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Publications

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Former Students:

Aida Behmard, Caltech Graduate Student co-advised with Andrew Howard, now Kalbfleisch Fellow at Amer-[2019-2023] ican Museum of Natural History

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Michael Zhang, Caltech Graduate Student co-advised with Heather Knutson, now 51 Peg b Fellow at the [2019-2022] University of Chicago

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Detection of atmospheric escape from four young mini-Neptunes

M. Zhang, F Dai, et al., 2023, The Astrophysical Journal Letters 953, L25 ADS

Outflowing helium from a mature mini-Neptune

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NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER), \$691,228	[2025-2029]
NASA Sagan Fellowship, \sim \$375,000	[2022-2024]
51 Peg b Fellowship, Heising-Simons Foundation, Awarded but declined, $\sim $375,000$	[2022]
GPS Chair's Fellowship, Caltech, ~\$300,000	[2019-2022]
Carnegie Origins Fellowship, Carnegie Observatory, Awarded but declined, ~\$350,000	[2019]
David Thompson Award, Homerton College, University of Cambridge, UK	[2010-2014]
DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, German Academic Exchange) RISE Fellowship, Germany	[2013]
SM1 Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Singapore	[2006-2009]

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Grants & Telescope Time		
PI, "The Formation and Disruption of Resonant Chains", NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program	[2025-2029]	
(CAREER), \$691,228		
PI, "Unveiling the Composition of Earth-sized Planets with the Keck Planet Finder", NSF/AAG Program,	[2025-2027]	
\$461,453		
Co-I, "Homogeneous High-Resolution Spectroscopy of Ariel Exoplanet Host Stars", NASA Contributions to	[2025-2027]	
Ariel Preparatory Science, \$267,603		
PI, "Composition, Origin, and Fate of the Four Newborn Planets in the V1298 Tau System", NASA James	[2023-2024]	
Webb Space Telescope, Awarded 18.7 hours, \$187,000		
PI, "Pinning Down Masses of JWST Ultra-short-period Planets with Keck Planet Finder", NASA Keck Key	[2023-2024]	
Strategic Mission Support, Awarded 10 nights, \$75,000		
Co-I, "Keck Planet Finder Stellar Obliquity Survey", NASA/XRP, \$663,394	[2024-2027]	
PI, "Catching a Proto-Hot Jupiters in High-eccentricity Migration", ESO/EPRESSO, 1 night	[2023]	
PI, "Detecting Mass Loss from Two Ultra-Short-Period Planets", Keck, 2 nights	[2022]	
PI, "Stellar obliquities of Warm Jupiters and Hot Neptunes", Keck, 8 nights	[2020-2022]	
Co-I, "The First and Only Multi-wavelength Map of an Ultra-short-period sub-Earth" (PI: Michael Zhang), James [2021]		
Webb Space Telescope, 15.7 hours		
Co-I, "Mass Loss from Small Planets in metastable Helium" (PI: Heather Knutson), Keck/NIRSPEC, 8 nights	[2020-2022]	
Co-I, "Lyman alpha absorption from the only mini Neptune with measured helium outflow?" (PI: Michael Zhang), [2021]		
Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 29, 15 orbits		

[2021]

Collaborator, "The TESS-Keck Survey: Completing the Sample" (PI: Courtney Dressing), Keck, 22 nights

hours	[2021]
Co-I, "The Atmospheric and Dynamical Evolution of a Sub-Neptune Progenitor" (PI: Shreyas Vissapragada),	[2021]
WIYN/NEID, 1 night	[-]
Co-I, "Lyman alpha absorption from the only mini Neptune with measured helium outflow?" (PI: Michael Zhang), Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 29, 15 orbits	[2021]
Co-I, "Refining the Ephemeris of Young, Active Stars Hosting Small Planets" (PI: Michael Zhang), Las Cumbres Observatory, 3 nights	[2021]
Co-I, "How Common is Planet Engulfment?" (PI: Andrew Howard), Keck, 2 nights	[2020]
Co-I, "A Survey of Atmospheric Escape with WIRC" (PI: Shreyas Vissapragada), Palomar Observatory, 6 nights	[2020]
Co-I, "Probing mass loss from two mini- Neptunes orbiting a young solar analogue" (PI: Heather Knutson), Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 28, 36 orbits	[2020]
Collaborator, "Probing the Atmosphere of a Temperate Transiting Jovian Planet with an Orbital Period of 1.5	[2020]
Years" (PI: Courtney Dressing), Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 28, 18 orbits	[===]
Co-I, "Using the Metallicity Effect for Small Planets to Explore Planet Formation" (PI: Kevin Schlaufman), TESS	[2019]
Guest Investigator Program, \$50,000	[]
Collaborator, "A Southern Hemisphere RV Follow-up Program for TESS" (PI: Stephen Shectman), NASA/XRP,	[2018]
\$416,000	. ,
Co-I, "A Search for Earth-like Planets in the Habitable Zone around Bright Low-mass Stars" (PI: Teruyuki Hirano), Astrobiology Center Research Project, \$22,000	[2018]
Co-I, "Finding the Shortest Period Planets with TESS" (PI: Joshua N. Winn), Heising-Simons Foundation, \$380,000	[2018]
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worlds" (PI: Davide Gandolfi), ESO/HARPS, 78 nights	
Co-I, "Radial velocity follow-up observations of K2 transiting small planets" (PI: Davide Gandolfi), Nordic Optical	[2018]
Telescope, 8 nights	
Co-I, "Validation of Exoplanets from K2 Campaigns 14–16" (PI Joshua N. Winn), WIYN/NESSI, 4 nights	[2018]
Co-I, "Spectroscopic follow-up observations of small transiting planets from the K2 mission" (PI: Artie Hatzes),	[2018]
Nordic Optical Telescope, 6 nights	
Co-I, "Short-Cadence Observations of Identified K2 Planet Candidates" (PI: Joshua Winn), K2 Guest Observer	[2016]
Co-I, "Spectroscopic Follow-up of Planets from the K2 Survey" (PI: Joshua N. Winn) Magellan/Clay, 11 nights [201	5-2016]

