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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stellar activity of young stars, Detection and characterization of young planets, Machine learning methods for automated light curve searches and young star identification, Open-source software development.

EDUCATION

2018-Present: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy & Astrophysics, expected 2023

Advisor: Jacob Bean

Master of Physical Sciences, received June 2019

2014-2018: Tufts University, Medford, MA

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics; Minor in English

High Thesis Honors: “Exploring the Low and High Mass Extremes in the Distant Universe”

APPOINTMENTS

2019-Present: *NSF Graduate Research Fellow*, University of Chicago, IL

2015-2018: *Undergraduate Research Assistant*, Tufts University, Medford, MA

Advisor: Danilo Marchsini

Summer, 2017: *Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant*, NASA GSFC, Greenbelt, MD

Advisor: Joshua Schlieder

Summer, 2013: *High School Research Assistant*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Advisor: Phil Arras

Summer, 2012: *High School Research Assistant*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Advisor: Jonathan Lunine

HONORS AND AWARDS

UChicago Science as Art: Audience Favorite (\$150, March, 2022)

[Poster Honorable Mention](#) (TESS Science Conference 2; August, 2021)

Letters to a Pre-Scientist “Compassionate Connections” Award (June, 2021)

McCormick Fellowship (2019-2021)

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (May, 2019)

University of Chicago Three Minute Thesis Competition, Winner of Master’s Thesis (\$500, May, 2019)

Chambliss Medal for Outstanding Poster Presentation, 233rd AAS meeting (January, 2019)

Massachusetts Space Grant (Summer, 2016)

FIRST-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

NASA ADS h-index: 13. Total citations: 613. My [ADS Library](#).

8. *AU Mic in the FUV: Continuum and Flare Observations from HST/COS*

Feinstein A. D., France K., Youngblood A., et al. in prep.

7. *V1298 Tau with TESS: Updated Ephemerides, Radii, and Period Constraints from a Second Transit of V1298 Tau e*

Feinstein A. D., David T. J., Montet B. T. et al. 2022, ApJL, 925, L2. [arXiv:2111.08660](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.08660)

6. *Testing Self-Organized Criticality Across the Main Sequence using Stellar Flares from TESS*
Feinstein A. D., Seligman D. Z., Günther M. N., & Adams F. C. 2022, ApJL, 925, L9.
[arXiv:2109.07011](#)
5. *H α and Ca II Infrared Triplet Variations During a Transit of the 23 Myr Planet V1298 Tau c*
Feinstein A. D., Montet B. T., Johnson M. C. et al. 2021, AJ, 162, 213. [arXiv:2107.01213](#)
4. *Flare Statistics for Young Stars from a Convolutional Neural Network Analysis of TESS Data*
Feinstein A. D., Montet B. T., Ansdell M., et al. 2020, AJ, 160, 5. [arXiv:2005.07710](#)
3. *stella: Convolutional Neural Networks for Flare Identification in TESS*
Feinstein A., Montet B., & Ansdell M. 2020, The Journal of Open Source Software, 5, 2347
2. *eleanor: An open-source tool for extracting light curves from the TESS Full-Frame Images*
Feinstein A. D., Montet B. T., Foreman-Mackey D. et al. 2019 PASP, 131, 1003.
[arXiv:1903.09152](#)
1. *K2-288Bb: A small temperate planet in a low-mass binary system discovered by citizen scientists*
Feinstein A. D., Schlieder J. E., Livingston J. H., et al. 2019 AJ, 157, 2. [arXiv:1902.02789](#)

