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## EDUCATION

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**The University of Chicago,** Chicago, IL  
BS in Astrophysics with Honors June 2021  
Advisor: Prof. Michael Gladders  
Thesis: Characterizing the Size and Star Formation History of a Bright Strongly Lensed ETG at  $z=1.02$

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Lawrence Berkeley National Lab,** Berkeley, CA  
Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship  
Advisors: Professor Xiaosheng Huang & Dr. David Schlegel August 2021 - Present  
Building strong lens models with Lenstronomy for Hubble Space Telescope and Dark Energy Camera Legacy Survey (DECaLS) data to characterize lens galaxies and identifying systems likely to contain dark matter substructure for further study.

**The University of Chicago,** Chicago, IL  
COOL-LAMPS- Chicago Optically-selected strong Lenses - Located At the Margins of Public Surveys  
Advisor: Professor Michael Gladders Jan. 2020 - Present  
Searching through public surveys for strong gravitational lenses and following up discoveries with the Magellan Telescopes, Gemini North, and the Nordic Optical Telescope. Spectrophotometrically characterizing cluster and lensed galaxies to determine their star formation history and reconstructing their source plan morphology to study galaxy evolution.

HAWC+: Far Infrared Polarization in M17  
Advisor: Professor Doyal Harper April 2018 - Jan. 2021  
Studying the interstellar medium (ISM) in star forming HII regions with infrared data from the High-resolution Airborne Wideband Camera (HAWC+) on the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA). Programing a tool to create line integral convolution images, a more intuitive way of visualizing the directions of polarization vectors in complex sources. Processing data from HAWC+ by running a pipeline in Unix.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**E. Sukay**, M.D. Gladders, G. Khullar, et al., *COOL-LAMPS II. Characterizing the Size and Star Formation History of a Bright Strongly Lensed Early-Type Galaxy at Redshift 1.02*, In Preparation.  
G. Khullar, K. Gozman, [...], **E. Sukay**, et al., *COOL-LAMPS I. An Extraordinarily Bright Lensed Galaxy at Redshift 5.04*, *ApJ* **906**, 107 (2021).  
J. Michail, P. Ashton, [...], **E. Sukay**, et al., *Far Infrared Polarization of the OMC-1 Star Forming Region*, *ApJ* **907**, 46 (2021).  
M. Martienz, M.D. Gladders, [...], **E. Sukay**, et al., *COOL-LAMPS III. Discovery of a 26".0 Wide-Separation Lensed Quasar COOL J0542-2125*, In Preparation.

## POSTERS

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**E. Sukay**, M.D. Gladders, G. Khullar, et al. *COOL-LAMPS: Characterizing the Size and Star Formation History of a Strongly Lensed Early-Type  $z=1$  Galaxy*. 2021, AAS 237.  
**E. Sukay**, A. Gui, X. Huang, et al. *Strong Gravitational Lens Modeling as an Exploration of Parameter Covariance*. LBNL Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship Fall 2021 Poster Session.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award (AAS Poster Award) Jan. 2021  
The Jane Morton and Henry C. Murphy Award May 2020  
For exceptional and unique contributions to the University community.  
The Maroon Key Society (University of Chicago undergraduate honor society) 2019 - 2021

## PRESENTATIONS

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COOL-LAMPS Collaboration Meeting: <i>CJ1323 - An Early-type Lensed Galaxy at <math>z=1</math></i>	June 2021
UChicago Astrophysics Honors Thesis Presentation	June 2021
University of Chicago Astronomy Chalk Talk: <i>Research from the COOL-LAMPS Collab.</i>	Jan. 2021
Yerkes Intern Presentations: <i>Modeling HAWC+'s PSF</i>	July 2018

## OBSERVING EXPERIENCE AND PROPOSALS

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McDonald Observatory (VIRUS-P):	
Discovery & Confirmation of Galaxy & Cluster Scale Lenses (3 nights)	April 2021
Magellan Telescopes (LDSS3/PISCO/IMACS):	
Discovery & Confirmation of Galaxy & Cluster Scale Lenses (4 nights)	2020 - 2021

Co-I, JWST Proposal 2566, "Characterizing Stellar Mass Assembly and Physical Properties in the Brightest Galaxy in the Redshift $>5$  Universe" (19.4 hours)

Co-I, HST-GO Proposal 16444, "A bright arc behind an extreme cluster lens at  $z=1.5$ " (3 orbits)

Data reduction: Gemini North (GNIRS), SOFIA (HAWC+)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant, The Physics of Stars July 2020  
Graded homework and coding projects, helped write coding projects, wrote homework solutions, led students through remote observations, and held office hours for 24 high school students.

Teaching Assistant, Observational Techniques in Astrophysics April 2020 - June 2020  
Guided 30 undergraduate students through projects and remote observations.

Learning Assistant, Waves, Optics, & Heat April 2019 - June 2019  
Assisted a TA in guiding two sections of 20 undergraduate students through introductory physics labs and improved lab content.

## LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

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**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Out in STEM (oSTEM)

President April 2019 - June 2021  
Created monthly Hot Cocoa Chats with Professors to connect students to mentors and research opportunities and hosted weekly board game nights.  
Acquiring funding for and organizing travel to the annual national conference.

Event Planner June 2018 - April 2019  
Hosted weekly social teas, planned and organized events, such as movie nights and dinners, for undergraduate and graduate students.

Ryerson Astronomical Society

President June 2019 - Jan 2021  
Planning and hosting weekly talks and public observing.  
Planning quarterly dark sky camping trips and an annual trip to Yerkes Observatory.

Outreach Officer June 2018 - June 2019  
Publicizing club events and assisting the president in their duties.

**Yerkes Observatory**, Williams Bay, WI

Intern June 2018 - Aug. 2018  
Designed, set up, and ran diffraction experiments for 20 high schoolers on the "Great Refractor."  
Ran stations at weekly star parties to introduce star gazing and astronomy to the public.

## COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

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**The University of Chicago Astronomy & Astrophysics Department**, Chicago, IL

Equality & Inclusion Council, Undergrad Rep

Oct. 2019 - May 2020

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages** Proficient: Python

Familiar: IRAF, SQL

**Software** Proficient: GALFIT, Prospector, Lenstronomy, SAOImageDS9, Unix, Git, LaTeX

Familiar: LENSTOOL, PyLenstool