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EDUCATION

- Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA *September 2016 - Present*
Ph.D. (*In progress*), *Astronomy and Astrophysics*
Advisor: *Mercedes López-Morales*
Secondary Degree, *Computer Science and Engineering*
- Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA *September 2016 - May 2018*
A.M., *Astronomy and Astrophysics*
- UC Santa Cruz**, Santa Cruz, CA *September 2012 - June 2016*
B.S., *Astronomy and Astrophysics (cum laude)*
Senior Thesis: *Modeling Accretion Stream and Disk Evolution in WASP-12/b*
Advisor: *Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

exoplanet atmospheres, transmission spectroscopy, hydrodynamical simulations, orbital dynamics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Researcher** *September 2016 - Present*
Advisor: Mercedes López-Morales
Harvard University
- Optical transmission spectroscopy analysis of WASP-43b for [ACCESS](#) survey
- CAMP, UC LEADS, and Lamat Summer REUs** *Summer 2014 - Summer 2016*
Advisor: Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz
UC Santa Cruz
- Implemented the Adaptive Mesh Refinement code FLASH to apply a full hydrodynamical treatment of accretion stream and disk formation in WASP-12/b
- Undergraduate Student Researcher** *Spring 2013 - Summer 2014*
Advisor: Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz
UC Santa Cruz
- Developed a novel [code](#) for modeling mass transfer in WASP-12/b and other binary exoplanetary systems by calculating massless particle trajectories in a non-inertial reference frame

PUBLICATIONS

- McGruder**, López-Morales, Espinoza, Rackham, Apai, Jordán, Osip, Alam, Bixel, Fortney, Henry, Kirk, Lewis, Rodler, **Weaver** “ACCESS: Confirmation of no potassium in the atmosphere of WASP-31b,” 2020, *Submitted*
- Weaver**, López-Morales, Espinoza, Rackham, Osip, Apai, Jordán, Bixel, Lewis, Alam, Kirk, McGruder, Rodler, Fienco, “ACCESS: A Visual to Near-infrared Spectrum of the Hot Jupiter WASP-43b with Evidence of H₂O, but no evidence of Na or K,” 2020, *ApJ*, 159, 13
- Kirk, López-Morales, Wheatley, **Weaver**, Skillen, Loudén, McCormac, Espinoza, “LRG-BEASTS: Transmission Spectroscopy and Retrieval Analysis of the Highly Inflated Saturn-mass Planet WASP-39b,” 2019, *ApJ*, 158, 144

Bixel, Rackham, Apai, Espinoza, López-Morales, Osip, Jordán, McGruder, **Weaver**, 2019, “ACCESS: Ground-based Optical Transmission Spectroscopy of the Hot Jupiter WASP-4b,” *ApJ*, 157, 68

Espinoza, Rackham, Jordán, Apai, López-Morales, Osip, Grimm, Hoeijmakers, Wilson, Bixel, McGruder, Rodler, **Weaver**, Lewis, Fortney, Fraine, “ACCESS: a featureless optical transmission spectrum for WASP-19b from Magellan/IMACS,” 2019, *MNRAS*, 482, 2065

PRESENTATIONS

Selected Talks

ACCESS: A Flat Visual Spectrum of the Hot Jupiter WASP-43b without evidence for Na or K, Exoplanetary Science Initiative (ESI) Lecture Series: Exoplanet Journal Club, JPL, Fall 2020 – Invited

A New Optical to near-IR Transmission Spectrum of WASP-43b, Planetary Astrophysics Seminar Series, Yale, Winter 2019 – Invited

A New Optical to near-IR Transmission Spectrum of WASP-43b, Boston Area Exoplanet Science Meeting, MIT, Fall 2018

ACCESS on Magellan: A survey of Optical Transmission Spectra of Exoplanetary Atmospheres, Conference on Transiting Exoplanets, Keele University, Summer 2017

Posters

A New Optical to near-IR Transmission Spectrum of WASP-43b, **Ian C. Weaver (CfA)**, Mercedes López-Morales (CfA), Néstor Espinoza (MPIA), Benjamin V. Rackham (UA), David J. Osip (OCIW), Dániel Apai (UA), Andrés Jordán (PUC), Alex Bixel (UA), Jonathan J. Fortney (UCSC), Nikole K. Lewis (STScI), Chima McGruder (CfA), Florian Rodler (ESO), Jonathan Fraine (STScI), Exoplanets II, Summer 2018

Applying a Hydrodynamical Treatment of Stream Flow and Accretion Disk Formation in WASP 12/b Exoplanetary System, **Ian Weaver**, Phil Macias, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Aaron Lopez, AAS 227th Meeting, Winter 2016, The University of California’s Leadership Excellence through Advanced DegreesS (UC LEADS) Conference, UC Merced, Spring 2015, Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Conference, Fall 2014, Lamat Research Symposium, Summer 2014

Particle Trajectory Calculations in WASP-12/b, **Ian Weaver**, Rodolfo Navarrete Perez, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) National Convention, Spring 2014

Mass Transfer in WASP-12 System, **Ian Weaver**, Rodolfo Navarrete Perez, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, California Alliance for Minority Participation (CAMP) Symposium UC Irvine, Winter 2014, UCSC Poster Symposium, Summer 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching – Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning. Awarded for Spring 2019 teaching of Harvard Astro 16. (Spring 2019)

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching – Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning. Awarded for Fall 2017 teaching of Harvard Astro 110. (Fall 2017)

