# Daniella Morrone

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### **Education**

**University of Toronto** 

Toronto, ON, Canada

H.B.Sc. Astronomy & Physics Specialist, Minors in Mathematics and French Language

2018 - 2023

- 3.80/4.0 GPA in astronomy courses; 3.68/4.0 GPA in upper level courses.

Bishop Allen Academy Catholic Secondary School OSSD

Toronto, ON, Canada 2014 - 2018

- Ontario Scholar, 92% average in top 6 grade 12 courses. Completed 4 Advanced Placement examinations.

# **Research Experience**

Summer Research

Institute for Research on Exoplanets Trottier Grant, Université de Montréal

Montreal, QC, Canada

Advisor: Prof. Jonathan Gagné

Summer 2022

Summer Undergraduate Research Program, University of Toronto Advisors: Dr. Lamiya Mowla & Dr. Kartheik Iyer

Toronto, ON, Canada Summer 2021

 Developed a pipeline developed to measure morphological characteristics of galaxies in real observations (XDF), mock observations and simulations (SIMBA Simulations).

Summer Student Research Program, Sunnybrook Research Institute Supervisor: Dr. JoAnne McLaurin

Toronto, ON, Canada Summer 2019

- Performed immunostaining techniques and analysis of behavioural tests to characterize the behaviour and pathology of prodromal Alzheimer's Disease in the TgF344-AD Rat Model.

### Undergraduate Thesis

### Department of Astronomy & Astrophysics, University of Toronto

Toronto, ON, Canada

Advisors: Dr. Lamiya Mowla & Dr. Kartheik Iyer; Super-advisor: Prof. Yanqin Wu

Fall 2021 & Winter 2022

- Applying the pipeline developed in Summer 2021 (see above) to map the morphological evolution of galaxies in the Hubble eXtreme Deep Field (XDF) and SIMBA Simulations.

# Scholarships & Awards

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Institute for Research on Exoplanets, \$7,500

2022

### Walter John Helm Scholarship in Astronomy and Astrophysics

*University of Toronto*, \$1,763.43

2021

### Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) Fellowship

Dunlap Institute for Astronomy & Astrophysics, \$9,595

2021

#### Sunnybrook Research Institute (SRI) Summer Student Research Program

Sunnybrook Research Institute, \$6,978

2019

### **Presentations**

### Conferences

Mapping the Mass-Light Evolution of Galaxies in the Hubble eXtreme Deep Field (XDF) and SIMBA Simulations. Undergraduate Research Conference

**University of Toronto/Online** February 2022

What does morphology tell us? Employing galaxy morphology to decode galaxy evolution.

Online *January* 2022

Canadian Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics, Poster Presentation

**Decoding galaxy evolution through the lens of galaxy morphology.** SDSS-V 2021 Collaboration Meeting, Lightning Talk

Johns Hopkins University/Online August 2021

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SDSS-V 2021 Collaboration Meeting, Poster Presentation

What does morphology tell us? Employing galaxy morphology to decode galaxy evolution.

University of Toronto/Online

August 2021

SURP Poster Presentation

What does morphology tell us? Understanding galaxy evolution through the lens of galaxy shapes and sizes. University of Toronto/Online
July 2021

SURP Midterm Presentation

Que nous dit la morphologie des galaxies? Procédure pour identifier les lacunes dans nos simulations actuelles.

L'Acfas/Online June 2021

Vitrine de savoirs 2021, Sprint-présentations de la relève en recherche

Behavioural and Pathological Characterization of Prodromal Alzheimer's Disease in TgF344-AD Model.

Sunnybrook Research Institute

407 ETR Summer Student Poster Competition

**Outreach** 

(*UPCOMING*) Astronomy in the Movies: Fiction vs. Reality. *Girls SySTEM*, *Invited Talk* 

Girls SySTEM/Online

. May 2022

August 2019

Let's Talk About Astronomy. Grade 6 Class, Invited Talk

St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School/Online

January 2022

2021-2022

# **Teaching Experience**

**Teaching Assistant** 

University of Toronto

Department of Astronomy & Astrophysics

- **AST101 - The Sun and Its Neighbours**: Marked midterm and assignments for a first year course for non-science students about the Sun, planets, comets, and the formation of the solar system.

- **AST201 - Stars and Galaxies**: Communicated with students via email and discussion boards and marked midterm and assignments for a second year course for non-science students about properties and life cycles of stars, galaxies, and the Universe.

### Technical Skills

Proficient in **Python** and have experience with **HTML**. Comfortable using **LATEX** and **Git**. Have experience with **macOS** command line. Speak **English** with Native proficiency and **French** with Working proficiency.

