, 171
- Sheppard, S. "A planet more, a planet less" 2006, *Nature*, 439, 541
- Sheppard, S. "Outer Irregular Satellites of the Planets and Their Relationship with Asteroids, Comets and Kuiper Belt Objects" 2006, invited review in "Asteroids, Comets and Meteors:

- IAU Symposium 229” ed. D. Lazzaro, S. Ferraz-Mello and J. Fernandez, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 319-334
- Fernandez, Y., Jewitt, D. and Sheppard, S. “Albedos of Asteroids in Comet-Like Orbits” 2005, *Astron. J.*, 130, 308
- Sheppard, S., Jewitt, D. and Kleyna, J. “Ultra Deep Survey for Irregular Satellites of Uranus: Limits to Completeness”, 2005, *Astron. J.*, 129, 518
- Abell, P., Fernandez, Y., Pravec, P. et al. “Physical Characteristics of Comet Nucleus C/2001 OG108 (LONEOS)”, 2005, *Icarus*, 179, 174
- Jewitt, D. and Sheppard, S. “Irregular Satellites in the Context of Planet Formation” 2005, *Space Sci. Reviews*, 116, 441
- Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. “Extreme Kuiper Belt Object 2001 QG298 and the Fraction of Contact Binaries”, 2004, *Astron. J.*, 127, 3023
- Jewitt, D. and Sheppard, S. “The Nucleus of Periodic Comet 48P/Johnson” 2004, *Astron. J.*, 127, 1784
- Sheppard, S., Jewitt, D. and Kleyna, J. “A Survey for Outer Satellites of Mars: Limits to Completeness”, 2004, *Astron. J.*, 128, 2542
- Jewitt, D., Sheppard, S. and Porco, C. “Jupiter’s Outer Satellites and Trojans” 2004, in “Jupiter: The Planet, Satellites and Magnetosphere” ed. F. Bagenal, T. Dowling and W. McKinnon, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), Chap. 12, 263-280
- Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. “An Abundant Population of Small Irregular Satellites Around Jupiter” 2003, *Nature*, 423, 261
- Fernandez, Y., Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. “The Albedo Distribution of Jovian Trojan Asteroids” 2003, *Astron. J.*, 126, 1563
- Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. “Hawaii Kuiper Belt Variability Project: An Update” 2003, *Earth, Moon and Planets*, 92, 207
- McBride N., Green, S., Davies, J., Tholen, D., Sheppard, S. et al. “Visible and Infrared Photometry of Kuiper Belt Objects: Searching for Evidence of Trends” 2003, *Icarus*, 161, 501
- Jewitt, D., Sheppard, S. and Fernandez, Y. “143P/Kowal-Mrkos and the Shapes of Cometary Nuclei” 2003, *Astron. J.*, 125, 3366
- Fernandez, Y., Jewitt, D. and Sheppard, S. “Thermal Properties of Centaurs Asbolus and Chiron” 2002, *Astron. J.*, 123, 1050

Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. "Time-Resolved Photometry of Kuiper Belt Objects: Rotations, Shapes and Phase Functions" 2002, *Astron. J.*, 124, 1757

Jewitt, D. and Sheppard, S. "Physical Properties of the Trans-Neptunian Object (20000) Varuna" 2002, *Astron. J.*, 123, 2110

Fernandez, Y., Jewitt, D., and Sheppard, S. "Low Albedos Among Extinct Comet Candidates" 2001, *AstroPhys J.*, 553, 197L

Brandner, W., Sheppard, S., Zinnecker, H. et al. "VLT-Detection of Two Edge-On Circumstellar Disks in the rho Oph Dark Cloud" 2000, *Astron. Astrophys.*, 364, L13

Sheppard, S., Jewitt, D., Trujillo, C., Brown, M., and Ashley, M. "A Wide-Field CCD Survey for Centaurs and Kuiper Belt Objects" 2000, *Astron. J.*, 120, 2687

Conference Proceedings

Sheppard, S. "Small Bodies in the Outer Solar System" 2006, invited review for *New Horizons in Astronomy*, ASP Conference Series, 352, 3

Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. "The Abundant Irregular Satellites of the Giant Planets" 2003, in "Highlights of Astronomy" Vol. 13, International Astronomical Union, Ed. Engvold,

Sheppard, S. and Jewitt D. "The Shapes, Densities and Phase Functions of Trans-Neptunian Objects" 2002, in "Asteroids, Comets and Meteors" Ed. B. Warmbein, ESA Series

Brandner, W., Potter, D., Sheppard, S. et al. "The Evolution of Circumstellar Disks: Lessons From the VLT and ISO" 2001, in "The Origin of Stars and Planets: The VLT View" (ESO Publication), Eds. J. Alves and M. McCaughrean, Springer Verlag, Heidelberg.

Other Selected Publications

Sheppard, S. "Finding the Small Moons of the Outer Planets: A Satellite Revolution" 2009, *Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Astronomy Beat*, April

Sheppard, S. "Natural Satellites" 2009, *World Book*

Sheppard, S. "Pluto and the Kuiper Belt" 2007, essay in "The Universe" by R. Freedman and W. Kaufmann III (New York: W. H. Freeman and Company), pp 401-402

Jewitt, D., Sheppard, S. and Kleyna, J. "The Strangest Satellites in the Solar System" 2006, *Scientific American Magazine*, August

Sheppard, S. et al. "Nine New Satellites of Saturn", 2006, *IAU Circ.* 8727 (June)

Sheppard, S. "What is a Planet?" 2006, *Sky & Telescope Magazine*, Letter to the Editor, January

Sheppard, S. "Decision Time for Space Exploration: Where in the Heavens Do We Go Next" 2005, *San Francisco Chronicle*, October 10

Sheppard, S. "Small Satellites of the Giant Planets" 2005, IAU Comm 16 Triennial Report

Sheppard, S. "Discovery of Coma around Asteroidal Object 2004 YJ35" 2005, IAU Circ. 8637 (December)

Sheppard, S. et al. "Twelve New Satellites of Saturn" 2005, MPEC 2005-J13 (May)

Sheppard, S., Fernandez, Y. and Jewitt, D. "Discovery of Coma around Asteroidal Object 2004 DO29 (P/Spacewatch-Linear)" 2004, IAU Circ. 8305 (March 16)

Sheppard, S., Fernandez, Y. and Jewitt, D. "Discovery of Coma around Asteroidal Object 2004 DZ61 (P/Catalina-Linear)" 2004, IAU Circ. 8321 (April 14)

Fernandez, Y., Jewitt, D., and Sheppard, S. "Fragmentation of Comet 57P/du Toit-Neujmin-Delporte" 2002, IAU Circ. 7935 (July 20)

Sheppard, S. "Outer Jovian Satellites" 2002, IAU Comm 16 Triennial Report

Sheppard, S. "Jupiter Satellites: 39 and Counting" 2002, Mercury, 31, 10

Sheppard, S. "Synchronous Rotations of Moons" 2002, Astronomy Magazine, (March)

Sheppard, S. and Jewitt, D. "Discovery of Components to comet C/2002 Q3 (Linear)" 2002, IAU Circ. (Sept. 6)

Professional Service

- Scientific Organizing Committee, The University of Arizona Space Science Series Kuiper Belt Book Project.
- Science team member of the New Horizons spacecraft to Pluto and the Kuiper Belt.
- Referee for Nature; Astronomical Journal; Astrophysical Journal; Astronomy and Astrophysics; Icarus; Earth, Moon and Planets.
- Peer Reviewer for NASA Planetary Science Proposals.
- Panel Member for NASA Origins of the Solar System Program.
- Panel Member for NSF Small Bodies and Solar System Origins and Evolution Program.
- Numerous Invited Public and Scientific Talks given around the World.
- Written Several Scientific Articles in Newspapers and Magazines for the General Audience.
- Contributor to the History Channel Program on Near Earth Asteroids.
- Contributor to Reporter Requests from TV, Magazines and Newspapers for Scientific Understanding.
- Creator of a Webpage on the Moons in our Solar System, <http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu/~sheppard/satellites>. Answer Frequent e-mails from Students and Teachers Interested to Learn more about our Solar System.