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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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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

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2018-Present: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy & Astrophysics, expected 2023

Advisors: 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

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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

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[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 (May, 2019)

Chambliss Medal for Outstanding Poster Presentation, 233<sup>rd</sup> AAS meeting (January, 2019)

Massachusetts Space Grant (Summer, 2016)

## FIRST-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

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NASA ADS h-index of 11; Acknowledged in 4 papers

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. PRL under review.  
[arXiv:2109.07011](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.07011)
5. *H $\alpha$  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., AJ accepted. [arXiv:2107.01213](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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

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24. *The TESS View of LOFAR Radio-Emitting Stars*  
Pope, B. J. S., Callingham, J. R., **Feinstein, A. D.**, et al. ApJL accepted.
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. *Evidence for Centrifugal Breakout around a 45 Million Year Old M Dwarf*  
Palumbo, E. K., Montet, B. T., **Feinstein, A. D.**, et al. AAS submitted. [arXiv:2107.05649](#)
21. *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
20. *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
19. *TOI-1338: TESS' First Transiting Circumbinary Planet*  
Kostov, V. B., Orosz, J. A., **Feinstein, A. D.**, et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 253
18. *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.
17. *The Young Planet DS Tuc Ab has a Low Obliquity*  
Montet, B. T., **Feinstein, A. D.**, Luger, R., et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 112
16. *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
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
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. AJ submitted [arXiv:2008.11681](#)

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](#)
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  $\sim 24$  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

## PROPOSALS AND GRANTS

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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)

Competitive Telescope Time Awarded (as PI unless noted)

Gemini-North, GRACES

1 night awarded through Gemini Fast-Turnaround Program, 2020

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

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## TALKS AND POSTERS

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Seminars (\* denotes invited)

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

TESS Science Conference II (August, 2021; virtual):

[Data Analysis talk 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)

[5<sup>th</sup> 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

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 4<sup>th</sup> AstroCon DC Meeting, George Washington University (August, 2017)

## TEACHING

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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

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Referee for (4 articles total):

*Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS)* (2020-)

*Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* (2020-)

*The Astronomical Journal* (2020-)

High Level Science Products on MAST:

stella [convolutional neural networks](#)

eleanor [light curves](#)

Department Service

September, 2021: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Panelist for UChicagoGRAD

2020 - Present: Member and Website Creator, [Inclusion, Diversity and Equity in Astronomy \(IDEA\)](#)

2019 - Present: Graduate Women in Astronomy event coordinator

2020: Lead organizer for the [Virtual Graduate School Information Session](#)

2020-2021: Website Committee, University of Chicago, Student Representative

2019-2020: ERC Space Committee, University of Chicago, Student Representative

2019: LOC Member, “Building early science with TESS” Meeting, Chicago

## OUTREACH

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*Letters to a Pre-Scientist* pen-pal (2018-Present; 3 pen-pals to-date)

*Skype a Scientist* volunteer (2018-Present; 15 classrooms to-date)

[Real Scientists Curator](#) (January 17-24, 2021)

*University of Chicago Physics Mentorship Program* mentor (2019)

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 233<sup>rd</sup> AAS meeting; [JPL press release](#); [NBC News](#); [WGN radio](#); [Chicago Sun-Times](#)