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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

September 2018 - Present

Master of Physical Sciences in Astrophysics

Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0

Master's Thesis: *eleanor: An open-source tool for extracting light curves from the TESS Full-Frame Images*

Tufts University

September 2014 - May 2018

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics / Minor in English

Major GPA: 3.71/4.0

Senior Honors Thesis: *Exploring the Low and High Mass Extremes in the Distant Universe*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

July 2018 - Present

Advisors: Professor Jacob Bean & Dr. Benjamin Montet

University of Chicago

- Creating an open-source data analysis pipeline to produce light curves for roughly 25 million stars in the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) Full-Frame Images (FFIs)
- Only publicly available light curves that are tailored towards finding exoplanet transits; will be hosted on MAST servers at the Space Telescope Science Institute
- Updates on the open-source pipeline can be found here: github.com/afeinstein20/eleanor

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2015 - May 2018

Advisor: Professor Danilo Marchesini

Tufts University

- Constructed catalogs of gravitational lensing magnifications using publicly available lensing models for Hubble Frontier Fields cluster pointings; Completed a statistical analysis of systematic and random errors with publicly available magnification catalogs found here: cosmos.phy.tufts.edu/~danilo/HFF/Home.html
- Conducted a brief study on the evolution of high mass ($M/M_{\text{Sun}} \geq 10^{11}$) high redshift ($2 \leq z \leq 6$) galaxies using the Ultra Deep Survey with the VISTA telescope (UltraVISTA) Survey

Summer Research Assistant

June 2017 - August 2017

Advisor: Dr. Joshua E. Schlieder

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

- Determined spectral types and ages of red dwarfs in the solar neighborhood using SpeX, a medium resolution 0.7-5.3 μm spectrograph mounted on the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility
- Calculated basic planet parameters from stellar spectra and *Kepler/K2* light curve observations
- Post-summer Collaboration: Conducted planet confirmation follow-up analysis for a temperate $1.9R_{\oplus}$ planet identified by citizen scientists using the Exoplanet Explorers tool on the Zooniverse platform

High School Research Assistant

Summers of 2013 & 2012

Advisor: Professor Phil Arras

University of Virginia

- Calculated the effect of planet mass, radius, and semi-major axis on planet rotation periods within the habitable zone of low-mass stars using FORTRAN

Advisor: Professor Jonathan Lunine

Cornell University

- Studied the effects of a low-mass host star on a carbon dioxide rich (Venus-like) atmosphere

OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

Instrument: FIRE

- Obtained low-resolution spectra for *TESS* exoplanet candidate follow-up

NASA Infrared Telescope Facility, Mauna Kea, Hawaii

July, 2017

Instrument: SpeX

- Completed 4 half nights (7/16, 7/17, 7/24, & 7/31) of remote observing using SpeX, a mid-resolution spectrograph, to characterize stars identified by the *Kepler/K2* missions and conduct follow-up confirmation of identified planet transits

Gemini North

January 21, 2020

Instrument: GRACES

- P.I. of a Fast Turnaround proposal to obtain Rossiter-McLaughlin observations of the simultaneous transits of V 1298 Tau c and d, two $\sim 6R_{\oplus}$ 23 Myr planets.

HONORS & AWARDS

- McCormick Fellowship (June, 2019)
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (May, 2019)
- University of Chicago Three Minute Thesis Competition, Winner of Master's Thesis Category (May, 2019)
- Chambliss Medal (January, 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

- First Author Refereed Publications
 1. **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
 2. *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
- Other Refereed Publications
 1. *The Young Planet DS Tuc Ab has a Low Obliquity*
Montet, B. T., **Feinstein, A. D.**, Luger, R., et al. 2019, arXiv e-prints, arXiv:1912.03794
 2. *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
 3. *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, arXiv e-prints, arXiv:1905.11457
 5. *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, accepted
 6. *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

7. *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
8. *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
9. *Planetary Candidates from K2 Campaign 16*
Yu, L., Crossfield, I. J. M., Schlieder, J. E., et al. 2018 AJ, 156, 22

TALKS & POSTERS

- Talks¹

1. Lake Michigan Area Exoplanet Meeting (November, 2019)
2. [Extreme Solar Systems IV](#), Reykjavik, Iceland (August, 2019)
3. University of Maryland, College Park, Exoplanet Journal Club (August, 2019) *
4. *TESS* Science Conference I, Splinter Session, Cambridge, MA USA (July, 2019)
5. [5th TESS Asteroseismic Science Consortium \(TASC\) Workshop](#), Cambridge, MA USA (July, 2019) *
6. [TESS Data Workshop](#), Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, MD USA (February, 2019) *
7. AAS 233, *TESS* Special Session, Seattle, WA USA (January, 2019)
8. AAS 231, Session 104. Detection of Extrasolar Planets I, National Harbor, MD USA (January, 2018)

- Posters

1. *TESS* Science Conference I, [Poster 97](#) – *Improvements to **eleanor**, an open-source pipeline for FFI light curve extraction* (July, 2019)
2. AAS 233, Poster 140.14 – *A Complete Survey of the Southern Sky with TESS Full-Frame Images* (January, 2019)
3. AAS 233, Poster 467.04 – *K2-288Bb: A Small Temperate Planet in a Low-Mass Binary System Discovered by Citizen Scientists* (January, 2019)
4. 2017 NASA Goddard Space Flight Center summer intern poster session (July, 2017)
5. The 4th AstroCon DC Meeting, George Washington University (August, 2017)

PRESS

1. [Discovery of TOI 270](#)
2. [Discovery of K2-288Bb](#)
Press release at 233rd AAS meeting; interview on WGN radio and with Corey Powell of NBC News

OUTREACH

1. University of Chicago Physics Mentorship Program mentor (October, 2019-Present)
2. Soapbox Science Chicago selected speaker (July 13, 2019)

¹* denotes invited talks

3. Invited talk at the Naperville Astronomical Association meeting (June 4, 2019)
4. Invited talk at the Chicago Astronomical Society Monthly meeting (March 12, 2019)
5. *Letters to a Pre-Scientist*
Scientist pen-pal (2018-Present)
6. *Classroom assistant*
Volunteer at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club after-care program called the Maker Lab, which combines science education and art
7. *Skype a Scientist*
Volunteer to Skype with classrooms around the world to discuss what it's like to be a scientist
8. *@astrotweeps Twitter Guest Host*
May 21st-28th, 2018
9. *Heard Mentality (WMFO)*
Invited guest on the Tufts University radio show