OTHER REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

26. *Theoretical and Observational Evidence for Coriolis Effects in Coronal Magnetic Fields of Main Sequence Stars Via Direct Current Driven Flaring Events*
Seligman D. Z., Rogers L. A., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al. 2022, AJ accepted. [arXiv:2201.03697](#)
25. *Evidence for Centrifugal Breakout around a 45 Million Year Old M Dwarf*
Palumbo E. K., Montet B. T., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al. 2022, ApJ, 925, 75.
24. *The TESS View of LOFAR Radio-Emitting Stars*
Pope B. J. S., Callingham J. R., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al., 2021, ApJL, 919, L10.
23. *H-Alpha Variability of V1298 Tau c*
Schlawin E., Ilyin I., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al., 2021, RNAAS, 5, 195. doi:10.3847/2515-5172/ac1f2f
22. *Low-frequency monitoring of flare star CR Draconis: Detection of long-term electron-cyclotron maser emission*
Callingham J. R., Pope B. J. S., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al. 2021, MNRAS, 648, A13
21. *TOI 122b and TOI 237b, two small warm planets orbiting inactive M dwarfs, found by TESS*
Waalkes W. C., Berta-Thompson Z. K., Collins K. A., **Feinstein A. D.** et al. 2020, AJ, 161, 13
20. *TOI-1338: TESS' First Transiting Circumbinary Planet*
Kostov V. B., Orosz J. A., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 253
19. *Differences in signal contrast and camouflage among different colour variations of a stomatopod crustacean*
Franklin A. M., Marshall J., **Feinstein A. D.** et al. 2020, Sci Rep 10, 1236.
18. *The Young Planet DS Tuc Ab has a Low Obliquity*
Montet B. T., **Feinstein A. D.**, Luger R., et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 112
17. *K2-136: A binary system in the Hyades open cluster hosting a Neptune-sized planet*
Ciardi D. R., Crossfield I. J. M., **Feinstein A. D.**, et al. 2018, AJ, 155, 10
16. *The Volatile Carbon to Oxygen Ratio as a Tracer for the Formation Locations of Interstellar Comets*
Seligman D. Z., Rogers L. A., Cabot Samuel H. C., et al. AAS Journals Submitted

15. *Extending the evolution of the stellar mass-size relation at $z \leq 2$ to low stellar mass galaxies from HFF and CANDELS*
Nedkova K. V., Häußler B., Marchesini D., et al., 2021, MNRAS. doi:10.1093/mnras/stab1744
14. *Enhanced and Persistent Flare Driven Bio-indicating Chemistry on Synchronously-Rotating Rocky Worlds*
Chen H., Zhan Z., Youngblood A. et al. Nature Astronomy, 2021, 5, 298.
13. *TOI-954b and EPIC 246193072b: Short-Period Saturn-Mass Planets that Test Whether Irradiation Leads to Inflation*
Sha L., Huang C. X., Shporer A., et al. 2021, AJ, 161, 82
12. *Revisiting the HD 21749 Planetary System with Stellar Activity Modeling*
Gan T., Wang S. X., Teske J. K. et al. 2020, MNRAS, 501, 6042.
11. *Complex Modulation of Rapidly Rotating Young M Dwarfs: Adding Pieces to the Puzzle*
Günther M. N., Berardo D. A., Ducrot E. et al. 2022, AJ, 163, 144.
10. *TOI-824 b: A New Planet on the Lower Edge of the Hot Neptune Desert*
Burt J. A., Nielsen L. D., Quinn S. N., et al. 2020, AJ 160, 153.
9. *TESS-Point: High precision TESS pointing tool*
Burke C. J., Levine A., Fausnaugh M. et al. 2020, Astrophysics Source Code Library, [2020ascl.soft03001B](https://ui.adsabs.org/abs/2020ascl.soft03001B)
8. *Planet Hunters TESS I: TOI 813, a subgiant hosting a transiting Saturn-sized planet on an 84-day orbit*
Eisner N. L., Barragán O., Aigrain S., et al. 2020, MNRAS, 148
7. *THOR 42: A touchstone ~ 24 Myr-old eclipsing binary spanning the fully-convective boundary*
Murphy S. J., Lawson W. A., Onken C. A., et al. 2019, MNRAS, 2794
6. *A super-Earth and two sub-Neptunes transiting the bright nearby, and quite M-dwarf TOI-270*
Günther M. N., Pozuelos F. J., Dittmann J. A., et al. 2019, Nature Astronomy, 3, 1099
5. *The L 98-59 System: Three transiting terrestrial-size planets orbiting a nearby M dwarf*
Kostov V. B., Schlieder J. E., Barclay T., et al. 2019, AJ, 158, 32
4. *Characterizing K2 candidate planetary systems orbiting low-mass stars IV: Updated properties for 86 cool dwarfs observed during campaigns 1-17*
Dressing C. D., Hardegree-Ullman K., Schlieder J. E., et al. 2019, AJ, 158, 87
3. *A TESS Dress Rehearsal: Planetary Candidates and Variables from K2 Campaign 17*
Crossfield I. J. M., Guerrero N., David T., et al. 2018 AJ, 239, 1
2. *HFF-Deepspace photometric catalogs of the twelve Hubble Frontier Fields , clusters, and parallels: Photometry, photometric redshifts, and stellar masses*
Shipley H., Lange-Vagle D., Marchesini D., et al. 2018 ApJS, 235, 14
1. *Planetary Candidates from K2 Campaign 16*
Yu, L. Crossfield I. J. M., Schlieder J. E., et al. 2018 AJ, 156, 22

