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Graduate Students:

Rena Lee: Graduate Student, NSF GRFP Fellow, University of Hawaii [2024-Present]
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Elina Zhang: Graduate Student, University of Hawaii [2024-Present]
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TOI-880 is an Aligned, Coplanar, Multi-planet System

Chase Urasaki: Graduate Student, University of Hawaii [2025-Present]

Mu-Tian Wang: Visiting graduate student, Nanjing University [2024-Present]
M. Wang, **F. Dai**, et al., submitted
An Adolescent, Near-Resonant Planetary System Near the End of Photoevaporation
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TOI-4495: A Pair of Aligned, Near-Resonant Sub-Neptunes that Experienced Overstable Migration

Zhecheng Hu: Visiting graduate student, Tsinghua University [2024-Present]
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Unexpected Near-Resonant and Metastable States of Young Multi-Planet Systems

Aaron Householder: Graduate Student, NSF GRFP Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology [2024-Present]
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The KPF SURFS-UP Survey I: Transmission Spectroscopy of WASP-76 b

Undergraduate Students:

Finnegan Keller: Visiting undergraduate student, Brown University; Finnegan's thesis (same title as the paper) won Brown's Smiley Prize for Excellent Contribution to the Astronomy Program. He also served as a student speaker at Brown's 2025 Commencement. [2024 Summer]
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Diya Kumar: Visiting undergraduate student, SURF, Caltech [2025 Summer]
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Dynamical Disruption of Resonant Chains

Quentin Charles: REU Undergraduate Student, University of Hawaii [2025 Summer]
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Barron Nguyen: Visiting undergraduate student, Standford University [2024 Summer]
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Yuancheng Xu: Visiting undergraduate student, Oxford University [2024 Summer]
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Former Students:

Aida Behmard: Caltech graduate student co-advised with Andrew Howard, now Kalbfleisch Fellow at American Museum of Natural History [2019-2023]
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Michael Zhang: Caltech graduate student co-advised with Heather Knutson, now 51 Peg b Fellow at the University of Chicago [2019-2022]

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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

Awards & Honors

NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER), $691,228 [2025-2030]

NASA Sagan Fellowship, ~$375,000 [2022-2024]

51 Peg b Fellowship, Heising-Simons Foundation, Awarded but declined, ~$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]

Grants & Telescope Time

PI, "The Formation and Disruption of Resonant Chains", NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER), $691,228 [2025-2030]

PI, "Unveiling the Composition of Earth-sized Planets with the Keck Planet Finder", NSF/AAG Program, $461,453 [2025-2028]

Co-I, "Homogeneous High-Resolution Spectroscopy of Ariel Exoplanet Host Stars", NASA Contributions to Ariel Preparatory Science, $267,603 [2025-2027]

PI, "Composition, Origin, and Fate of the Four Newborn Planets in the V1298 Tau System", NASA James Webb Space Telescope, Awarded 18.7 hours, $187,000 [2023-2024]

PI, "Pinning Down Masses of JWST Ultra-short-period Planets with Keck Planet Finder", NASA Keck Key Strategic Mission Support, Awarded 10 nights, $75,000 [2023-2024]

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 Webb Space Telescope, 15.7 hours [2021]

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), Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 29, 15 orbits [2021]

Collaborator, "The TESS-Keck Survey: Completing the Sample" (PI: Courtney Dressing), Keck, 22 nights [2021]

Co-I, "The X-ray Spectra of Young, Active Stars Hosting Small Planets" (PI: Michael Zhang), XMM-Newton, 10 hours [2021]

Co-I, "The Atmospheric and Dynamical Evolution of a Sub-Neptune Progenitor" (PI: Shreyas Vissapragada), WIYN/NEID, 1 night [2021]

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 Years" (PI: Courtney Dressing), Hubble Space Telescope Cycle 28, 18 orbits [2020]

Co-I, "Using the Metallicity Effect for Small Planets to Explore Planet Formation" (PI: Kevin Schlaufman), TESS Guest Investigator Program, $50,000 [2019]

Collaborator, "A Southern Hemisphere RV Follow-up Program for TESS" (PI: Stephen Shectman), NASA/XRP, $416,000 [2018]

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]

Co-I, " The KESPRINT radial velocity follow-up of TESS transiting planets: unveiling the nature of small worlds" (PI: Davide Gandolfi), ESO/HARPS, 78 nights [2018 - 2020]

Co-I, "Radial velocity follow-up observations of K2 transiting small planets" (PI: Davide Gandolfi), Nordic Optical Telescope, 8 nights [2018]

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), Nordic Optical Telescope, 6 nights [2018]

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 [2015-2016]

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	[2023]
"TOI-1136 is a Young, Coplanar, Aligned Planetary System in a Pristine Resonant Chain", AAS Journal Channel on Youtube	[2023]
"Rogue Exomoons: On the Detection of Exomoons Transiting Isolated Planetary-Mass Objects", Astrobite	[2021]
"Inflating a Super-Puff Planet", AAS Nova	[2019]
"Binary stars with unexplainable dimming pattern", Phys.org	[2019]
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