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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

EDUCATION

2018-Present: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy & Astrophysics, expected 2023

Advisors: Benjamin Montet & Jacob Bean

Master of Physical Sciences, received June 2019

Thesis: “**eleanor**: An open-source tool for extracting light curves from the TESS Full-Frame Images”

2014-2018: Tufts University, Medford, MA

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics

Minor in English

Graduated with High Thesis Honors

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

Advisor: Danilo Marchesini

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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

McCormick Fellowship (2019-2021)

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (May, 2019)

University of Chicago Three Minute Thesis Competition, Winner of Master’s Thesis Category (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 of 8

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, arXiv e-prints, 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
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

OTHER REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

15. *TOI-1338: TESS' First Transiting Circumbinary Planet*
Kostov, V. B., Orosz, J. A., **Feinstein, A. D.**, et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 253
14. *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.
13. *The Young Planet DS Tuc Ab has a Low Obliquity*
Montet, B. T., **Feinstein, A. D.**, Luger, R., et al. 2020, AJ, 159, 112
12. *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
11. *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 accepted, [arXiv:2008.11732](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.11732)
10. *Complex Modulation of Rapidly Rotating Young M Dwarfs: Adding Pieces to the Puzzle*
Günther, M. N., Berardo, D. A., Ducrot, E. et al. [arXiv:2008.11681](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.11681)
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

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)

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 MIKE, 2019

1 night on PFS, 2019 (PI Benjamin Montet)

1 night on FIRE, 2018 (PI Jacob Bean)

TALKS AND POSTERS

Invited Seminars

University of Maryland, College Park, Exoplanet Journal Club (August, 2019)

Conference Invited Talks¹

[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

Lake Michigan Area Exoplanet Meeting (November, 2019)

[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)

AAS 231, Session 104. Detection of Extrasolar Planets I, National Harbor, MD USA (January, 2018)

Conference Contributed Posters

TESS Science Conference I, [Poster 97](#) – *Improvements to eleanor, an open-source pipeline for FFI light curve extraction* (July, 2019)

AAS 233, Poster 140.14 – *A Complete Survey of the Southern Sky with TESS Full-Frame Images* (January, 2019)

AAS 233, Poster 467.04 – *K2-288Bb: A Small Temperate Planet in a Low-Mass Binary System Discovered by Citizen Scientists* (January, 2019)

2017 NASA Goddard Space Flight Center summer intern poster session (July, 2017)

The 4th AstroCon DC Meeting, George Washington University (August, 2017)

OUTREACH

2018-Present:

Letters to a Pre-Scientist pen-pal

Skype a Scientist volunteer; have talked to 6 classrooms to-date

University of Chicago Physics Mentorship Program mentor to two undergraduates

2019:

Soapbox Science Chicago speaker

¹URLs link to software demos or Speaker Deck slides

HerStory volunteer

HerStory is an outreach event for young females who are curious about science

Adler After Dark speaker

Naperville Astronomical Association meeting invited lecture

Chicago Astronomical monthly meeting invited lecture

2018:

Hyde Park Neighborhood Club after-care program volunteer in the Maker Lab, which combines science education and art

@astrotweeps guest host

WMFO *Heard Mentality* guest speaker

Media Appearances:

[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

Interviews with NBC News and WGN radio

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee for (2 articles total):

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (2020-)

The Astronomical Journal (2020-)

Department Service

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

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

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