Expanding Opportunities: SARA and the Undergraduate Observer
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Agnes Scott College, a women’s college located in Atlanta, is a member of the Southeastern Association for Research in Astronomy (SARA). As a member, the College’s Department of Physics & Astronomy uses the telescope for both education and research, supplementing observations made with national telescopes operating at other wavelengths such as the Very Large Array (VLA) and the Spitzer Space Telescope. The College has used its telescope time for introductory and upper level courses, and in its capstone senior seminar. In this talk I will highlight the ways in which SARA membership has allowed a small college to greatly expand research opportunities for undergraduate women at a small institution.