# Other Relevant Work & Volunteer Experience

Astronomy and Youth
Undergraduate Panelist

Star Chasers
February 2022

Answered questions about undergraduate research, university experiences, application procedures and what to expect from a career in astronomy.

AstroTours

University of Toronto

Pecember 2021 - Present

– Discussed the science motivation and different instruments of the New Horizons Space Probe and James Webb Space Telescope to a public audience.

St. Mike's Grad Week University of Toronto

Panel Moderator October 2021

- Moderated a panel of three UofT alumni from Physical Sciences focusing on academic success, the post-grad journey of the panelists and their careers, geared towards upper year undergraduate students.

### USMC Student Union Mental Health & Accessibility Committee

University of Toronto

Committee Member

Fall 2021 & Winter 2022

- Work alongside the St. Micheal's College (USMC) Student Union VP Mental Health & Accessibility to plan events and workshops, and collaborate with students groups to increase visibility of campus health resources.

#### **USMC Mentorship Program**

**University of Toronto** 

Mentor, Academic Representative

Fall 2021 & Winter 2022

- Actively and regularly communicate with a group of five mentees, both individually and as a group. Create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all mentees and program staff.
- Help all mentees enrolled within the Physical Sciences by answering program-specific questions. Support Professional Development Team in organizing events geared towards academic success.

USMC Orientation University of Toronto

*Leader* Summer 2019, 2020, 2021

- Oriented and led a group of up to 30 first year students during the first week of university. Guided the group around campus, introduced them to university life and fostered a welcoming community.
- Lead an in-person tours of UofT campus and moderated panels of representatives from the Math and Physical Sciences departments. Awarded Leader of the Year in 2021.

### **USMC Student Union Formal Committee**

University of Toronto

Committee Member

Winter 2020

Work alongside the SMCSU VP Community Life to plan and execute the USMC Formal. Worked specifically
on promotional aspects of planning the event

# Mentorship

Mentor University of Toronto

USMC Mentorship Program

2021-2022

- Fall 2021 & Winter 2022: Ruchira Ray Verma.
- Summer 2021-Winter 2022: Erica Rose, Jing-Zu Tate Li, Joshua Thoppil, Jou Glasheen.
- Summer 2021: Megh Agarwal.

Mentee University of Toronto

Astronomy Undergraduate Mentorship Program

2021-2022

- Fall 2021 & Winter 2022: **Simran Nerval**.
- Fall 2020 & Winter 2021: Jacob Taylor.

# Workshops, Training, & Professional Development

Teaching Assistants' Training Program

**University of Toronto** 

*Trainee – Teaching Assistant* 

September 2021

**SURP Astro 101 Lecture Series** 

**University of Toronto** 

Attendee – Summer Research Student

Summer 2021

**SURP Professional Development Series** 

**University of Toronto** 

Attendee - Summer Research Student

Summer 2021

Call it out: racism, racial discrimination & human rights

Ontario Human Rights Commission

Trainee – Orientation Leader, Mentor

July 2021

LivingWorks Start

LivingWorks

Trainee – Orientation Leader, Mentor

July 2020, 2021

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Identify, Assist, Refer Education ModuleUniversity of TorontoTrainee - Orientation Leader, MentorJuly 2020, 2021Shutdown STEM<br/>AttendeeUniversity of Toronto<br/>July 2021Introduction to Computational Astrophysics<br/>StudentUniversity of Toronto<br/>May 2021Equity & Diversity TrainingUniversity of Toronto

July 2020

**Relevant Coursework** 

Trainee – Orientation Leader

• Astronomy: Astronomy Research, Computational Astrophysics, Introduction to Astrophysics

- Physics: Classical & Quantum Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism, Thermal Physics
- Mathematics: Ordinary & Partial Differential Equations, Complex Variables, Multivariable Calculus
- Computer Programming: Introduction to Computational Astrophysics

### Media Appearances

| Astronomy and Youth Introductions Meet Our University Student Panel              | 2021 |
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| Let's Talk About Astronomy, Grade 6 Class Talk  Blog Post & Newsletter           | 2022 |
| SURP Project Showcase  Poster & Research Summary                                 | 2021 |
| SURP Student Spotlight<br>Student of the Week interview                          | 2021 |
| Meet the SMC Mentorship Team 2021-2022  Facebook & Instagram                     | 2021 |
| Vitrine des savoirs 2021<br>Event program $\underline{\mathcal{E}}$ Presentation | 2021 |