TALKS AND POSTERS

Seminars (* denotes invited)

- Carnegie Earth & Planets Laboratory Astronomy Seminar (May, 2022)*
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Center for AstroPhysical Surveys (May, 2022)*
- University of Chicago Chalk Talk (November, 2021)
- Yale Exoplanets/Stars Seminar Series (November, 2021; virtual)*

Kansas University Learning Machine Learning club seminar (October, 2021; virtual)*
[Harvard-Smithsonian CfA Exoplanet Seminar Series](#) (October, 2021; virtual)*
Kansas University Astronomy & Space Physics Seminar (September, 2021; virtual)
California Institute of Technology, Knutson Group Meeting (July, 2021; virtual)*
University of Maryland, College Park, Exoplanet Journal Club (August, 2019)*

Conference Invited Talks

NASA ExoPAG 25 (January 10 & 12, 2022; virtual)
TESS Science Conference II (August, 2021; virtual):
 [Data Analysis panelist](#)
 [Machine Learning Splinter Session panelist](#)
 [FFI Splinter Session speaker](#)
AAS 237, TESS Machine Learning Special Session (January, 2021; virtual)
[Earth 2.0 Workshop I](#), Tsung-Dao Lee Institute, Shanghai (December 7-11, 2020; virtual)
[5th TESS Asteroseismic Science Consortium \(TASC\) Workshop](#), Cambridge, MA USA (July, 2019)
[TESS Data Workshop](#), Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, MD USA (February, 2019)

Conference Contributed Talks

[CHAMPs Exoplanet ECR Highlight Seminar](#) (January 13-14, 2022; virtual)
Great Lakes Exoplanet Area Meeting (November 11-12, 2021)
Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science (May, 2021; virtual)
TESS Science Team Meeting #22 (September, 2020; virtual)
[online.tess.science Working Meeting](#) (September, 2020; virtual)
[Extreme Solar Systems IV](#), Reykjavik, Iceland (August, 2019)
TESS Science Conference I, Splinter Session, Cambridge, MA USA (July, 2019)
AAS 233, TESS Special Session, Seattle, WA USA (January, 2019)
Lake Michigan Area Exoplanet Meeting (November, 2019)
AAS 231, Session 104. Detection of Extrasolar Planets I, National Harbor, MD USA (January, 2018)

Conference Contributed Posters

[TESS Science Conference II](#) (August, 2021; virtual)
Sagan Exoplanet Summer Virtual Workshop (July, 2021; virtual)
[Cool Stars 20.5](#) (February, 2021; virtual)
[Exoplanets III](#) (July, 2020; virtual)
TESS Science Conference I, [Poster 97](#) (July, 2019)
AAS 233, Poster 140.14 (January, 2019)
AAS 233, Poster 467.04 (January, 2019)
2017 NASA Goddard Space Flight Center summer intern poster session (July, 2017)
The 4th AstroCon DC Meeting, George Washington University (August, 2017)