Chancellor’s Award. Awarded to three students from each division that have received the Dean’s Award for outstanding work on their senior undergraduate thesis project. (Spring 2017)

Dean’s Award. Granted to 50 undergraduate projects, 10 from each of the academic divisions. Submissions are an outstanding senior thesis or project completed during the current academic year. (Spring 2017)

SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) Symposium Honorable Mention. Awarded for presentation of Disk Structure in WASP-12 System, (Fall 2014)

Acceptance into the University of California’s Leadership Excellence through Advanced DegreeS (UC LEADS) program. Prepares upper-division students for advanced education in the science, technology, mathematics and engineering (STEM) fields, (Summer 2014)

National Science Foundation LAMAT Fellowship. Program designed for giving students the opportunity to use high performance computing to solve astrophysical problems, (Summer 2014)

Ron Ruby Scholarship. For demonstrating potential for leadership in promoting cross-cultural understanding, (Spring 2014)

California Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (CaSGC) scholarship. California’s implementation arm of NASAs National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, (Spring 2014)

CAMP (California Alliance for Minority Participation in Science, Engineering and Mathematics) Symposium Honorable Mention. Awarded for presentation of Mass Transfer in WASP-12 system, (Winter 2013)

Acceptance into the California Alliance for Minority Participation (CAMP) program, a statewide initiative that aims to support and retain underrepresented undergraduates to achieve their degrees in the physical sciences and engineering, (Summer 2013)

ACCEPTED OBSERVING PROPOSALS AND EXPERIENCE

Accepted observing proposals (as PI):

“ACCESS: Probing Exoplanet Atmospheres and Enabling TESS Follow-Up with MMT/Binospec”

5 nights | IMACS 6.5m | 2021A

1 nights | IMACS 6.5m | 2020B

4 nights | IMACS 6.5m | 2020A

“ACCESS-North: Probing Exoplanet Atmospheres and Enabling TESS Follow-Up with MMT/Binospec”

3 nights | MMT 6.5m | 2019A

3 nights | MMT 6.5m | 2018C

2 nights | MMT 6.5m | 2018B

Observing experience:

Magellan/IMACS, 5 nights 2017-2019

MDM/OSMOS, 8 nights 2018B

Lick/Kast, 1 night 2015B

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

Proficient languages/Software: Python, Julia, Fortran, LATEX, MESA, IRAF.

Visualization: Gnuplot, yt, and Python’s data analysis library, pandas, for handling and displaying HDF5 data files generated with FLASH

General: Proficient with SSH, git, GitHub Actions, navigating in *nix terminals, and writing up Python, Julia and bash scripts to automate common tasks such as plotting files, compiling/executing code, and generating animated data visualizations. Knowledgeable in running parallel supercomputing jobs (OpenMPI, PBS). Experienced in Microsoft Office, Open Office software (spreadsheet handling, word processing).

OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

Developed:

- **ExoCalc.jl** — Tool written in Julia for computing self-consistent exoplanet and host star parameters. [Pluto notebook](#)
- **spacejam** — Python package for fast automatic differentiation and implicit integration of a wide array of dynamic systems. [spacejam.readthedocs.io](#)

Contributed:

- **juliet**: A versatile modelling tool for transiting and non-transiting exoplanetary systems. Pull request [merged](#).
- **DustExtinction.jl**: Empirical dust measurements tool for use in astronomy. Part of [JuliaAstro](#). Five pull requests [merged](#).

OUTREACH

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory

Latino Initiative Program ([SAO/LIP](#))

Python Workshop Instructor

Summer 2017

Harvard University

- Guided Latino Initiative Program scholars through a workshop dedicated to learning important Python based tools in the astronomy community to processes and visualise different types of data.

Harvard Observing Project ([HOP](#))

Lead Observer

Spring 2017 - Present

Harvard University

- Led team of undergraduate students in observing RW Aurigae using the 0.4m Clay Telescope and also operated the telescope for weekly star parties open to the public

Harvard [ComSciCon](#)

Team Coordinator

Fall 2016 - Present

Harvard University

- Read and ranked over 200 applications. Handled dining logistics with a multi-thousand dollar budget for conference attendees.

GSAS - Open Labs at Harvard ([GSAS-OLAH](#))

Co-Director

Fall 2016 - Present

Harvard University

- Co-founded Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Harvard chapter of Open Labs, a science outreach program devoted to sharing graduate student research to 6th-12th grade students through fun, TED style like talks

TEACHING

Teaching Fellow

Astronomy 16, Stellar and Planetary Astronomy

Spring 2019

Harvard University

- Awarded Certificate of Teaching Excellence.

Workshop Leader

BI, Stellar Evolution

Summer 2018

Harvard University

- Led week-long course in stellar evolution for Bancker Institute scholars.

Teaching Fellow

Astronomy S35, Fundamentals of Contemporary Astronomy

Summer 2018

Harvard University

- Summer astronomy course offered to high school and college students in the Boston area.

Teaching Fellow

Astronomy 110, Exoplanets

Fall 2017

Harvard University

- Awarded Certificate of Teaching Excellence.

Undergraduate Physics Co-leader

UCSC Academic Excellence [\(ACE\)](#) Program

Fall 2013 - Spring 2016

UC Santa Cruz

- Assisted physics section leader in mentoring and tutoring introductory physics students in large 25-30 person sessions for 1 hour and 45 minutes twice a week, and personally five times a week in smaller 4-6 person one hour sessions.