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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014-Dec **PhD, The Australian National University.** *Bright trans-Neptunian objects in the southern sky* with P. J. Francis, B. P. Schmidt, M. E. Brown (Caltech). Joan Duffield Research Scholar; AP Award
- 2009 Graduate Course in Science Communication, National Centre for Public Awareness of Science (ANU)
- 2007 **B. Sc. (1st class Honours)** in Astronomy & Geology. **University of Canterbury, New Zealand**
Polygonal patterned ground & ancient buried ice on Mars and in Antarctica with P. L. Cottrell, D. C. Nobes.
Aurora Scholar; Carlisle Trust Scholarship; Prof. C.C. Farr Memorial Scholarship; Yarrow Trust Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Aug – **Research Fellow and Director's Outreach Fellow, Queen's University Belfast**
Asteroids in the main belt as seen by the Pan-STARRS survey, with A. Fitzsimmons
- 2018 – 2020 Co-investigator, *Solar System Origins Legacy Survey*, 206 orbits (largest in Cycle 26), Hubble Space Telescope
- 2018 – 19 **ISSI International Team** studying the results and implications of interstellar object 1I/'Oumuamua
- 2018 – 19 Team member, Comet Interceptor Mission, ESA **F-class call**, selected for Phase 2 (6 of 23 applicants)
- 2019 Co-investigator, mission study for Uranus flyby then on to the Kuiper Belt (PI: A. Simon)
- 2017 – 19 Team member, Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer
- 2014 – 19 Co-investigator and observer, *Colours of OSSOS*, 386-hr Gemini North Large Program
- 2014 – 19 Principal investigator, Ultraviolet Col-OSSOS, 120-hr CFHT simultaneous *u*-band photometric survey
- 2013-Apr – **Research Fellow, University of Victoria and the National Research Council of Canada**
– 2016-Jul *Data acquisition lead, 560-hr Outer Solar System Origins Survey (OSSOS), #1 CFHT Large Program* with J.J. Kavelaars (NRC), B. J. Gladman (UBC), J.-M. Petit (UTINAM)
- **open-source** software development for analysis of 4m telescope wide-field optical imagery;
 - management of observation programming on fast turnaround for a major astronomical facility, CFHT;
 - project management and coordination for a 50-person worldwide collaboration.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND HONOURS

- 2017 Asteroid (10463) Bannister **named** by the International Astronomical Union
- 2017 OSSOS operations & science outcomes **commended** by the CFHT Scientific Advisory Council
- 2011 ANU Vice-Chancellor's Community Service Award, for RSAA students' outreach program for ages 7-18

SUPERVISING AND TEACHING

- 2018 Invited lectures, graduate-level *Workshop in Geology and Geophysics of the Solar System*, Petnica, Serbia
Invited lecture, graduate-level UKRI STFC introductory course for new UK astronomy PhD students
Oversight on 2nd year undergraduate physics lab experiment, QUB
- 2017 Supervisor, 4th year astro undergraduate (Masters) project (C. Gibson), QUB
- 2017-18 Guest lectures, astronomy, 1st and 2nd year undergraduate courses, QUB
- 2016 Co-supervisor, 4th year astro undergraduate project (N. Hammar), UVic
- 2015 Supervisor, 4th year astro undergraduate on co-op (K. Webb), NRC/UVic
- 2013, 2014 Guest lectures, planetary science, 1st and 2nd year undergraduate courses, UVic
- 2014 Co-supervisor, 2nd year undergraduate on co-op (S. Monty), NRC/UVic
- 2013 Co-supervisor, senior computer science undergraduate on co-op (D. Rusk), NRC/UVic
- 2012 Co-supervisor, 3rd year undergraduate research project (E. Hampton), ANU
- 2011 Graduate Teaching Program, completed with merit, ANU
Tutorials for introductory physics, 1st year undergraduates, ANU
- 2010 Co-supervisor, 3rd year undergraduate research project (L. Duong), ANU

