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Eric Vandernoot operates FAU's Astronomical Observatory and teaches courses on Planetary Mechanics and Astronomy.

Biography

Eric Vandernoot teaches courses on Planetary Mechanics and Introduction to Astronomy, and since 2005 he has run the Astronomical Observatory there. FAU's Observatory provides observations to the students taking the university's astronomy classes, hosts field trips from local schools and provides twice a month observations for the general public as well as events of special astronomical interest. He received his M.S. in Physics at FAU, in which his thesis was about Bardeen-Petterson accretion disks about compact massive objects and was published in The Astrophysical Journal. From his role in the observatory, he became concerned about the growing impact of light pollution, so he has been working to educate the public about the problem.

Areas of Expertise

Telescopes, Astronomy, Planetary Mechanics, Light Pollution, Physics

Education

Florida Atlantic University

M.S. Physics

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B.S. Physics

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