

# CHRISTOPHER LINDSAY

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## EDUCATION

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### Yale University

*Astronomy PhD Candidate. (M.S., M.Phil. in Astronomy, 2022)*

August 2020 - Present

*New Haven, CT*

### University of Southern California (USC)

*B.S. Astronomy; B.A. Environmental Studies; Jazz Studies Minor*

August 2016 - May 2020

*Los Angeles, CA*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Research in Stellar Astrophysics (Gruber Science Fellow)

*Advisor: Professor Sarbani Basu*

August 2020 - present

*Yale University*

- Using asteroseismic data and modelling techniques to investigate interior mixing and angular momentum transport processes in evolved solar-type oscillating stars.
- Determining fundamental stellar parameters, especially age, for asteroseismic targets with the goal of improving our understanding of our Milky Way's formation and exoplanet system evolution.
- Investigating stellar flares and solar flare in *TESS*, *Kepler*, and Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) data with machine learning. Advising Yale University Senior Daniel Chang.

### Undergraduate/Graduate Research in Helioseismology

*Advisor: Professor Edward Rhodes*

August 2016 - August 2020

*University of Southern California*

- Processed solar oscillation data from the Solar Dynamics Observatory and Solar and Heliospheric Observatory satellites in order to examine solar atmospheric properties across multiple solar cycles.
- Supported NASA's JUNO mission and took helioseismic data at the Mount Wilson Observatory.

## PUBLICATIONS

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[[Listed Here in a Public ADS Library](#)]

### First Author Papers

- **Christopher Lindsay**, Joel Ong, and Sarbani Basu. 2024 (*ApJ*, [965:171](#)) *Fossil Signatures of Main-sequence Convective Core Overshoot Estimated through Asteroseismic Analyses*
- **Christopher Lindsay**, Joel Ong, and Sarbani Basu. 2023 (*ApJ*, [950:19](#)) *Near-Core Acoustic Glitches are Not Oscillatory: Consequences for Asteroseismic Probes of Convective Boundary Mixing*
- **Christopher Lindsay**, Joel Ong, and Sarbani Basu. 2022 (*ApJ*, [931:116](#)) *Mixed Mode Asteroseismology of Red Giant Stars Through the Luminosity Bump*

### Co-author Papers

- Joel Ong, **Christopher Lindsay**, et al. 2024 (*in Review, ApJ*) *Resolving an Asteroseismic Catastrophe: Structural Diagnostics from p-mode Phase Functions off the Main Sequence.*
- Claudia Reyes, et al. (incl. **Christopher Lindsay**) 2024 (*in Review, Nature*) *Acoustic modes in M67 cluster stars trace deepening convective envelopes.*
- Daniel Chang\*, **Christopher Lindsay**, and Sarbani Basu 2024 (*in prep*) *Using Convolutional Neural Networks to Detect Solar Flares using Sun-as-a-star Observations.* \*Supervised Student
- Hans Deeg, et.al. (incl. **C. Lindsay**) 2021 (*in press, JAAVSO*) *Maintaining the Ephemeris of 20 CoRoT Planets: Transit Minimum Times and Potential Transit Timing Variations*
- J. Cabrera, et.al. (incl. **C. Lindsay**) 2015 (*in press, A&A*) *Transiting exoplanets from the CoRoT space mission XXVII. CoRoT-28b, a planet orbiting an evolved star, and CoRoT-29b, a planet showing an asymmetric transit*

## Non-Refereed Papers

- Asali, Y, Gerbig, K., Ghosh, A., **Lindsay, C.**, Shen, Z., & Geha, M. 2022 (*in press, Bulletin of the AAS*, [54\(1\)](#)) *A Standardized Framework for Collecting Graduate Student Input in Faculty Searches*

## INVITED TALKS

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<b>Astro Seminar Talk at the American Museum of Natural History</b> <i>Probing the Evolution and Internal Structures of Stars with Asteroseismology</i>	November 14th, 2023 New York City, USA
<b>IfA Astrocoffee Talk at the University of Hawai'i</b> <i>Prospects for Probing the Evolution and Internal Structures of Stars with Asteroseismology</i>	January 13th, 2023 Honolulu, USA
<b>TEDx Talk at the University of Southern California</b> <i>Exoplanet Astronomy and the Nobel Prize Hidden in Plain Sight</i>	March 25th, 2022 Los Angeles, USA

## CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<b>TESS Science Conference 3 at MIT: Contributed Talk</b> <i>Asteroseismic modeling of metal-poor, <math>\alpha</math>-rich giants in the Halo</i>	July/August 2024 Cambridge, MA
<b>TASC8/KASC15: Contributed Talk</b> <i>Age Dating <math>\alpha</math>-element Enhanced Stars in the Galactic Halo with Asteroseismology</i>	July 2024 Porto, Portugal
<b>Third workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Space-Science Research: Talk</b> <i>Detecting Solar Flares in Sun-as-a-Star Observations with Conv. Neural Networks</i>	May 2024 Melbourne, Australia
<b>TASC7/KASC14: Contributed Talk and Served on the LOC</b> <i>Fossil Signatures of Main-Sequence Convective Cores</i>	July 2023 Honolulu, Hawai'i
<b>TASC6/KASC13: Poster and Pitch Talk</b> <i>Red Giant Seismology: Seismic Signatures of Convective Overshoot</i>	July 2022 Leuven, Belgium
<b>Cool Stars 21: Poster</b> <i>Mixed Mode Asteroseismology of Red Giants Through the Luminosity Bump</i>	July 2022 Toulouse, France
<b>AAS 240: Contributed Talk</b> <i>Red Giant Seismology: Seismic Signatures of Convective Overshoot</i>	June 15th 2022 Pasadena, CA
<b>TESS Science Conference 2: ePoster</b> <i>Red Giant Seismology: Seismic Signatures of Convective Overshoot</i>	August 2021 Online and Cambridge, MA

## ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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<b>Porto Summer School on Asteroseismology 2024: from Pixels to Stellar Ages</b> <i>Attended workshop as a student</i>	July 2024 Via do Conde, Portugal
<b>Life and Death: From Stars to Compact Objects</b> <i>Attended workshop as a student</i>	August-September 2022 Asiago, Italy
<b>MESA Summer School 2022</b> <i>Attended workshop as a student</i>	August 2022 Santa Barbara, CA
<b>Fifty Years of the Skumanich Relations</b> <i>Attended</i>	February 2022 Boulder, CO

## TEACHING FELLOW EXPERIENCE

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<b>ASTR 550: Stellar Astrophysics</b> <i>Instructor: Professor Sarbani Basu</i>	Fall 2023 <i>Yale University</i>
<b>ASTR 120: Galaxies and the Universe</b> <i>Instructor: Michael Faison</i>	Spring 2022 <i>Yale University</i>
<b>PHYS 401: Advanced Classical Physics</b> <i>Instructor: Professor Nikhil Padmanabhan</i>	Fall 2021 <i>Yale University</i>
<b>ASTR 120: Galaxies &amp; the Universe</b> <i>Instructor: Professor Robert Zinn</i>	Summer 2021 <i>Yale University</i>
<b>ASTR 135: Archaeoastronomy</b> <i>Instructor: Michael Faison</i>	Spring 2021 <i>Yale University</i>
<b>ASTR 155: Introduction to Astronomical Observing</b> <i>Instructor: Michael Faison</i>	Fall 2020 <i>Yale University</i>

## ADDITIONAL WORK & SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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| <b>McDougal Fellow: Graduate Student Professional Development</b><br><i>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i> | August 2024 - Present<br><i>Yale University</i> |
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- Contributing to the intellectual and professional development of the Yale graduate student community by holding professional development workshops and administering internship opportunities.
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| <b>Graduate Student Affiliate, Benjamin Franklin College</b><br><i>Benjamin Franklin College</i> | October 2022 - Present<br><i>Yale University</i> |
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- Promoting interactions between undergraduates and graduate students and working with the Head of College, college staff, and undergraduate students to organize social and educational activities throughout the year.
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| <b>Davidson Fellows Advisory Board Member</b><br><i>Davidson Institute</i> | July, 2024 - Present |
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- Review applications to the Davidson Institute Scholarship.
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| <b>Chair and Representative, Yale Graduate Student Assembly</b><br><i>Yale Graduate School of Arts &amp; Sciences</i> | May 2021 - May 2024<br><i>Yale University</i> |
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- Serving as the Astronomy department representative and Chair of the Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences' [Graduate Student Assembly](#).
  - Leading the Assembly from May 2023 through May 2024, managing meetings 100+ graduate student representatives and steering our advocacy work in collaboration with the Yale administration.
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| <b>Local Organizing Committee Member</b><br><i>Various Conferences</i> | 2023<br><i>Yale University, University of Hawaii</i> |
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- Helped to plan and execute the TASC7/KASC14 asteroseismology workshop at the University of Hawaii in July, 2023.
  - Planned and served as emcee during the Ivy+ Summit of student government leaders at Yale University in October, 2023.

## FUNDING/PROPOSAL HISTORY

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<b>Co-I, TESS General Investigator Program (PI: Joel Ong)</b> <i>Asteroseismic Probes of Convective Boundary Mixing with 200-Second TESS FFIS</i>	August 2024 \$70,000
<b>Co-I, Yale TAC (PI: W. Garrett Levine)</b> <i>Exoplanet Aeronomy with Keck and Palomar</i>	April 2024 <i>1 Night on Keck/NIRSPEC; 1 Night on Palomar/WIRC</i>
<b>Co-I, TESS General Investigator Program (PI: Joel Ong)</b> <i>Magnetic Activity on Rapidly-Rotating Red Giants with 200-Second TESS FFIS</i>	August 2023 \$70,000

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

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<b>Yale Gruber Science Fellow</b> <i>"Awarded to the most highly ranked applicants to Yale PhD programs in the life sciences, cosmology, and astrophysics. This Fellowship is the most prestigious award offered by Yale's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to incoming science students in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments and exceptional promise." Includes Stipend and Tuition for the first two years of study and an additional \$9,500 award.</i>	August 2020 - Present
<b>USC Order of the Laurel and the Palm</b> <i>"The highest honor accorded to undergraduates completing their programs of study. Less than one percent of undergraduates earning their degrees are selected as members of the Order of the Laurel and the Palm."</i>	May 2020
<b>Yale Conference Travel Fund</b>	June 2021
<b>USC Provost Research Fellowships</b>	May 2019 - May 2020
<b>USC Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF)</b>	Summers 2017 & 2018
<b>USC Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR)</b>	August 2016 - May 2018
<b>USC Warren Bennis Scholars Leadership Program</b>	August 2018 - May 2020
<b>USC Trustee Scholar (Full Tuition Remission)</b>	August 2016 - May 2020
<b>USC University Scholarships</b>	August 2016 - May 2020
<b>USC Resident Honors Program</b>	August 2016 - May 2020
<b>USC Thematic Option Honors Program</b>	August 2016 - May 2020
<b>Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS) Scholar</b>	2017
<b>Davidson Fellows Laureate (\$50,000 award)</b>	2016