SELECTED GRANT AWARDS AND ASSOCIATION

- 2018 LSST:UK funding for conference travel, £3,265
- 2017– Named postdoc, UK STFC QUB Consolidated Grant 2017–2020 (PI: F. P. Keenan), £1,307,461

INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS AND RECENT INSTITUTE SEMINARS

- 2020 "Triton and the Kuiper Belt connection" — *Scientific Exploration of the Ice Giants*, Royal Society, London.
 2019 University of Leicester, UK
 University of Oxford, UK
 Leiden Observatory, Netherlands
 Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, UK
 University College London, UK
- 2018 Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland
 Center for Cosmology and Particle Physics, New York University, US
 "A darkness full of worlds: prospects for TNO surveys" — *The Transneptunian Solar System*, Coimbra, Portugal.
- 2017 "**Fantastic icy worlds & where to find them**" — *AAS Dynamical Astronomy/Royal Astronomical Society*, London.
 IMCCE, L'Observatoire de Paris, France
- 2016 "Pluto: once a point of light, now a world" — *Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand*, Napier, NZ.
 2015 "It takes two: simultaneous exploration of the outer Solar System with CFHT & Gemini" —
The Science & Future of Gemini, Toronto, Canada.
- 2014 "Mapping the deep: the past & future promise of TNO surveys" — *Asteroids, Comets, Meteors*, Helsinki, Finland.
 2013 "**Small worlds, big puzzles: insights from the Solar System's outer frontiers**" —
Astronomical Society of Australia Annual Meeting; Melbourne, Australia.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2017 – Director's Outreach Fellow of the Astrophysics Research Centre, Queen's University Belfast
 • organiser, undergrad summer research internships program
 • regularly interviewed for comment (>50 requests/year), e.g. *Scientific American*, *Newsweek*, *BBC Radio 4*, *The Guardian*, *National Geographic* on **surprising discoveries** & about a **new TNO**, *Slate.com*, *New Scientist*, *Radio New Zealand* on **the Moon** & on **Pluto**, *Wired.co.uk*, *The Verge*, *Smithsonian.com*, *de Volkskrant*
- 2017-19 Feature interviewee, *BBC Sky at Night*: 2017-07 (TNOs), 2018-02 ('Oumuamua), 2019-01 (New Horizons flyby)
 2019 Invited speaker, *New Scientist Live*, London (40,000 attendees)
 2019 Invited speaker, British Astronomical Association annual meeting
 2018 Invited speaker, *European Astrofest 2018*, London
 Profiled in "STEM Courses and Careers" supplement, *Irish News* for the Northern Ireland Science Festival
- 2016 Video of invited seminar at SETI Institute, San Francisco viewed by 28,000 people (**recording**)
 2016 "Making data pretty — and understandable." *Python in Astronomy*; Seattle, USA. (**recording**)
 Presenter, public science engagement curated Twitter accounts: **@astrotweeps** (2016, 2018)
- 2015–16 Regular astronomy discussions on Canadian radio station *CFAX 1070* e.g. Juno at Jupiter (**recording**)
 2015 Invited expert commentary, *Nature.com live coverage* of Pluto spacecraft flyby
 2014, 2015 Invited lectures, *Royal Astronomical Society of Canada: Victoria Centre, Nanaimo Centre*
 2014, 2015 Public lectures, the Centre of the Universe astronomy outreach centre, Victoria BC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- External expert reviewer • Time allocation committees for: Hubble Space Telescope; Siding Spring; CFHT; UK STFC
 • Funding proposal panels for: — NASA Solar System Observation;
 — Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada 5-year proposals
 • Referee, *The Astronomical Journal*, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*,
Monthly Notices of the RAS, *Research Notes of the AAS*
- 2017 – 2020 Elected representative, Committee of the AAS Division for Planetary Sciences
 • serving >1300 planetary scientists based around the world
- 2017 – International Astronomical Union's Working Group for Planetary System Nomenclature
 2019 Co-organiser, Lorentz Center workshop proposal "Tackling the complexities of substellar objects"
 Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) • Committee, overhaul of technical website for astronomers, 2018
 "The case for the North Ecliptic Spur survey" (**recording**). LSST@Europe 3, 2018.
 • Travel funding award panel, Solar System collaboration workshop July 2018
- 2018 Session chair, "Centaur/TNOs I: Observational Surveys", *DPS*, Knoxville
 Session convener, "1I/'Oumuamua - the first interstellar object", *EPSC*, Berlin
- 2017 Session chair, "Post Main Sequence Planetary System Science", *DDA/RAS*, London
- 2013 – 2016 Co-organiser, visiting speaker colloquium program, NRC Herzberg
 2015 Session chair, "Centaur, Trans-Neptunian Objects, & the Inner Oort Cloud". *AAS Div. Planetary Sci.*
 2014 Hubble Space Telescope Solar System Advisory Committee
 2012 Invited co-convener, session chair, "The Formation of Solar Systems", *Meteoritical Soc.*, Cairns

