

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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*University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM*

**Aug. 2020 – present**

Pursuing a PhD in Physics w/ concentration in Astrophysics

Cumulative GPA: 4.043

*Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH*

**Aug. 2016 - May 2020**

Graduated with B.S. in Physics and Secondary major in Astronomy

Cumulative GPA: 3.41

### OBJECTIVE

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I am working towards my PhD in Physics with Concentration in Astrophysics at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### PAST RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Case Western Reserve University – Research Assistant**

**(Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)**

Optimization of direct-imaging survey strategies for max exoplanet yield with Dr. Benjamin Monreal

- Developed completeness calculations for terrestrial planets orbiting various stellar types
- Completed time-optimization calculations for max first-observation yield
- Researching optimal second or third observation strategies

**Case Western Reserve University – Research Assistant**

**(Apr. 2019 – Aug. 2020)**

Exoplanet simulations for ground-based telescopes with Dr. Benjamin Monreal

- Modeled the effects of Earth's atmosphere on the point spread function of a ground telescope
- Calculated the observation time required to resolve terrestrial exoplanets
- Used existing Python packages to create end-to-end mission simulations

**Rochester Institute of Technology – NSF REU**

**(Summer 2018)**

Earth-like exoplanet yield for space-based LUVOIR mission with Dr. Don Figer

- Simulated terrestrial planets orbiting nearby AFGKM stars for injection and recovery
- Calculated observing completeness for the set of nearby stars using Monte Carlo techniques
- Calculated metrics such as SNR and required exposure time to resolve targets

### CURRENT RESEARCH

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**University of New Mexico – Research Assistant**

**(Fall 2020 – present)**

\*Finding the occurrence rate of circumbinary planets (CBPs) in the TESS dataset

- Finding physical properties of stars in binaries from photometric/SED fitting.
- Building methods to detect single- or multi-transit events in TESS light curves.
- Checking validity of found CBP candidates with statistical validation.

Radial velocity follow-up of a multi-planet TESS Object of Interest (TOI) with gap between planets

- Most multis are dynamically packed, but this TOI is not, according to TESS observations
- CFHT SPIRou instrument awarded time for RV characterization

- Fitting Keplerian orbit to RV curve, more data necessary
- Characterizing small planets from TESS with CHEOPS observations
- Combined NASA TESS and ESA CHEOPS observations of five systems
  - Jointly fitted transit models to light curves to obtain precise orbital and physical parameters
  - Estimated precise planet radii bordering radius gap

## PUBLICATIONS/TALKS

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### **Research-contributed talk: AAS Meeting 242: Albuquerque, NM, Jun. 2023**

**D. Oddo\***, D. Dragomir (2023). “Probing the limits of planet formation through the demographics of circumbinary planets”

### **Invited Seminar speaker: TESS Science Talk Series, Boston, MA, Mar. 2023**

“Characterizing a set of small planets bordering the radius valley with TESS and CHEOPS observations.”

### **Invited Seminar speaker: Boston University Center for Space Physics, Boston, MA, Mar. 2023**

“An exploration of the radius valley & a comparison of NASA TESS and ESA CHEOPS.”

**First-author publication: D. Oddo\***, D. Dragomir, A. Brandeker, et al. (2022). “Characterizing a set of small planets bordering the radius valley with TESS and CHEOPS observations.”

<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/acb4e3/pdf>

**Publication (submitted):** M. R. Zapatero Osorio, S. Wang, **D. Oddo**, et al. (2022). “A sub-Neptune orbiting a slow-rotating K0V dwarf star.”

### **Poster Presentation: AAS Exoplanets IV Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 2022**

**D. Oddo**, D. Dragomir, M. Harris, N. Crouzet. “Characterizing a set of small planet candidates bordering the radius valley with TESS and CHEOPS observations.”

<https://submissions.mirasmart.com/ExoplanetsIV/itinerary/PresentationDetail.aspx?evdid=230>

**Publication:** Barragan, O., et al. (August, 2022). “The young HD 73583 (TOI-560) planetary system: Two 10-M<sub>⊕</sub> mini-Neptunes transiting a 750-Myr-old, bright, and active K dwarf.”

<https://academic.oup.com/mnras/article/514/2/1606/6548902>

### **Oral Presentation: TESS Science Conference II, Virtual, Aug. 2021**

**Oddo, D.**, Dragomir, D., Harris, M., Crouzet, N. (2021). “Characterizing small planet candidates from TESS with CHEOPS observations.”

