

Crisel Suarez

Curriculum Vita
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Education

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Expected Spring 2025
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Fisk University, Nashville, TN. December 2019
Master of Arts in Physics

St. Edward's University, Austin, TX May 2017
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics,
Minors: Physics, Global Studies

Research Positions

- **Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) Hinode/X-Ray Telescope Chief Observer**
Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian September 2021- Present
- **Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) Predoctoral Fellow**
Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian July 2020- Present
- **Fisk-Vanderbilt Masters to PhD Bridge Research Assistant**
Fisk University and Vanderbilt University August 2017-Present
- **Fisk-Vanderbilt-Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) Bridge Program Fellow**
Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian May-August 2018 & May-August 2019
- **St. Edward's University McNair Scholar**
St. Edward's University November 2015-May 2017
- **Mathematics Research Assistant**
St. Edward's University August 2015-May 2017
- **Computer Science Research Assistant**
Texas Tech University June 2016-August 2016
- **Physics Research Assistant**
St. Edward's University August 2016-December 2016
- **Computer Science Research Assistant**
St. Edward's University May 2014-June 2014

Teaching Positions

- **Mathematics Tutor**
Cambridge Math Circle, Cambridge, MA September 2023- Present
- **Mathematics Tutor**
Harris Elementary School, Austin, TX March 2022- June 2022
- **Computer Programming Fisk-Vanderbilt Bridge Program Bootcamp Instructor**
Fisk University/Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN August 2021
- **Teaching Assistant, Physics Lab I**
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN August 2017-May 2019
- **Mathematics Tutor**
St. Edward's University, Austin, TX August 2015-May 2017
- **Calculus I Teaching Assistant**
St. Edward's University, Austin, TX August 2016-December 2016
- **Calculus I Supplemental Instructor**
St. Edward's University, Austin, TX August 2016-December 2016

Certificates/Training

- **International Coaching Federation (ICF), FUNDinnova** January 2023
Coaching and Mentoring Certificate
Mexico City, Mexico
- **Austria Research Promotion Agency (FFG)** July 2022
Alpbach Summer School Comparative Plasma Physics in the Universe
Alpbach, Austria
- **European Space Agency (ESA) Academy** November 2022
Post-Alpbach Summer School Concurrent Engineering
Libin, Belgium, ESEC-Galaxia
- **Software Carpentry** January 2022
Certified Instructor
<https://carpentries.org/>
- **Vanderbilt University- Center for Teaching and the Graduate School** April 2021
Certificate in College Teaching
Nashville, TN
- **University of Texas at Austin** December 2017
Hands-on Nanotechnologies Certificate
Austin, TX

Honors/Awards

- **Education and Public Outreach Solar Eclipse Grant** March 2024
American Astronomical Society/Solar Physics Division (AAS/SPD)
- **Metclaf Student Travel Award** June 2023
American Astronomical Society/Solar Physics Division (AAS/SPD)
Waves and Instabilities in the Solar Atmosphere (WISA) Workshop
- **American Geophysical Union Student Travel Award** May 2023
American Geophysical Union Chapman Conference-Advances
in Understanding Alfvén Waves in the Sun and the Heliosphere
- **Post-Alpbach Summer School Student Travel Award** November 2022
European Space Agency (ESA) Academy
- **Alpbach Summer School Student Travel Award** July 2022
Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)
- **SHINE Student Travel Award** June 2022
Solar Heliospheric and INterplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop
- **McMinn Research Award** Spring 2020
Vanderbilt University
- **St. Edward's University Outstanding Student in Mathematics Leadership** 2016-2017
St. Edward's University
- **St. Edward's University Honors Scholar** 2013-2017
St. Edward's University
- **St. Edward's University Dean's Achievement Scholarship** 2013-2017
St. Edward's University
- **St. Edward's University Dr. M. Jean McKemie Endowed Scholarship** 2013-2017
St. Edward's University
- **St. Edward's University Outstanding First-Year Mathematics Student** 2013-2014
St. Edward's University
- **Optimist Club Scholarship** 2013
Austin TX

Publications

- “Estimations of Elemental Abundances during Solar Flares Observed in Soft X-Rays by the MinXSS-1 CubeSat Mission,” **Crisel Suarez**; Christopher S. Moore, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2023-11-01, [DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/acf0c2](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/acf0c2)
- “Quasi-periodic pulsations in solar flares: a key diagnostic of energy release on the Sun,” Andrew Inglis et al., Vol. 55, Issue 3 (*Heliophysics 2024 Decadal Whitepapers*), 2023-07-31, [DOI: 10.3847/25c2cfcb.55d6b861](https://doi.org/10.3847/25c2cfcb.55d6b861)
- “Zoobot: Adaptable Deep Learning Models for Galaxy Morphology,” Mike Walmsley et al., *Journal of Open Source Software*, 2023-05-08, [DOI: 10.21105/joss.05312](https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.05312)
- “Probing for Bias: Comparing Populations Using Item Response Curves,” Paul Walter; Edward Nuhfer; **Crisel Suarez**, *Numeracy*, 2021-01, [DOI: 10.5038/1936-4660.14.1.1357](https://doi.org/10.5038/1936-4660.14.1.1357)
- “Simulating Solar Flare Irradiance with Multithreaded Models of Flare Arcades,” Jeffrey W. Reep; Harry P. Warren; Christopher S. Moore; **Crisel Suarez**; Laura A. Hayes, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2020-05-21, [DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/ab89a0](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ab89a0)
- “Online SPARC for Drawing and Animation. Online SPARC for Drawing and Animation,” Marcopoulos, Elias ; Rayatidamavandi, Maede ; **Suarez, Crisel** ; Zhang, Yuanlin, *Proceedings of the Seventh Symposium on Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence (EAAI-17)*, NSF CNS1359359, (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v31i1.10555>

Invited Presentations

- **C. Suarez**, C. Moore, MinXSS Team, “Science Results from the MinXSS CubeSats”
235th American Astrophysical Society (AAS), Honolulu, HI January 6, 2020

Students Mentored

- Brendan D’Aquino (Co-mentored w/ Christopher S. Moore)
Harvard-Smithsonian/Northeastern U Co-Op program Fall 2022-Present
- Carleano Libretto (Co-mentored w/ Christopher S. Moore)
Harvard-Smithsonian Latino Initiative Program Summer 2020

Outreach and Public Understanding of Science

Harris Elementary School, Austin, TX

Volunteer (Apr. 2-8, 2024)

- Organized bilingual eclipse lesson “The Moon’s Shadow for Pre-K to 5th grade
- Support students by building positive and authentic relationships with students
- Assist students to gain better understanding of solar eclipse
- Provide hands-on experiments for kids

Saturday Academy, National Air and Space Museum at Smithsonian Center, Washington DC

Volunteer (Jan. 12, 2019, Sept. 21, 2019)

- Organizing public outreach at the National Air and Space Museum for families.
- Activities are geared to be bilingual for English Language Learning families

Vanderbilt Students Volunteer for Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Volunteer (2017-2019)

- Participate in inquiry-based, hands-on science lessons to middle-school students.
- Help set-up and volunteer at the Nashville Science Center's Robotics Day

St. Edward's University Math Club, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX

President (2017-2016), *Vice-President* (2016-2015), *Secretary* (2015-2014)

- Organized social events, Mathematics workshops and outreach events
- Volunteered at local elementary
- Participated in professional mathematics conferences (TUMC, MAA, JMM)

St. Edward's University Computer Science Club, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX

Event Coordinator (2016-2017)

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Posada Esperanza, Austin, TX

Volunteer (2015-2016)

- Tutored and mentor 3 students of low socio-economic background in Mathematics and English

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- *Maurer, M., Byrne, L., Falk-Petersen, U., Hamdoun, A., Hénaff, G., Huber, K., Ilas, A., Reisinger, N., Sinjan, J., Suarez, C., Szilágy-Sándor, A., Tarvus, V., Tsindis, M., and Vaganov, M.: CASPER: A Space Mission Concept to Investigate Transient Luminous Events and Terrestrial Gamma Ray Flashes, EGU General Assembly 2023, Vienna, Austria, 24-28 Apr 2023, EGU23-12033, <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-egu23-12033>, 2023.
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- *C.Goettlicher, C.Moore, C. Suarez, S. Saar, “Solar Flare Soft X-Ray Time Series Spectrum Reconstruction,” Solar Research Experience for Undergraduates Symposium, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO), Cambridge, MA, August 7, 2019.