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

44 peer-reviewed publications: 9 as first author, 4 as second author, submitted or accepted.

Hirsch index (h-index) of 15: 15 publications each with ≥ 15 citations; my five most-cited are indicated with (*).

Cumulative citations: >510 citations ([NASA ADS](#)).

An **h-index of 15** places me in the top 4% of astronomers post 0-5 years of an Australian PhD (Pimblet, 2011).

SNIPs of journals, where present as of 2017: *Space Science Reviews* = 2.52, *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series* = 2.29, *Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems* = 2.08, *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific* = 1.23, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters* = 1.22, *Icarus* = 1.14, *The Astronomical Journal* = 1.10, *Astronomy & Astrophysics* = 1.10, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* = 0.90.

- **Expanding horizons: the need for direct exploration of the diverse trans-Neptunian Solar System.**
M. T. Bannister, B. Holler, S. D. Benecchi, C. M. Dalle Ore, L. N. Fletcher, A. Guilbert-Lepoutre, C. Kiss, P. Lacerda, M. Marsset, A. H. Parker, N. Pinilla-Alonso, A. Simon, K. N. Singer, S. A. Stern, D. Ragozzine, M. B. Tapley, C. A. Trujillo, H. Yano, L. A. Young. (48 pp).
 Submitted to *Space Science Reviews*.
- **Conductive layer detection in a periglacial Antarctic environment with time-domain electromagnetics.**
M.T. Bannister, D. C. Nobes, P. L. Cottrell, M. J. Godfrey, R. S. Sletten. (5 pp).
 Submitted to the Proceedings of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists Annual Meeting, 15-20 Sep 2019.
- **Imaging buried massive ice in Victoria Valley, Antarctica, with multi-electrode electrical resistivity and ground-penetrating radar.**
M. T. Bannister, D. C. Nobes, M. J. Godfrey, R. S. Sletten. (5 pp).
 Submitted to the Proceedings of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists Annual Meeting, 15-20 Sep 2019.
- **Time-lapse electrical resistivity and ground penetrating radar imaging of young polygonal patterned ground in Victoria Valley, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica.**
 M. J. Godfrey, D. C. Nobes, **M. T. Bannister**, R. S. Sletten. (5 pp).
 Submitted to the Proceedings of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists Annual Meeting, 15-20 Sep 2019.
- **OSSOS: XVII. Probing the distant Solar System with observed scattering trans-Neptunian objects.**
 N. Kaib, R. E. Pike, S. M. Lawler and 10 colleagues including **M. T. Bannister**. (45 pp).
 In review, *The Astronomical Journal*.
- **OSSOS XVI: the missing small members of the Haumea family.**
 R. E. Pike, B.C.N. Proudfoot, D. Ragozzine and 8 colleagues including **M. T. Bannister**. (11 pp).
 In review, *Nature Astronomy*.
- **OSSOS: XV. An upper limit on the number of distant planetary objects in the Solar System.**
 E. Ashton, B. J. Gladman, J.J. Kavelaars and 8 colleagues including **M. T. Bannister**. (13 pp).
 In review, *Icarus*.
- **OSSOS: XIV. The plane of the Kuiper belt.**
 C. Van Laerhoeven, B. J. Gladman, K. Volk, J.J. Kavelaars, J.-M. Petit, **M. T. Bannister**, M. Alexandersen, Y. T. Chen, S. D. J. Gwyn. (19 pp).
 In review, *The Astronomical Journal*.
- **A darkness full of worlds: prospects for TNO discovery surveys.**
M. T. Bannister. (20 pp).
 In review, invited chapter for book *The Trans-Neptunian Solar System* (ed. D. Prialnik, L. Young, A. Barucci).
- **Perspectives on the distribution of orbits of distant trans-Neptunian objects.**
 J. J. Kavelaars, S. M. Lawler, **M. T. Bannister**, C. Shankman. (13 pp).
 In review, invited chapter for book *The Trans-Neptunian Solar System* (ed. D. Prialnik, L. Young, A. Barucci).
- **The natural history of 'Oumuamua.**
The 'Oumuamua ISSI Team; 14 equal-authored colleagues including M. T. Bannister. (15 pp).
 Accepted as a Perspective in *Nature Astronomy*.
- **Col-OSSOS: the Colours of the Outer Solar System Origins Survey.**
 M. E. Schwamb, W. C. Fraser, **M. T. Bannister**, M. Marsset, R. E. Pike, J. J. Kavelaars and 13 colleagues. (32 pp.)
 Accepted to *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*. [arXiv:1809.08501](#)

