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Education

Columbia University - New York, NY, USA

Aug 2018 – Present

Physics Ph.D. Student; M.A. in Physics (awarded in May 2020) Yale University – New Haven, CT, USA

Aug 2013 - May 2017

B.S. in Physics (Intensive Track), GPA: 3.68/4.0

Research Experience

Graduate Research at Columbia (Schiminovich Group) - New York, NY, USA Jan 2019 - Present Work in Prof. Schiminovich group on the development of the the next generation of UV detectors for the study of intergalactic and circumgalactic media emission.

Post-Bacc Research at MIT-LIGO (Mavalvala Group) - Cambridge, MA, USA Jul 2017 - Jun 2018 Work in Prof. Nergis Mavalvala's LIGO group on a optomechanical light squeezing experiment. Focus on noise characterization and on the development of a light intensity stabilization servo.

Undergraduate Research at Yale (DeMille Group) – New Haven, CT, USA Jun 2015 – May 2017 Work in Prof. David DeMille's group on the development and upgrade of hardware for his atomic, molecular and optical physics experiments.

Undergraduate Research at CERN (Demers Group) - Meyrin, Switzerland Jun 2014 – Aug 2014 Work in Prof. Sarah Demers' particle physics group at the ATLAS Experiment in the search for W,Z associated Higgs production.

Most Important Honors and Awards

Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology Fellowship - USA 2019 NASA's 3-year graduate student fellowship awarded to student-designed research projects that contribute to NASA's exploration goals; formerly known as NESSF.

Yale College Dean's Research Fellowship in the Sciences - New Haven, USA 2016 and 2015Summer award to do research at Yale and start senior thesis.

Pierson College Richter Summer Fellowship - New Haven, USA

2016 and 2015

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Michele Dufault Memorial Scholarship for Yale Women in STEM – New Haven, USA 2016 Academic year scholarship awarded to selected women pursuing STEM majors at Yale.

Tetelman Fellowship for International Research in the Sciences - New Haven, USA 2014 Summer award to do research at CERN.

Science, Technology and Research Scholars Program I (STARS I) - New Haven, USA 2014 Selective mentoring program for minority students interested in STEM at Yale in their freshman year.

Fundação Estudar Scholarship - São Paulo, Brazil

2013

Merit-based scholarship awarded to 27 out of 11,000 applicants based on academic excellence and students' potential to lead and leave a positive legacy in Brazil.

25th International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT), Bronze Medal - Germany 2012 IYPT is considered the Physics World Cup for high school students. Teams of 5 students selected in national

competitions in each country work on open-ended problems and debate about them. 24th International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT), 15th place – Iran

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+ 11 other national (Brazilian), state and regional science competition awards

Programming: Matlab, Mathematica, Python and C/C++. Skills

> Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate) and Spanish (read).

Policy and Lobbying

NAGPS Legislative Action Days (LAD), Columbia Delegation Member I was a part of Columbia's delegation to NAGPS's LAD and met with HR and Senate staff about issues and

Lobbying against ICE removal of SEVP exemption, Initiative Organizer

bills that affect grad students (online because of COVID-19).

Jul 2020

Mar 2020

After ICE removed the exemption permitting international students to maintain their status taking online courses, I led a group of physics students who met (virtually) with House Reps. and congressional staff.

#### Leadership **Positions**

SU(5) Peer Mentoring, Founding Member

2020-Present

SU(5) provides a network and a mentor to incoming astronomy and physics graduate students nationwide. Columbia Physics Grad Council, President & Diversity Liaison – New York, USA 2019 - Present Served as President (2020-2021) and as Climate and Diversity Liaison (2019-2020). Addressed students' quality of life and academic issues alongside the dept.'s chair and committees, and other student groups.

Columbia Spectra, Graduate Coordinator – New York, USA

2018 - 2020

2014 - 2016

Formerly the Columbia Society for Women in Physics. I coordinated events targeting current and prospective grad students, and advised female and underrepresented undergrads in physics.

Yale Physics Climate and Diversity Committee, Undergrad Rep. - New Haven, USA 2015 - 2017Represented the interest of Yale physics undergrads with respect to the climate of the department.

Yale Women in Physics, Co-President & Co-Coordinator – New Haven, USA Served as President (2015-2016) and as Conference Co-Coordinator (2014-2015). Responsible for organizing a national conference, panels and social events for the Yale physics community.

Brazil Club at Yale, President & Vice-President – New Haven, USA

Served as President (2015-2016) and Vice-President (2014-2015). Responsible for organizing social events, talks and meals for people interested in Brazil at Yale.

## Teaching, Mentoring and Outreach

Introductory Physics Recitations and Labs, TA – Columbia University, New York, USA 2018-2020 Responsible for teaching introductory physics recitations and labs to over 140 undergrads over 2 years. National Selection Tournament of US IYPT, Juror – New Haven, USA Spring 2018 Judged selection of high school team to represent the US at the International Young Physicists' Tournament. New Haven Science Fair, Mentor – New Haven, USA Spring 2017 Mentored a New Haven public school 9th grader on a thermodynamics project. They won 2nd place. Yale College Dean's Office, STARS Peer Mentor – New Haven, USA 2016 - 2017

Worked as Peer Mentor for incoming minority students interested in pursuing STEM majors at Yale.

Yale Girls Science Investigations, Volunteer – New Haven, USA Fall 2016 Volunteered to help GSI, which brings elementary school girls to Yale to do fun experiments for a day.

Yale Office of International Students and Scholars, Peer Liaison – New Haven, USA 2015 - 2016

Worked as a Peer Liaison to help incoming international freshmen adjusting to the Yale environment. Splash at Yale, Teacher – New Haven, USA

Co-taught the course *The Physics of Interstellar* for high school students.

Spring 2015

#### Extra Coursework and Summer Schools

Dunlap Institute Introduction to Astronomical Instrumentation – Toronto, Canada Aug 2016 Selective week-long theoretical/experimental summer school at the Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Toronto for college seniors and graduate students.

IV Advanced School of Nuclear Energy (EAEN) – São Paulo, Brazil Jul 2011 Selective week-long summer school for high school students at the Institute for Nuclear Energy Research at the University of São Paulo.

### Conferences and **Presentations**

I Congresso Nacional de Inovação e Popularização da Ciência - Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Online, Oct. 2020, Panel Speaker, Panel: Science, Innovation and Market after COVID-19. 235<sup>th</sup> American Astronomical Society Meeting – Honolulu, HI, USA, Jan. 2020, Poster Presentation.

B. Cruvinel Santiago, N. Melso, H. R. Ong, B. Smiley, M. Rosenthal, M. Murillo, S. Graber, and D. Schiminovich, Circumgalactic H-alpha Spectrograph: Initial Results from the First Engineering Runs.

MIT Physics Exploration Day - Cambridge, MA, USA, Apr. 2018, Poster Presentation. B. Cruvinel Santiago, and I. Phinney, Overview of Advanced LIGO and future methods of noise reduction.

Scientista Symposium – New York, NY, USA, Apr. 2017, Poster Presentation. B. Cruvinel Santiago, and D. DeMille, Evaluating and Upgrading a Fast Compact Laser Shutter Prototype.

Pierson College Mellon Forum at Yale - New Haven, CT, USA, Feb. 2017, Oral Presentation. B. Cruvinel Santiago, Development of Hardware for Atomic Physics Experiments.

APS Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP) at Yale – New Haven, USA, CT, Jan. 2015, Conference Co-Coordinator.

### Literary **Publications**

You can find a list of links to articles that I wrote about science, women in STEM, Brazil and politics at https://barbaracrusan.github.io/press.html.