

# Dylan Paterson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2015-2019 **PhD**, *Physics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.*  
Thesis: Astrophysical Contributions to the *Fermi* Galactic Centre GeV Excess, Submitted 30/11/2019
- 2014 **BSc Hons**, *Physics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.*  
Dissertation: Diffusion of Ultra High Energy Cosmic-Rays GPA: 8.56/9.0
- 2011-2013 **BSc**, *Astronomy, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.*  
GPA: 5.90/9.0

### Teaching

- 2014-2019 While studying at the University of Canterbury, I have been a teaching assistant (tutor and/ or lab assistant) for a variety of courses, including;  
PHYS111: Introductory Physics for Physical Sciences and Engineering, PHYS101: Engineering Physics, PHYS102: Modern Physics, ASTR112: Astrophysics, PHYS208: Computer Programming and Statistics for Physical Sciences, ASTR211: Observational Astronomy

### Outreach

- 2018-2019 Dark Sky Project, Lake Tekapo  
I was a consultant on behalf of the University of Canterbury for the science content of the newly opened *Dark Sky Project* in Lake Tekapo. I worked directly with Ngāi Tahu, providing resources about the astronomical research at the University of Canterbury Mount John Observatory that would be accessible to the general public.
- 2017-2018 Elaine P. Snowden Astronomy School, University of Canterbury  
I was an assistant at the Elaine P. Snowden Astronomy School, an introductory camp for New Zealand senior high school students that are interested in studying astronomy at the University of Canterbury
- 2017 Aoraki Mackenzie Starlight Festival, Aoraki Mt. Cook Village  
I was a volunteer at the Aoraki Starlight Festival 2017, where I operated solar telescopes for public viewing

### Technical Skills

Programming PYTHON, C, R, MATLAB, SQL  
Software L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MS WORD, MS EXCEL, MS POWERPOINT

## Coursework

Bayesian Statistics, Quantum Mechanics, Quantum Field Theory, Electromagnetism, General Relativity, Structure and Evolution of Galaxies, Stellar Structure and Evolution, Cosmology, Statistical and Particle Physics, Lie Groups and Algebras, Rings and Fields

## Publications

- 2019 The structure in front of the Galactic bar traced by red clump stars in the VVV survey
- 2019 Maximum Entropy Estimation of the Milky Way Bulge Morphology via the VVV Red Clump
- 2018 Galactic bulge preferred over dark matter for the Galactic centre gamma-ray excess, *Nature Astronomy*

## Conference Presentations

- 2019 *Galactic bulge preferred over dark matter for the galactic center gamma-ray excess*, New Zealand Institute of Physics
- 2018 *Morphology of the Milky Way Bulge with VVV*, Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand
- 2017 *The diffuse Galactic gamma-ray background*, Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand