

# Catherine Elena Fielder



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## EDUCATION

- 2014 – PRESENT **Doctor of Philosophy in Physics**  
Physics and Astronomy  
*University of Pittsburgh*
- 2016 **Master of Science in Physics**  
Physics and Astronomy  
*University of Pittsburgh*
- 2010 – 2014 **Bachelor of Science in Physics**  
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Department of Physics  
*Texas Tech University*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

The formation and evolution of galaxies and dark matter halos, including:

- Dark matter halo properties and their relationships
- The formation and evolution of the Milky Way
- Machine learning for astronomy

## AWARDS

- 2014 **Outstanding Research Talk**  
*Los Alamos National Lab*
- 2014 **Mary E. Warga Predoctoral Fellowship**  
*University of Pittsburgh*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Los Alamos National Lab

**Researcher for the Los Alamos Supernova Light Curve Project**

I did research on Type Ib and Ic supernovae simulations and spearheaded the development of opacity analysis software.

POST BACCALAUREATE SUMMER RESEARCHER 2014 (FT)

LSU Physics and Astronomy REU Program

I worked on a project that was a part of the Galactic Bulge Survey. In particular I worked on searching for Low Mass X-ray Binaries by analysing UV-optical SEDs.

SUMMER 2013

## PUBLICATIONS (2 FIRST AUTHOR, 2 NTH AUTHOR)

**Fielder, Catherine E.**, Mao, Yao-Yuan, Newman, Jeffrey A., Zentner, Andrew R., Licquia, Timothy C. (2019). Predictably missing satellites: subhalo abundances in Milky Way-like haloes. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 486(4), 4545-4568.

**Fielder, Catherine E.**, Mao, Yao-Yuan, Zentner, Andrew R., Newman, Jeffrey A., Wu, Hao-Yi, Wechsler, Risa (2020). Illuminating dark matter halo density profiles without subhaloes. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*

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## CONFERENCES AND TALKS

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TALKS	SDSS-IV Collaboration Meeting – 2020 Great Lakes Cosmology Workshop 12, RIT – 2019 Great Lakes Cosmology Workshop 11, Mc Master University, Hamilton, Ontario Canada – 2016
POSTERS	Small Galaxies Cosmic Questions, Durham, United Kingdom – 2019 Dark Matter 2018, Kingston, Ontario Canada – 2018
DEPARTMENTAL TALKS	Astro Student Sminar – Dec. 2019
TRAINING	Green Bank Telescope Observer Training Workshop – Fall 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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TEACHING ASSISTANT	Astroo87: Basics of Space Flight (University of Pittsburgh, fall 2014, spring 2015) Astroo88: Stonehenge to Hubble (University of Pittsburgh, spring 2018) Phys0111: Introduction to Physics 2 (University of Pittsburgh, spring 2015)
TEACHING FELLOW	Astroo87 and Astroo88 (University of Pittsburgh, fall 2018)
GUEST LECTURE	for Astro Bootcamp, topic of $\LaTeX$ (University of Pittsburgh, July 1, 2020)

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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LARGE COLLABORATIONS	SDSS-IV
COMPUTER LANGUAGES	Python, IDL, $\LaTeX$ , Mathematica
OBSERVING	WIYN 3.5m telescope, Kitt Peak National Observatory, 1 week of observing for the Sweet Spot Survey

## OUTREACH

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### Astronomy on Tap (Fall 2018)

National project for bringing astronomy to the general public.

### High School Class Lecture (March 2020)

Guest lecture on dark matter at Shadyside Academy.

### High School Visit Lecture (Oct. 2019)

Guest lecture on astrophysics research for the Avonworth High School visit to the Pitt Physics and Astronomy department.

## REFERENCES

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### Dr. Jeffrey Newman

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EMPLOYER	Department of Physics and Astronomy <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
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### Dr. Brett Andrews

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EMPLOYER	Department of Physics and Astronomy <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
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### Dr. Yao-Yuan Mao

POSITION	Post Doctoral Researcher, Einstein Fellow
EMPLOYER	Department of Physics and Astronomy <i>Rutgers</i>
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### Dr. Andrew Zentner

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