**Publication:** Monreal, B., **Oddo, D.**, Rodriguez, C. (2019). “WAET: low-cost ground based telescopes for accelerated exoplanet direct imaging.” *ASTRO2020 APC Whitepaper*.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.04897>

### **Poster: AAS Meeting 233, Seattle, WA, Jan. 2019**

**Oddo, D.** “Simulating the earth-like exoplanet yield of the NASA LUVOIR ‘A’ architecture direct-imaging mission.”

### **Oral Presentation: RIT Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rochester, NY, July 2019**

**Oddo, D.**, Figer, D. “Simulating the earth-like exoplanet yield of the NASA LUVOIR ‘A’ architecture direct-imaging mission.”

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### ***2022 Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop: Exoplanet Science in the Gaia Era, Pasadena, CA***

Workshop detailing the effective use of Gaia data in exoplanet science.

### ***AAS Astronomy Ambassador Program, AAS 239<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (virtual)***

Workshop for early-career astronomers interested in public engagement.

### ***Time Allocation for CFHT-SPIRou spectropolarimeter, Mauna Kea, HI***

2021B: ~30 hrs for “A deeper look at the architecture of multi-planet systems” (21BC06)

2022B: ~25 hrs for “Determining the masses of a dense inner planet and sub-Neptunian outer planet (22BC10+22BC97)

### ***TESS Candidate Vetting, Albuquerque, NM***

Examining light curves from TESS data pipeline outputs to determine outcome

### ***Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH***

Women in Physics and Astronomy Club, executive member, 2018 – 2020

Physics and Astronomy Club, member, 2017 – 2020

### ***American Astronomical Society, member***

Attended AAS meeting 233 in January 2019 + AAS meeting 242 in June 2023

### ***American Physical Society, member***

## INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

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### ***University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM***

P&A Graduate Student Association, Communications Officer 2021 – 2022

- Responsible for creating content to disseminate to fellow graduate students
- Upkeep of website, monthly newsletter, social media, and event announcements

P&A Graduate Student Association, UNM GPSA Representative 2020 – 2021

- Served as departmental representative to campus-wide Graduate and Professional Student Association Council
- Advocated for grad students to receive COVID-19 relief funding from UNM
- Supported UNM graduate student union for better pay and benefits to grad students

### ***Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH***

Residence Life, residential assistant 2017 – 2020

- Foster development of floors of ~35 first-year students for three consecutive years
- Promote resident well-being through community-building strategies
- Organize and promote floor-specific programming to engage with Cleveland community

CWRU Feminist Collective, secretary 2018 – 2020

- Advocate for gender equity and inclusion
- Organize and promote events on campus
- Record general body meeting minutes

CWRU Women in Physics and Astronomy, co-founder 2019 – 2020

- Formed to promote and support women and gender non-conforming individuals in Physics and Astronomy departments at CWRU
  - Created social support network and advocated for gender equality in these depts.
  - Organized professional development workshops and women-led science talks
- Varsity Track and Field, athlete, co-captain 2016 - 2020
- Provided leadership and organization as team captain during junior and senior years
- National Residence Hall Honorary, Donald J. Kamalsky Chapter, member 2019
- Advanced pillars of service and recognition in residence life
  - Participated in community service opportunities
  - Recognized outstanding work by campus community members

### ***External organizations***

- Know Your Neighbors CWRU, co-founder 2020 – 2022
- Co-founded group of Cleveland community residents and CWRU students dedicated to bridging the divide between CWRU campus community and local neighborhoods
  - Developed events both virtually and in-person to bring students and residents together
  - Advocated university to include local resident perspective in decision-making
- Right to Health Action, Regional Organizer 2020 – 2022
- Grassroots organization of thousands of activists nationwide working to end the COVID-19 pandemic and prevent future ones from ever occurring
  - Regional organizer duties include building state teams in the Southwest and providing training and support to State Captains and state teams

### **SKILLS**

#### **Lab skills**

Analog + digital electronics  
Experience w/ cryogenics  
2D Hall Effect/muon decay

#### **Software**

Mathematica  
Origin  
GitHub

#### **Coding Languages**

Python - Strong  
Matlab - Proficient  
Java – Competent