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about

I am a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Computational Astrophysics in New York City, working on finding novel ways to discover and characterize exoplanets. I am broadly interested in exocartography, astrobiology, systematics modeling, & general analytic techniques for astronomy. Outside of the office I love to hike, cycle, swim, craft lattes, faulty parallelism, and Oxford commas.

stats

Total Pubs	**33**
Refereed	**29**
First Author	**10**
Citations	**1172**
h-index	**15**

popular code

`starry`
Analytic light curves

`planetplanet`
P-P occultations

`everest`
K2 de-trending

education

2012–2017 **PhD** Astronomy and Astrobiology — University of Washington, Seattle WA
+ On the evolution, detection, and characterization of small planets in the habitable zones of M dwarfs
+ Advised by Eric Agol, Rory Barnes, and Victoria Meadows

2012–2013 **MSc** Astronomy and Astrobiology — University of Washington, Seattle WA

2006–2010 **BA** Astrophysics — Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA
+ Minor in English Literature

positions

2018– **Flatiron Fellow** — Center for Computational Astrophysics, New York, NY
+ Develop and maintain the `starry` exocartography code
+ Develop methods to detect & characterize exoplanets with TESS and JWST

2017–2018 **Postdoctoral Researcher** — University of Washington
+ Developed photometric de-trending methods to aid in the search for small planets transiting small stars; developed and maintained the `everest` pipeline

2012–2017 **Research Associate** — University of Washington
+ Developed techniques to detect and characterize habitable zone planets
+ Investigated the atmospheric evolution of planets orbiting M dwarfs

2008–2009 **Student Researcher** — Swarthmore College
+ Research under Professor Eric Jensen on planet formation and T Tauri disks

honors

2018–2021 **Flatiron Fellowship** — Center for Computational Astrophysics, New York, NY

2018 **Hubble Postdoctoral Fellowship** — (Declined)

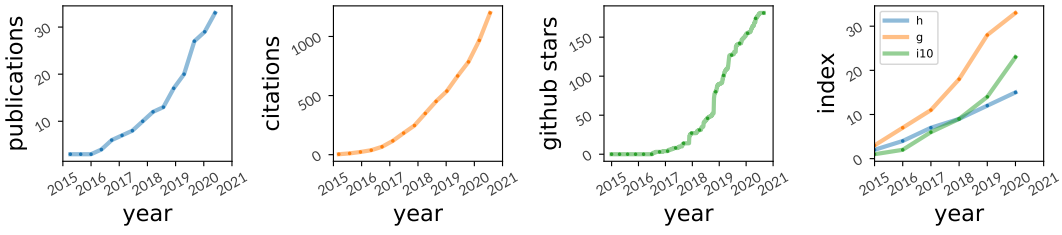
2018 **51 Pegasi b Fellowship** — (Declined)

2012–2015 **ARCS Fellowship** — University of Washington

2010 **Bobby Berman Memorial Prize** — Swarthmore College

2010 **The Phi Beta Kappa Society** — Swarthmore College

metrics



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students

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UW, 2016-2018

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CUNY, 2019

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CUNY, 2019-

teaching & outreach

2019- **Mentor, AstroCom** — AMNH / CUNY
+ Mentor undergraduate students from underrepresented groups in the sciences at the City University of New York

2019- **Lecturer, LSST Data Science Fellowship** — Carnegie Mellon / Flatiron Institute
+ Lectured on various topics related to statistical inference at week-long schools for early-career astronomers

2012–2017 **Mobile Planetarium** — University of Washington
+ Presented planetarium shows at schools and public venues throughout Washington state using UW's inflatable mobile planetarium

2012–2013 **Teaching Assistant** — University of Washington
+ Taught two bi-weekly tutorial sessions for two college astronomy courses

2010–2012 **High School Teacher** — St. Luke's School, New Canaan CT
+ Created and taught a rigorous, college-level elective course in astrophysics aimed at seniors interested in pursuing college classes in the field
+ Taught three sections of 11th grade physics with a focus on astronomy , helping students develop critical thinking and creative problem solving skills

2009–2010 **Science Associate & Tutor** — Swarthmore College
+ Directed weekly large-group study sessions for an introductory course in astronomy; tutored students in courses in mechanics and E&M

other

2013–2017 **IT Manager** — Virtual Planet Laboratory, University of Washington
+ Managed VPL's virtual conferencing system and network

2010–2012 **Head Coach** — St. Luke's School, New Canaan CT
+ Head coach of the JV Boys Soccer and Fencing Teams
+ Assistant coach of the MS Tennis Team

2009–2010 **Captain** — Swarthmore College Fencing Team
+ Captain and founding member of the Sabre Team

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