* Mentored (*) or Collaborative Projects

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO), Cambridge, MA

Summer Research, 05/2018 -08/2018 & 05/2019-08/2019

- Fisk University, Nashville, TN**

- Implemented first-principles software (ABINIT) in high performance computing to optimize crystal structure of A_2BX_6 scintillators
- Calculated the Band Structure and Density of States of different Cs_2HfX_6 scintillators

Physics Research Assistant, 09/2016 - 12/2016

- Mathematics Research Assistant, 08/2015 - 05/2017*

- Computer Science Research Assistant, 05/2014 - 08/2014*

- Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX**

- Developed innovated software motivated to teach High School students about Answer Set Programming
- Implemented a free online environment to use and preform animations and drawings in Answer Set Programming
- Publish results at *Proceedings of the Seventh Symposium*
- Trained using SPARC and JAVA

Austin Independent School District, Austin TX

- Tutor students from 3rd to 5th grade in a positive and enriching environment
- Supporting students by building positive and authentic relationships with students
- Assist students to gain better understanding of concepts taught in the classroom

- Provide feedback and positive reinforcements to motivate students

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Computer Programming Bootcamp Instructor

- Taught students through collaborative learning and critical thinking
- Developed complementary programming lesson plans to students

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, MA

Hinode/X-ray Telescope, Chief Observer (XRT-CO), 09/2021- Current

- Conducted daily operations, performed data verification
- Planned and coordinated solar observation

Co-Research Mentor, 06/2020-08/2020

- Co-mentored Carleano Libretto in solar physics as part of the Latino Initiative Program
- Provided feedback on research and presentation skills
- Final presentation at SAO: “Analysis of the Distribution of flare Loop Emission Using Multiple Channels of SDO/AIA Observations”

Co-Research Mentor, 06/2019-07/2019

- Co-mentored Carson Goettlicher in solar physics as part of the Solar REU program
- Provided feedback on research and presentation skills
- Final presentation at SAO: “Solar Flare Soft X-Ray Time Series Spectrum Reconstruction”

Mentor, 05/2018 – 08/2018

- Peer-mentor to REU Solar students and Latino Initiative interns

St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX

Calculus I Supplemental Instructor, 08/2016 - 12/2016

- Lead students through group discussion and evaluation of higher-level ideas and concepts
- Organized weekly one-hour of collaboration between Calculus I students
- Developed complementary material and study guides for Calculus I students

Calculus I Teaching Assistant, 08/2016 - 12/2016

- Assisted professors during Calculus I lab
- Help students through collaborative learning and critical thinking

Mathematics Tutor, 08/2015 - 05/2017

- Walk-in tutoring to students in basic math courses, up to and including Calculus II
- Help students through collaborative learning and critical thinking

Research Assistant, 05/2014 - 07/2014

- Developed Python software to calculate the expected value and probability of the different properties in Monopoly

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Skills

Fluent in Spanish

Proficient in Java, Python, IDL and ABINIT

Professional Memberships/Affiliations

Vanderbilt's Students Volunteer for Science (VSVS) (2017-Present), American Physics Society (APS), *Member* (2017-Present), Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), *Member* (2017-Present), St. Edward's University Math Club, *President* (2016-2017), *Vice-President* (2015-2016), *Secretary* (2014-2015), *Member* (2013-2014) St. Edward's University Computer Science Club, *Event Coordinator* (2016-2017), *Member* (2015-2016).

St. Edward's University Model United Nations, *Coordinator* (2014-2015).

Leadershape "Inspire Change," St. Edward's University, 2014.

Research Projects

- Magnetospheric Venus Space Explorers, MVSE Team, Post Alpbach Summer School 2022.
- The CASPER mission Chasing ghosts in the atmosphere Summer School Alpbach, 2022
- C. Suarez, J. Callahan, "Tiling with TETRIS."
- C. Suarez, P.J. Walter, "Modeling the Flow of Refugees in the Middle East and Europe."
- C. Suarez, P.J. Walter, G. Morris, E.B. Nuhfer, "Item Response Curves for the Science Literacy Concept Inventory."
- C.Suarez, M.U. Kart, "North Carolina and Pennsylvania for Boardwalk? Trade Values for Monopoly Real Estate."
- Marcopoulos, Elias & Rayatidamavandi, Maede & **Suarez, Crisel** & Zhang, Yuanlin, "Online SPARC for Drawing and Animation. Online SPARC for Drawing and Animation," *Proceedings of the Seventh Symposium on Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence (EAAI-17)*.
- C. Suarez, Mycobacterium Phage Liberty, *Actinobacteriophage Database* <http://phagesdb.org/phages/Liberty/>.
- GenBank Submission, LadyBird, 9.23.2015, Callejon, A.C., Douglas, D., Fox, D.J., Harper, M., Hyde, N.V., Lerma, J.F., Parsons, S.C., **Suarez, C.**, Walsh, M.A., Kart, M., Hauser, C.R., Hughes, L.E., Bradley, K.W., Asai, D.J., Bowman, C.A., Russell, D.A., Pope, W.H., Jacobs-Sera, D., Hendrix, R.W. and Hatfull, G.F., *Mycobacterium phage LadyBird*, complete genome. GenBank Accession Number KT588442.

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- **AstroHack Week**
Heidelberg, Germany

October 2022