- Invited general-readership article "By light alone: mapping the Solar System's past", *American Scientist*, (106):5, special issue *Big Data takes on the Universe*, Sep/Oct 2018.
- **OSSOS: XIII. Fossilised resonant dropouts tentatively confirm Neptune's migration was grainy and slow.**
S.M. Lawler, R. E. Pike, N. Kaib and 7 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. (17 pp).
Accepted to *The Astronomical Journal*. [arXiv:1808.02618](#)
- **OSSOS: XII. Variability studies of trans-Neptunian objects using the Hyper-Suprime Camera.**
M. Alexandersen and 13 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. (20 pp).
Accepted to *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*. [arXiv:1812.04304](#)
- **A hypothesis for the rapid formation of planets.**
S. Pfalzner and M. T. Bannister. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 874, L34 (7 pp), 2019. [arXiv:1903.04451](#)
 - Coverage in *New Scientist*, *Physics World*, *AAS Nova*, *Scientific American*, *BBC World Service*
- **Col-OSSOS: colour and inclination are correlated throughout the Kuiper belt.**
M. Marsset, W. C. Fraser, R. E. Pike, M. T. Bannister and 8 colleagues. *The Astronomical Journal*, 157:94 (17 pp), 2019. [arXiv:1812.02190](#)
- **OSSOS: XI. No active Centaurs in the Outer Solar System Origins Survey.**
N. Cabral, A. Guilbert-Lepoutre, W. C. Fraser, and 10 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, Volume 621, id.A102 (7 pp). 2019. [arXiv:1810.03648](#)
- **Solar System science with the Wide-Field InfraRed Survey Telescope (WFIRST).**
B.J. Holler, S.N. Milam, J.M. Bauer, and 28 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems*, 4(3), 034003 (28 pp), 2018. [arXiv:1709.02763](#)
- **Ground-penetrating radar profile of Beacon Valley, Dry Valleys, Antarctica: analysis of the GPR response from rocky permafrost.**
D. C. Nobes, R. S. Sletten, M. T. Bannister, M. J. Godfrey. *Proceedings of GPR2018: 17th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar*, Rapperswil, Switzerland. (4 pp). 2018. [doi:10.1109/ICGPR.2018.8441595](#)
- **OSSOS: X. How to use a Survey Simulator: statistically robust testing of dynamical models against the real Kuiper belt.**
S.M. Lawler, J.J. Kavelaars, and 5 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *From Comets to Pluto & Beyond: KBOs & Investigations*, *Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences*, 5 (14 pp), 2018. [arXiv:1802.00460](#)
- **OSSOS: IX. Two objects in Neptune's 9:1 resonance — implications for resonance sticking in the scattering population.**
K. Volk, R. A. Murray-Clay, B. J. Gladman, S. M. Lawler, T. Y. M. Yu, and 10 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *The Astronomical Journal*, 155:260 (9 pp), 2018. [arXiv:1802.05805](#)
- **OSSOS: VIII. The transition between two size distribution slopes in the scattering disk.**
S. M. Lawler, C. Shankman, J.J. Kavelaars and 9 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *The Astronomical Journal*, 155(5):197 (9 pp), 2018. [arXiv:1803.07521](#)
- **OSSOS: VII. 800+ trans-Neptunian objects — the complete data release.**
M. T. Bannister, B. J. Gladman, J.J. Kavelaars, J.-M. Petit, K. Volk, Y.-T. Chen, M. Alexandersen, S. Gwyn, M. E. Schwamb and 27 colleagues. Invited paper, special issue *Data: Insights and Challenges in a Time of Abundance*, *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*, 236(1):18, (19 pp), 2018. [arXiv:1805.11740](#)
 - Invited general-readership article "Beyond Neptune: distant minor planets (840 of them!) reveal the outer Solar System", *The Planetary Report*, March Equinox issue (6 pp), 2018. Sent to 50k members of *The Planetary Society*.
 - General-readership article "How we discovered 840 minor planets beyond Neptune — and what they can tell us", *The Conversation*, which has been read over 110,000 times.
 - Suggested the title that was chosen for the ApJS special issue.
 - ApJS special issue [highlighted](#) by AAS Nova.
- **A dwarf planet class object in the 21:5 resonance with Neptune.**
M. J. Holman, M. J. Payne, W. Fraser, P. Lacerda, M. T. Bannister and 31 colleagues. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 855:L6 (9 pp), 2018. [arXiv:1709.05427](#)