Teaching and Outreach

Instructor, Astrophysical Techniques (AST 633, Graduate Level), University of Hawaii	[2024-2025]
Organizer/Mentor for Intro2Astro Workshop, 400+ participants	[2021-2025]
Introduction to Astronomy Research Youtube Channel	
Institute for Astronomy Open House	[2024-2025]
Guest Lecturer, Astronomical Measurements and Instrumentation (ay122, Graduate Level), Caltech	[2021-2023]
Mentor for Caltech WAVE Undergraduate Summer Program	[2021]
Public Webinar "Exoplanet Detection Methods"	[2021]
Speaker for AstroSprint Online Workshop, 100+ participants	[2021]
Public Talk "Aperture Photometry and the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite"	[2021]
Public Webinar "Discovering Exoplanets with TESS Light Curves in Python"	[2021]
Astronomy on Tap,"The Least Habitable Planets", Caltech	[2021]
KAZN AM1300 Radio Station, "Life Outside Earth", Los Angeles	[2021]

Talks

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium, University of California Los Angeles	[2025]
Resonant State Workshop, University of Geneva	[2025]
Planets on the Edge Conference, University of Santa Barbara	[2025]
Solar System in Context, NOIRLab Science Conference	[2025]
PSAS Seminar, Georgia Tech	[2025]
Asia Oceania Geosciences Society Conference, Korea	[2024]

Astronomy Colloquium, University of Hawaii at Manoa	[2023]
PLUNCH talk, University of California Santa Cruz	[2023]
Planetary Science Seminar, University of California Los Angeles	[2023]
Physics Colloquium, University of Rochester	[2023]
Astronomy Colloquium, University of Toronto	[2023]
Astronomy Colloquium, University of Virginia	[2023]
Physics Colloquium, Tufts University	[2023]
Stars and Planets Lunch and Talks, University of Hawaii at Manoa	[2022]
TESS Science Meeting, MIT	[2022]
Astronomy Colloquium, Yale	[2022]
Exoplanet Journal Club, Jet Propulsion Lab	[2022]
Astro Seminar Series, Kansas University	[2022]
Physics Colloquium, Washington University in St Louis	[2022]
Keck Science Meeting, Caltech	[2022]
Hubble Symposium, Space Telescope Science Institute	[2022]
Exoplanet Meeting, Princeton University	[2022]
Exoplanet Group Meeting, University of Chicago	[2021]
KIAA Seminar, KIAA/Peking University	[2021]
Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science Symposium	[2021]
Planet Group Meeting, Ohio State University	[2021]
Exoplanet Demographics Conference, NExSci	[2020]
Exoplanet Meeting, Princeton University	[2020]
DIX Planetary Science Seminar, Caltech	[2020]
Boston Area Exoplanet Science Meeting, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics	[2019]
Exoplanet Group Meeting, University of Chicago	[2018]
IPAC Seminar, NExSci	[2018]
ExoCoffee, University of California, Berkeley	[2018]
Exoplanet Tea, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	[2018]
Stars & Planets Seminar, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics	[2018]
Exoplanet Pizza Lunch, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics	[2018]
Exoplanet Seminar, Yale University	[2018]
Center for Exoplanets and Habitable Worlds Seminar, Penn State University	[2018]
Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science Symposium IV	[2018]
Bahcall Lunch, Institute of Advanced Studies	[2018]
Kepler & K2 Science Conference IV, NASA Ames Research Center	[2017]

Community Service

Referee for AAS journals, Nature Astronomy, MNRAS, and Astronomy & Astrophysics	[2016-Present]
Panelist for National Science Foundation Astronomy & Astrophysics Program	[2024]
Reviewer for Hubble Space Telescope	[2021]
Reviewer for ESO Facilities	[2021]
Reviewer for National Science Foundation Astronomy & Astrophysics Program	[2020]
Reviewer for NASA FINESST Program	[2020]

Press Coverage

"Rare Six-Planet Star System Discovered in Milky Way", Wall Street Journal "TOI-1136 is a Young, Coplanar, Aligned Planetary System in a Pristine Resonant Chain", AAS Journal Channel on Youtube	[2023] [2023]
"Rogue Exomoons: On the Detection of Exomoons Transiting Isolated Planetary-Mass Objects", Astrobite "Inflating a Super-Puff Planet", AAS Nova	[2021] [2019]
"Binary stars with unexplainable dimming pattern", Phys.org	[2019]
"The Curious Case of the Mysterious Over-Luminous Brown Dwarf", Astrobite	[2018]

"Are you rocky or are you gassy?", Carnegie Observatory	[2017]
"K2-106 Astronomers characterize two 'super-Earths' in a distant planetary system", Phys.org	[2017]
"WASP-12b and Its Possible Fiery Demise", AAS Nova	[2017]
"K2-131 Discovery alert! A sizzling super Earth", NASA	[2017]
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