PROPOSALS AND GRANTS

Co-Investigator on *TESS* Guest Investigator Proposals

Uniform Light Curves Across the Entire Sky from TESS FFIs with *eleanor*

Awarded \$150,000, 2019 (PI Benjamin Montet)

Measuring Long Rotation Periods from TESS's Short Light Curves

Awarded \$200,000, 2018 (PI Ruth Angus)

Searching for Planets in the Continuous viewing Zone with TESS Full Frame Image Data

Awarded \$50,000, 2018 (PI Elisa Quintana)

Awarded \$50,000, 2019 (PI Veselin Kostov)

1,050 Flaring Stars: A Comprehensive Survey Of Flares And Exoplanets

Mini program G04234, 2021 (PI Maximilian Günther)

Competitive Telescope Time Awarded (as PI unless noted)

Gemini-North, GRACES

6 hours awarded through Gemini Fast-Turnaround Program, 2020
Gemini-South, IGRINS
6 hours awarded through Gemini Fast-Turnaround Program, 2022
Magellan Telescopes, awarded through University of Chicago
2 nights on LDSS-3C, 2021
2 nights on MIKE, 2019
1 night on PFS, 2019 (PI Benjamin Montet)
1 night on FIRE, 2018 (PI Jacob Bean)
XMM-Newton
118000 seconds, 2020 (PI Katija Poppenhaeger)

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago
Spring 2021: Astronomy 12720: Exoplanets
Fall 2020: Astronomy 12700: Stars

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Tufts University
Spring 2018: Women Gender and Sexuality Studies 85: The Universe: Illuminated By Women
Spring 2017: Astronomy 9: Concepts of the Cosmos
Fall 2017: Astronomy 31: Stellar Structure & Evolution

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee for (6 articles total)
NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences – 1
Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS) (2020-) – 1
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (2020-) – 1
The Astronomical Journal (2020-) – 3

High Level Science Products on MAST
stella [convolutional neural networks](#)
eleanor [light curves](#)

Available Catalogs
HFFDeepSpace: [Hubble Frontier Fields Catalogs](#)

Department Service
2021-2022: Co-organizer for UChicago Exoplanet Journal Club
2020, 2021: Lead organizer for the UChicago [Virtual Graduate School Information Session](#)
September, 2021: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Panelist for UChicagoGRAD
2020 - Present: Member and Website Creator, [Inclusion, Diversity and Equity in Astronomy \(IDEA\)](#)
2020-Present: Website Committee, University of Chicago, Student Representative
2019, 2020, 2021: Graduate Women in Astronomy event coordinator
2019-2020: ERC Space Committee, University of Chicago, Student Representative

Conference Service
January, 2022: CHAMPs Exoplanet ECR Highlight Seminar session chair
2019: LOC Member, “Building early science with TESS” Meeting, Chicago

OUTREACH

Letters to a Pre-Scientist pen-pal (2018-Present; 3 pen-pals to-date)
Skype a Scientist volunteer (2018-Present; 17 classrooms to-date)

Lifelong Learning guest lecturer (October 8, 2021; virtual)
[Real Scientists Curator](#) (January 17-24, 2021)

University of Chicago Physics Mentorship Program mentor (2019, 2021)
Soapbox Science Chicago speaker (2019)
HerStory volunteer (2019)
Adler After Dark speaker (2019)
Naperville Astronomical Association lecture (invited; 2019)
Chicago Astronomical monthly lecture (invited; 2019)
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club after-care program volunteer in the Maker Lab (2018)
@astrotweeps guest host (2018)
WMFO Heard Mentality guest speaker (2018)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

December 21 Christmas Star – [ABC7 Chicago](#); [Chicago Tribune](#)
[UChicago scientists teach a neural net to find baby star flares](#)
[The Young DS Tuc Ab is Aligned](#)
[Discovery of TOI 1338b](#)
[Discovery of TOI 270](#)
Discovery of K2-288Bb – Press release at 233rd AAS meeting; [JPL press release](#); [NBC News](#); [WGN radio](#); [Chicago Sun-Times](#)

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