- **(*) The tumbling rotational state of 11/'Oumuamua.**
W. C. Fraser, P. Pravec, A. Fitzsimmons, P. Lacerda, M. T. Bannister, C. Snodgrass, I. Smolić. *Nature Astronomy*, (4 pp) 2018. [arXiv:1711.11530](#)
 - Featured in BBC *Sky at Night* episode on 'Oumuamua.
 - Discussed in cover article, *New Scientist*
- **(*) Spectroscopy and thermal modelling of the first interstellar object 11/2017 U1 'Oumuamua.**
A. Fitzsimmons, C. Snodgrass, B. Rozitis, B. Yang, M. Hyland, T. Seccull, M. T. Bannister, W. C. Fraser, R. Jedicke, P. Lacerda. *Nature Astronomy*, (5 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1712.06552](#)
 - Coverage in over 130 media outlets worldwide, including *The Atlantic*, the *Guardian* and *Nature* editorial.
 - Interviewed for *BBC Radio 4* three times, e.g. December 18, 2017 [recording from 20:34](#)
 - Featured in *BBC Sky at Night* episode on 'Oumuamua.
- **(*) Col-OSSOS: colors of the interstellar planetesimal 11/'Oumuamua.**
M. T. Bannister, M. E. Schwamb, W. C. Fraser, M. Marsset, A. Fitzsimmons, S. Benecchi, P. Lacerda, R. E. Pike and 5 colleagues. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 851(2):L38 (7 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1711.06214](#)
 - Coverage by *National Geographic*, *The Independent*, *CBC News*, *Wired UK*, *AAS*, & an hour-long podcast.
 - Featured in *The Nib* graphical illustrated narrative "Cosmic Driftwood".
 - Invited article for "A Passion for Space" column, *BBC Sky at Night's* magazine, March 2018.
 - Featured interview in *BBC Sky at Night* episode on 'Oumuamua.
- **Col-OSSOS: z-band photometry reveals three distinct trans-Neptunian object surface types.**
R. E. Pike, W. Fraser, M. E. Schwamb, M. Marsset, M. T. Bannister, S.-Y. Wang, M. J. Lehner and 6 colleagues. *The Astronomical Journal*, 154(3):101 (11 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1708.03079](#)
- **OSSOS VI. Striking biases in the detection of large semimajor axis trans-Neptunian objects.**
C. Shankman, J.J. Kavelaars, M. T. Bannister, B. J. Gladman, S. M. Lawler, and 7 colleagues. *The Astronomical Journal*, 154(2):50 (12 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1706.05348](#)
 - Coverage in *The Globe & Mail*, *Science*, *Nature.com*, *Sky & Telescope*, *Forbes.com*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.
- **OSSOS: V. Diffusion in the orbit of a high-perihelion distant Solar System object.**
M. T. Bannister, C. Shankman, K. Volk, Y.-T. Chen, N. Kaib, B. J. Gladman, M. Jakubik, J. J. Kavelaars, W. Fraser, M. E. Schwamb, J.-M. Petit, S.-Y. Wang, S. D. J. Gwyn, M. Alexandersen, R. E. Pike. *The Astronomical Journal*, 153(6):262 (15 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1704.01952](#)
 - General-readership article "Our discovery of a minor planet beyond Neptune shows there might not be a 'Planet Nine' after all", *The Conversation*, which has been read over 175,000 times.
 - Coverage of related conference presentation at AAS DPS in *Nature.com* and *Science*
- **The splitting of double-component active asteroid P/2016 J1 (PANSTARRS).**
F. Moreno and 22 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 837(1):L3 (6 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1702.03665](#)
- **All planetesimals born near the Kuiper Belt formed as binaries.**
W. Fraser, M. T. Bannister, R. E. Pike, and 19 colleagues. *Nature Astronomy*, 1:0088 (6 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1705.00683](#)
 - Press release by Gemini Observatory [highlighted](#) by the US National Science Foundation
- **Consequences of a distant massive planet on the large semi-major axis trans-Neptunian objects.**
C. Shankman, J.J. Kavelaars, S. M. Lawler, B. J. Gladman, M. T. Bannister. *The Astronomical Journal*, 153(2):63 (9 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1610.04251](#)
- **Observational signatures of a massive distant planet on the scattering disk.**
S. M. Lawler, C. Shankman, N. Kaib, M. T. Bannister, J.J. Kavelaars, B. Gladman. *The Astronomical Journal*, 153(1):33 (7 pp), 2017. [arXiv:1605.06575](#)
- **OSSOS: IV. Discovery of a dwarf planet candidate in the 9:2 resonance with Neptune.**
M. T. Bannister and 34 colleagues. *The Astronomical Journal*, 152(6):212 (8 pp), 2016. [arXiv:1607.06970](#)

