

# Matthew Portman

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## Programming Experience

C++  
SQL  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
Bash  
Python  
SLURM  
MATLAB  
Fortran90  
OpenMP/MPI/CUDA

## Education

- 2017–2024 Ph.D. in Computational Science GPA: 3.78  
San Diego State University & University of California, Irvine  
– Dissertation: "Using SpArcFiRe to Automate GALFIT's Multi-Component Decomposition of Spiral Galaxies"
- 2012–2016 B.S. in Physics GPA: 3.65  
University of Texas at Dallas

## Research Experience

- 2019–Pres. **Research Assistant** under Dr. Wayne Hayes University of California, Irvine  
*Modeling Spiral Galaxies*  
– Utilize optimization methods to model galactic light profiles via GALFIT.  
– Develop an algorithm to pipe results from spiral arm detection algorithm, SpARC-FiRe, into GALFIT in order to automate galactic structure parameterization.
- 2021–2022 **Visiting Scholar** under Dr. Antonella Palmese Fermilab, LBL  
*Multi-Messenger Astronomy*  
– Identify transients from multi-messenger sources using DESI observations and correlate to confidence intervals of gravitational wave localization maps.
- 2021, 2022 **Graduate Intern** under Drs. Pete Anninos & Rob Hoffman LLNL  
*Binary Accretion Simulation*  
– Simulate hyper-accretion inflow onto the surface of neutron stars from a binary companion using COSMOS++ to predict observational signature.
- 2017–2019 **Research Assistant** under Dr. Fridolin Weber San Diego State University  
*Neutron Star Simulation*  
– Developed Fortran90 code to simulate Neutron Star core.

## Work Experience

- 2019–2024 **Teaching Assistant** University of California, Irvine  
*Intro to Coding - Python*  
– Teach and develop interactive coding assignments in Python.
- 2017 **Adjunct Faculty** Collin County Community College  
*Mathematics Professor*

## Highlighted Publications and Awards

- 2024 **Automated Multi-Component Decompositions of Spiral Galaxies** Under Review, MNRAS  
M. Portman and W. Hayes.
- Sept. 2023 **A Re-Assessment of SpArcFiRe's Performance on Toy Spiral Galaxies** MNRAS  
M. Portman and S. Mesforoush and W. Hayes.
- 2021–2023 **LSSTC Data Science Fellow** LSST-DA  
Award granted to supplement data science instruction in Astronomy.
- 2021 **URA Visiting Scholar Program/Award** Fermilab  
Award granted to perform collaborative research with Fermilab.
- 2019, 2021 **Proceedings: ACCESS Conference** San Diego State University  
Poster presentation of research done with Dr. Wayne Hayes.