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EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside

Doctor of Philosophy in Earth and Planetary Sciences

Advanced to Candidacy

Expected Graduation

Riverside, CA

September 2020 - Present

June 2022

June 2025

Salisbury University

Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences

Salisbury, MD

August 2014 - December 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Earth & Planetary Sciences Department, UC Riverside

September 2020 - June 2025

Advisors: Eddie Schwieterman, Stephen Kane

Understanding Biosignatures in the Context of Exoplanet Atmospheres

- Using 3D global circulation models (GCMS) to simulate terrestrial exoplanet atmospheres and connecting these results to spectral simulations.
- Assessing the detectability of spectral features with ground- and space-based telescopes to plan for future observational missions.
- Conducting exoplanet observations to determine planetary mass measurements with the HIRES instrument at the Keck Observatory.

Planetary Systems Lab, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

March 2018 - August 2020

Advisors: Thomas Fauchez, Geronimo Villanueva, Elisa Quintana, Shawn Domagal-Goldman

Detection and Characterization of Terrestrial Exoplanets and their Atmospheres, Data + Modeling

- Simulated the feasibility of detecting and characterizing terrestrial exoplanet atmospheres with analysis via radiative transfer models.
- Used the 3-D Global Climate Model ExoCAM to constrain the parameter space of the habitable zone.
- Performed optical photometry with Kepler/K2/TESS datasets in addition to the use of planet finding and validation software for light curve creation.

Department of Biological Sciences, Salisbury University

September 2016 - December 2017

Advisor: Eugene Williams

Synthesis of Lipids and Analysis of their Chirality in the Context of Astrochemistry

- Developed a methodology to study lipid chirality in the context of astrochemistry/astrobiology. Responsible for preparing, storing, and performing multiple tests such as freeze/dry cycles on a variety of lipids, as well as deciding which lipids to use to maintain the scope of the project.
- Used various teaching methods including the development of a hardbound manual and one-on-one demonstrations to train new students to continue the project upon graduation.

HONORS AND AWARDS

RHG Exceptional Achievement for Science Award, NASA	2022
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2022
Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award, University of California, Riverside	2020
GradEdge/JumpStart Summer Diversity Award, University of California, Riverside	2020
Dean's List, Salisbury University	2017
Delegate Scholarship, Maryland Higher Education Commission	2016

FIRST-AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

- Pidhorodetska, D.**, Schwieterman, E.W., Fauchez, T.J., Turbet, M., Submitted
High CO₂ Climates and Observables in the Outer Habitable Zone (OHZ)
- Pidhorodetska, D.**, Kane, S.R., Gilbert, E.A., Barclay, T., Polanski, A.S., Hill, M. L., et al. Sept 2024, AJ (<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ad6901>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XXII. A sub-Neptune Orbiting TOI-1437
- Pidhorodetska, D.**, Moran, S.E., Schwieterman, E.W., Fauchez, T.J., Quintana, E.V., et al. Oct 2021, AJ (<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ac1171/meta>)
L 98-59: a Benchmark System of Terrestrial Planets for Future Atmospheric Characterization
- Pidhorodetska, D.**, Fauchez, T.J., Villanueva, G.L., Domagal-Goldman, S.D., Kopparapu, R.K., Aug 2020, ApJ (<https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/aba4a1>)
Detectability of Molecular Signatures on TRAPPIST-1e through Transmission Spectroscopy Simulated for Future Space-Based Observatories

CO-AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

- Chontos et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Submitted (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.07893>)
The TESS-Keck Survey XXI: 13 New Planets and Homogeneous Properties for 21 Subgiant Systems
- Brinkman et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Submitted (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.00213>)
The Compositions of Rocky Planets in Close-in Orbits Tend to be Earth-Like
- Van Zandt et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Submitted
The TESS-Keck Survey XXIV: Outer Giants may be More Prevalent in the Presence of Inner Small Planets
- Barclay et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Accepted, AJ (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.10866>)
The transmission spectrum of the potentially rocky planet L 98-59 c
- Isaacson et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Oct 2024, ApJS
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4365/ad676c>)
The California Legacy Survey. V. Chromospheric Activity Cycles in Main-sequence Stars
- Schwieterman et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Sept 2024, ApJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4357/ad4ce8>)
Artificial Greenhouse Gases as Exoplanet Technosignatures
- Polanski et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** May 2024, ApJS
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4365/ad4484>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XX. 15 New TESS Planets and a Uniform RV Analysis of All Survey Targets
- Lange et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** May 2024, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ad34d9>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. VII. A Superdense Sub-Neptune Orbiting TOI-1824

