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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Chicago, USA

Ph.D. in Astronomy & Astrophysics

2022-present

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Santiago, Chile

B.S. in Astronomy. Graduation Rank 1 out of 9

2017-2021

- Thesis: "Assembling Super-Earths by Giant Impacts in Protoplanetary Disks"

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Researcher

2021 - 2022

Instability Timescales of Planetary Systems

— I carried out N-body simulations in order to study the stability of planetary systems when damping forces are included. This allowed me to gauge the primordial disk properties when planets grew by collisions using the exoplanet demographics. I also developed a semi-analytical framework based on orbital resonances in order to understand the simulation outcomes. Paper in writing-stage to be submitted to the AAS Journals.

Undergraduate Researcher

Summer 2020

Density Distribution Models at an Astronomic Scale: Lane Embden Equation

 I studied the Lane-Embden equation from a Mathematical Physics point of view, reviewing its derivation, mathematical characteristics and physical implications, along with its analytical and numerical solutions through the Newton-Rhaphson Method.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Honors Award 2017–2020

- Awarded to students with the best academic performance of their class on the previous academic year (Cohort of 43)
- National Maximum Score at University Selection Exam of Mathematics (PSU)

2016

Conferences

• Contributed talk at XVII SOCHIAS Anual Meeting

January 2022

- Title: "Influence of Protoplanetary Disks and Orbital Resonances on the Formation of Super Earths via Giant Impacts"

Teaching

Teaching Assistantships at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

• Dynamics of Stellar and Planetary Systems (Graduate Level Course)

2021 - 2

• Methods of Mathematical Physics II

2021 - 1, 2022 - 1

2021 - 1

• Dynamics Laboratory

Summer 2021

• Quantum Physics I

2020 - 2

• Dynamics Laboratory

2019 - 2

Computer Skills

LANGUAGES

• Programming: Python

• OS: Mac OS

• Others: LATEX, Vim

Spanish: Native English: Advanced

- Sept. 2021: **TOEFL iBT:** 114/120

Extracurricular Activities

• Volunteer Academic Tutor 2020-2021

School accompaniment for a 5th grade student on the autistic spectrum

• Member of the Astronomy Academic Counseling Team 2020

Part of the faculty organism dedicated to attend academic issues regarding astronomy undergraduate students

• Counselor at "Applicant's week UC" 2019

This fair is dedicated to students seeking to apply to an undergraduate program at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

• Counselor at "Future UC Freshman Expo" 2018

This Expo is dedicated to high school students that want to know more about the undergraduate programs at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

• Karate Brown Belt 2011-2018

Brown Belt in Goju-ryu Karate-Do, obtained at OGKK Yuetsu Chile

• Mathematics Tutor 2017

Tutoring high school students preparing their University Selection Exam of Mathematics