- **New Distant Dwarf Planet Beyond Neptune.** *Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope* press release, 11 July 2016. Coverage in > 100 media outlets worldwide, including *CBC*, *EOS*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Guardian*, *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, *Radio New Zealand*, and *Sky and Telescope*.
- **TRIPPy: Trailed Image Photometry in Python.**
W. Fraser, M. Alexandersen, M. E. Schwamb, M. Marsset, R. Pike, J.J. Kavelaars, M. T. Bannister, S. Benecchi, A. Delsanti. *The Astronomical Journal*, 151(6):158 (7 pp), 2016. [arXiv:604.00031](#). Software on [GitHub](#).
- **OSSOS III – Resonant trans-Neptunian populations: constraints from the first quarter of the Outer Solar System Origins Survey.**
K. Volk, R. Murray-Clay, B. J. Gladman and 10 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *The Astronomical Journal*, 152(1):23 (25 pp), 2016. [arXiv:1604.08177](#)
 - Highlighted in AAS/IOP Science Editorial Board's [Focus on Planetary Science](#), October 2016
- **OSSOS. II. A sharp transition in the absolute magnitude distribution of the Kuiper belt's scattering population.**
C. Shankman, J.J. Kavelaars, B. J. Gladman and 8 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *The Astronomical Journal*, 151(2):31 (11 pp), 2016. [arXiv:1511.02896](#)
 - Highlighted in AAS/IOP Science Editorial Board's [Focus on Planetary Science](#), October 2016
- **(*) The Outer Solar System Origins Survey. I: design and first-quarter discoveries.**
M. T. Bannister, J.J. Kavelaars, J.-M. Petit, B. J. Gladman, S. Gwyn, K. Volk, Y.-T. Chen, M. Alexandersen, and 31 colleagues. *The Astronomical Journal*, 152(3):70 (25 pp), 2016. [arXiv:1511.02895](#)
 - Highlighted in AAS/IOP Science Editorial Board's [Focus on Planetary Science](#), October 2016
- **Physical characterization of TNOs with the James Webb Space Telescope.**
A. Parker, N. Pinilla-Alonso, P. Santos Sans, J. Stansberry, and 11 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, 128(959):018010 (6 pp), 2016. [arXiv:1511.01112](#)
- **A serendipitous all sky survey for bright objects in the outer Solar System.**
M. E. Brown, M. T. Bannister, B. P. Schmidt, and 9 colleagues. *The Astronomical Journal*, 149(2):69 (6 pp), 2015. [arXiv:1501.00941](#)
- **A portrait of the extreme solar system object 2012 DR₃₀.**
Cs. Kiss, Gy. Szabó, J. Horner, and 15 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 555:A3 (13 pp), 2013. [arXiv:1304.7112](#)
- **(*) 2008 LC₁₈: a potentially unstable Neptune Trojan.**
J. Horner, P. Lykawka, M. T. Bannister, P. Francis. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 422(3):2145 (7 pp), 2012. [arXiv:1202.3279](#)
- **3D time-lapse imaging of polygonal patterned ground in the McMurdo Dry Valleys of Antarctica.**
M. J. Godfrey, M. T. Bannister, D. C. Nobes, R. S. Sletten. 6 pp. *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar*, Birmingham, UK, 2008. ([pdf](#))

TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- More than eight hundred and twenty-five **trans-Neptunian object discovery and orbit-update announcements** in [Minor Planet Electronic Circulars](#) (a third of all the currently known TNOs).
M. T. Bannister, J.J. Kavelaars, J.-M. Petit, B. J. Gladman, T. Burdullis, S. Gwyn, Y.-T. Chen. *Minor Planet Center of the International Astronomical Union*, Cambridge, USA. 2015–18.
- **The detailed science case for the Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer, 2019 edition.**
The MSE Science Team, including M. T. Bannister. 2019. [arXiv:1904.04907](#)
- **"My God, it's full of asteroids": Solar System science with a large field of view.**
B.J. Holler, S.N. Milam, J.M. Bauer, and 28 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. 2019. White paper for Astro2020, the US Astronomy Decadal Survey.

- **A software roadmap for Solar System science with the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope.**
M.E. Schwamb, H. Hsieh, M. T. Bannister and 8 colleagues. 2019. Research Notes of the AAS. doi:10.3847/2515-5172/ab0e10
- **A northern ecliptic survey for Solar System science: a response for the Call for LSST Cadence Optimization White Papers.**
M.E. Schwamb and 13 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. 2018. arXiv:1812.01149
- **Deep drilling fields for Solar System science: a response to the Call for LSST Cadence Optimization White Papers.**
D. E. Trilling and 6 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. 2018. arXiv:1812.09705
- **The effects of filter choice on outer Solar System science with LSST: a response to the Call for LSST Cadence Optimization White Papers.**
K. Volk and 8 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. 2018. arXiv:1812.00937
- **Enabling deep all-sky searches of outer Solar System objects: a response to the Call for LSST Cadence Optimization White Papers.**
M. Juric and 14 colleagues including M. T. Bannister. 2018. arXiv:1901.08549
- **A white paper on Pluto Follow On missions: background, rationale, and new mission recommendations.**
R. Binzel, W. Grundy, D. Hamilton, R. Lopes, B. McKinnon, C. Olkin, S. Robbins, A. Stern and 30 cosigners incl. M. T. Bannister. 2018. arXiv:1808.07446
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