

Title: TRAINING AMBASSADORS FOR HIGH IMPACT OUTREACH

Oral Presentation

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Abstract:

“SPOT,” an acronym for both the “Space” and “Science” Public Outreach Team, is an outreach program that has been implemented in multiple states in the U.S. (with hubs in Montana and West Virginia) and in multiple research settings (ex: solar physics, gravitational waves, and water quality research). The SPOT model leverages a “train the trainer” approach to amplify the outreach impacts of small teams of scientists and educators by training early-career graduate and undergraduate students to become Outreach Ambassadors. In this talk, we will discuss the NANOGrav SPOT presentation on pulsar timing, which has reached over 5,000 students in 9 states since 2015.