- Rubenzahl et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** April 2024, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ad28bb>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XII. A Dense 1.8 Rearth Ultra-Short-Period Planet Possibly Clinging to a High-Mean-Molecular-Weight Atmosphere After the First Gyr
- Hill et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** March 2024, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ad2765>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XIX. A Warm Transiting Sub-Saturn Mass Planet and a non-Transiting Saturn Mass Planet Orbiting a Solar Analog
- Angerhausen, D., **Pidhorodetska, D.**, et al. Feb 2024, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ad1f4b>)
Large Interferometer For Exoplanets (LIFE): XII. The Detectability of Capstone Biosignatures in the Mid-Infrared – Sniffing Exoplanetary Laughing Gas and Methylated Halogens
- Murphy et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Oct 2023, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ace2ca>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XVI. Mass Measurements for 12 Planets in Eight Systems
- Dai et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Aug 2023, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/acdee8>)
A Mini-Neptune Orbiting the Metal-poor K Dwarf BD+29 2654
- Hon et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** July 2023, Nature
(<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-023-06029-0>)
A close-in giant planet escapes engulfment by its star
- MacDougall et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** July 2023, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/acd557>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XV. Precise Properties of 108 TESS Planets and Their Host Stars
- Zink et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** June 2023, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/acd24c>)
Scaling K2. VI. Reduced Small-planet Occurrence in High-galactic-amplitude Stars
- Van Zandt et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Feb 2023, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/aca6ef/pdf>)
TESS-Keck Survey. XIV. Two Giant Exoplanets from the Distant Giants Survey
- Damiano et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Nov 2022, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ac9472/pdf>)
A transmission spectrum of the sub-Earth planet L98-59 b in 1.1-1.7 micron
- Schwieterman, E.W., Olson, S.L., **Pidhorodetska, D.**, et al. Oct 2022, ApJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-4357/ac8cfb/pdf>)
Evaluating the Plausible Range of N₂O Biosignatures on Exo-Earths: An Integrated Biogeochemical, Photochemical, and Spectral Modeling Approach
- MacDougall et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Sept 2022, AJ
(<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/1538-3881/ac7ce1/pdf>)
The TESS-Keck Survey. XIII. An Eccentric Hot Neptune with a Similar-mass Outer Companion around TOI-1272
- Faucher et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** June 2021, PSJ (<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/PSJ/abf4df>)
TRAPPIST Habitable Atmosphere Intercomparison (THAI) Workshop Report
- Gilbert et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Sept 2020, ApJ (<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/aba4b2>)
An Earth-sized Planet in the Habitable Zone of a Nearby Cool Star: Validation of the System

Fauchez, T.J., Villanueva, G.L., Schwieterman, E.W., Turbet, M., Arney, G., **Pidhorodetska, D.**, et al. Jan 2020, *Nature Astronomy* (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41550-019-0977-7>)
Sensitive Probing of Exoplanetary Oxygen via Mid Infrared Collisional Absorption

Fauchez et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** Dec 2019, *ApJ* (<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ab5862>)
Impact of Clouds and Hazes on the Simulated JWST Transmission Spectra of Habitable Zone Planets in the TRAPPIST-1 System

Kostov et al. inc. **Pidhorodetska, D.** July 2019, *AJ* (<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/ab2459>)
The L 98-59 System: Three Transiting, Terrestrial-Sized Planets Orbiting a Nearby M-dwarf

FUNDED PROPOSALS

PI, Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) 2022
High CO₂ Climates and Observables in the Outer Habitable Zone

Co-Investigator, HST-GO-16448 (8 Orbits) 2020
Confirming a Tentative Detection of an Atmosphere Around a Potentially Rocky Planet, PI: T. Barclay

Co-Investigator, HST-GO-959 (20 Orbits) 2019
Searching for Secondary Atmospheres in a System of Benchmark Worlds, PI: T. Barclay

INVITED TALKS

Geneva Observatory Laboratory Seminar, Geneva, Switzerland September 2019
From Climates to Biosignatures: Comparative Planetology within the TRAPPIST-1 System

Salisbury University Department of Biological Sciences Seminar September 2019
The Search for Life Beyond our Solar System: How NASA is Taking on its Greatest Challenge Yet

CONTRIBUTED TALKS AND POSTERS

Exoplanets 5 Conference, Leiden, Netherlands (Poster) June 2024
High CO₂ Climates and Observables in the Outer Habitable Zone (OHZ)

Astrobiology Science Conference, Providence, RI (Talk) May 2024
High CO₂ Climates and Observables in the Outer Habitable Zone (OHZ)

Astrobiology Graduate Conference, San Diego, CA (Poster) July 2023
L 98-59: A Benchmark System of Terrestrial Exoplanets for Future Atmospheric Characterization

AAS Winter Meeting, Virtual (Talk) January 2021
L 98-59: A Benchmark System of Terrestrial Exoplanets for Future Atmospheric Characterization

Planets 2020 Meeting, Santiago, Chile (Poster) March 2020
Detectability of Habitability Signatures on TRAPPIST-1e Simulated for Future Space-based Observatories

Exoplanets in our Backyard Meeting, Houston, TX (Poster) February 2020
L 98-59: A Benchmark System of Terrestrial Exoplanets for Future Atmospheric Characterization

AAS Winter Meeting, Honolulu, HI (Poster) January 2020
Diversity of Exoplanets with LUVOIR I: Optical and NIR

DPS/EPSC Joint Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland (Talk) September 2019
Detectability of Habitability Signatures on TRAPPIST-1e with Future Space-based Observatories

Astrobiology Science Conference, Seattle, WA (Talk) June 2019
Detectability of Habitability Signatures on TRAPPIST-1e with Future Space-based Observatories

TRAPPIST-1 Conference, University of Liege, Belgium (Talk)	June 2019
<i>Detectability of Habitability Signatures on TRAPPIST-1e with Future Space-based Observatories</i>	
AGU Fall Meeting, Washington D.C. (Poster)	December 2018
<i>Impact of Background N₂ Pressure on the Habitability of Tidally Locked Rocky Exoplanets Around Cool Stars</i>	
Salisbury University Biochemistry Laboratory (Poster)	2017
<i>Transformation, Expression, and Purification of Green Fluorescent Protein</i>	
Salisbury University Student Research Conference (Poster)	2016
<i>Docosahexaenoic Acid (DHA) Inhibits Metastasis in B16 Cell Lines by Altering Membrane Molecular Order and Cell Adhesion Potentials</i>	

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

HWO Living Worlds Working Group Member	Present
Communications Lead for LUVOIR Mission Concept	2019-2022
NASA Panel Service as an Executive Secretary	2019, 2020
Sellers Exoplanet Environments Collaboration (SEEC) Local Organizing Committee	2019