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EDUCATION

Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

2020 - Present

2016-2020

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Honolulu, HI, USA

M.S. in Astronomy, Fall 2022

Ph.D. in Astronomy, expected May 2026

Yale University

New Haven, CT, USA B.S. in Astrophysics

Thesis: Using Dark Molecular Clouds to Understand Distant Galaxies

Advisor: Hector Arce

Research Positions

Graduate Researcher, Institute for Astronomy

August 2021 – Present

Advisor: Eric Gaidos

Summary: Characterized the inner protoplanetary disk of a variable YSO using contemporaneous, multiwavelength (IR - X-ray) data; developed a photometry pipeline for infrared and optical instruments on the Rapid Eye Mount Telescope

Graduate Researcher, Institute for Astronomy

August 2020 – August 2021

Advisor: Jonathan Williams

Summary: Surveyed protoplanetary and protostellar disk masses in the Serpens region and analyzed evolutionary trends across different star-forming regions

NSF REU Researcher, Haystack Observatory, MIT

May 2019 – August 2019

Advisor: Jens Kauffmann

Summary: Created an algorithm to describe the density structure of molecular clouds with dendrograms; analyzed temperature, density, and star formation rates of clouds in the LEGO survey; created script for automatic cutouts from IRSA's IPAC database

Undergraduate Researcher, STARS II Fellow, Yale University

Oct 2018 - May 2020

Advisors: Marla Geha & Hector Arce

Summary: Analyzed kinematics of dwarf galaxies; characterized structure and star formation rate of

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Undergraduate Researcher, Yale University

May 2018 - Aug 2018

Advisor: Hector Arce

Summary: Mapped emission lines from molecular outflows for protostars in Perseus

Undergraduate Researcher, STARS Summer Fellow, Yale University

May 2017 - Aug 2017

Advisor: Marla Geha

Summary: Modeled satellite galaxy color evolution

Refereed **Publications** 1. Anderson, A.R., Williams, J.P., van der Marel, N., et al. 2022 (in press, ApJ). Protostellar and Protoplanetary Disk Masses in the Serpens Region

& Awards

Fellowships Best Second-Year Project Institute for Astronomy, 2022 Best First-Year Project Institute for Astronomy, 2021

Director's Research Excellence Award Institute for Astronomy, 2020 George Beckwith Prize for Outstanding Graduating Senior Yale University, 2020

Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Fellowship at MIT NSF, 2019 Science, Technology, and Research Scholars II Fellow Yale University, 2018 - 2020Science, Technology, and Research Scholar Summer Fellow Yale University, 2017

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Presentation (*invited)	NSALMA Jets and Discs e-Study (JADES) Meeting* 235th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society Science, Technology, and Research Scholars at Yale II Program Symposium Columbia Undergraduate Science Journal Symposium Science, Technology, and Research Scholars at Yale II Program Symposium Science, Technology, and Research Scholars at Yale Program Summer Symposium	September 2022 January 2020 November 2019 April 2019 April 2019 July 2017
Telescope Proposals	NASA IRTF (SpeX) - 6 hours awarded (Co-I) Running Out of Gas Near the End of Planet Formation PI: Eric Gaidos; Co-I: Rena A. Lee	UH 2022B
	Keck Observatory (NIRSPEC) - 3 nights awarded (Co-I) Resolving protoplanetary disk kinematics to interpret JWST spectra PI: Jonathan P. Williams; Co-I: Adwin Boogert	UH 2022B
Observing Experience	Keck 2 (10 m) NIRSPEC: Two 1/2 nights IRTF (3 m) iSHELL: 1/2 night	2022 2022
	IRTF (3 m) SpeX: 1/2 night IRAM Telescope (30 m): 3 nights	2020 2020
DEPARTMENT SERVICE	Office Space Representative Faculty Mentor Working Group	2022 - 2023 2022
	If A Graduate Admissions Representative	2021 - 2022
OUTREACH	Institute for Astronomy Open House and Invited Talk Maunakea Observatories Virtual AstroDay	April 2022 April 2021
Mentorship (*Invited)	If A Mentoring in Lower Years Mentor If A REU Coffee Chat Mentor	2022 - Present 2021 - Present
	STARS Summer: Applying to Graduate School Panelist* Yale Engineering and Science Weekend Panelist* STARS II Senior Mentor	2020 2020 2019 - 2020