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## EDUCATION

2015-2021 (expected) University of California Santa Cruz, Ph.D. in Astronomy & Astrophysics  
2010-2014 Harvard University, A.B. cum laude with honors in Physics, Astrophysics (double)

## POSITIONS HELD

2015-present PhD student, University of California Santa Cruz

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

High energy astrophysics theory, tidal disruption events, black holes, neutron stars, common envelope evolution, gravitational wave sources, host galaxies, AGN accretion disks, de Sitter space in string theory

## AWARDS

2020 Elmer A. Fridley Scholarship in the Physical Sciences (UC Santa Cruz)  
2019 Regents' Fellowship (UC Santa Cruz)  
2017 Whitford Prize for highest achievement in research, coursework, and preliminary exam (UCSC)  
2015 NR Tuition Fellowship (UC Santa Cruz)  
2013 Leo Goldberg Award for outstanding Junior thesis in Astronomy (Harvard University)  
2012 David Rockefeller International Experience Grant  
2012 Harvard College Research Program Fellowship (Harvard University)

## PUBLICATIONS

(\* indicates alphabetical authorship order. \*\* indicates advised student. Up-to-date list available on [ADS](#).)

1. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Rosa Wallace Everson, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Selma E. de Mink, et al. "Successful Common Envelope Ejection and Binary Neutron Star Formation in 3D Hydrodynamics," submitted to ApJ [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2011.06630](#)]
2. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, David A. Coulter, James Guillochon, Brenna Mockler, & Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, 2020, "Stellar TDEs with Abundances and Realistic Structures (STARS): Library of Fallback Rates," [ApJ, 905, 141](#) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2007.10996](#)]
3. \* Michael Dine, **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Shijun Sun, Duncan Wood, & Yan Yu, 2020, "Obstacles to Constructing de Sitter Space in String Theory," accepted for publication in JHEP [[arxiv/hep-th: 2008.12399](#)]

4. \*\* Sierra A. Dodd, **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Katie Auchettl, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, & Ryan J. Foley, 2020 “The Landscape of Galaxies Harboring Changing-Look Active Galactic Nuclei in the Local Universe,” submitted to ApJ [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2010.10527](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.10527)]
5. David O. Jones, Ryan J. Foley, Gautham Narayan, et al., incl. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, 2020, “The Young Supernova Experiment: Survey Goals, Overview, and Operations,” submitted to ApJ [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2010.09724](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.09724)]
6. Tiara Hung, Ryan J. Foley, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Jane L. Dai, Katie Auchettl, Charles D. Kilpatrick, Brenna Mockler, Jon Brown, David A. Coulter, Georgios Dimitriadis, Tom Holoiien, **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Anthony L. Piro, Aremin Rest, César Rojas-Bravo, Matthew R. Siebert, 2020, “Prompt Accretion Disk Formation in an X-Ray Faint Tidal Disruption Event,” [ApJ, 903, 31](https://doi.org/10.1086/90331) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2003.09427](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.09427)]
7. K. Decker French, Thomas Wevers, **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Or Graur, & Anne I. Zabludoff, 2020, “The Host Galaxies of Tidal Disruption Events,” [Space Sci Rev 216, 32](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11227-020-02863-1) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2003.02863](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.02863)]
8. Elena M. Rossi, Nicholas C. Stone, **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Morgan MacLeod, Giuseppe Lodato, Jane L. Dai, & Ilya Mandel, 2020, “The Process of Stellar Tidal Disruption by Supermassive Black Holes. The first pericenter passage,” to appear in Springer Space Science Reviews [[arxiv/astro-ph: 2005.12528](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.12528)]
9. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, James Guillochon, & Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, 2019, “The Tidal Disruption of Sun-like Stars by Massive Black Holes,” [ApJL, 882, L25](https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6470/ab0255) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 1907.04859](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.04859)]
10. \*\* Monica Gallegos-Garcia, **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, & Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, 2018, “Tidal Disruptions of Main-sequence Stars of Varying Mass and Age: Inferences from the Composition of the Fallback Material,” [ApJ, 857, 109](https://doi.org/10.1086/91509) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 1801.03497](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.03497)]
11. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Sara L. Ellison, & Ryan J. Foley, 2017, “Tidal Disruption Event Host Galaxies in the Context of the Local Galaxy Population,” [ApJ, 850, 22](https://doi.org/10.1086/81559) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 1707.01559](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.01559)]
12. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, Morgan MacLeod, James Guillochon, Philip Macias, & Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, 2017, “Low-mass White Dwarfs with Hydrogen Envelopes as a Missing Link in the Tidal Disruption Menu,” [ApJ, 841, 132](https://doi.org/10.1086/81162) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 1701.08162](https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.08162)]
13. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith** & Daniel J. Eisenstein, 2017, “The Color and Stellar Mass Dependence of Small-Scale Galaxy Clustering in SDSS-III BOSS,” [ApJ, 836, 87](https://doi.org/10.1086/81333) [[arxiv/astro-ph: 1702.03933](https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.03933)]

## SOFTWARE

1. **Jamie A. P. Law-Smith**, David A. Coulter, & Brenna Mockler, 2020, “jamielaw-smith/STARS\_library”, v1.0.5, Zenodo, [10.5281/zenodo.4062018](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4062018)

## INVITED TALKS

Caltech TAPIR Seminar, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, 2020

Harvard CfA Galaxies & Cosmology and Stars & Planets Seminar, Center for Astrophysics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2020

Princeton University, Quataert group meeting, Princeton, NJ, 2020

SFSU Colloquium, Department of Physics and Astronomy, San Francisco State University, 2020  
MIT Brown Bag Lunch, MIT, Cambridge, MA, 2020  
UC Berkeley “Explosive Astro”, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 2020  
Harvard-Monash Meeting, School of Physics & Astronomy, Monash University, Australia, and  
Department of Astronomy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2020  
Northwestern CIERA Seminar, Department of Astronomy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2020  
DARK Cake Talk, DARK Cosmology Centre, Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, 2020  
Compact Objects for All, Lund Observatory, Sweden, 2020

## CONTRIBUTED TALKS

Tidal Disruptions in Kyoto: Confronting Theory with Observations, Kyoto, Japan, 2020  
Dunlap Institute for Astronomy & Astrophysics, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 2018  
Using Tidal Disruption Events to Study Supermassive Black Holes, Aspen, CO, 2018  
TDE17: Piercing the sphere of influence, Cambridge, UK, 2017  
UC Santa Cruz FLASH Seminar, Santa Cruz, CA, 2017  
UC Santa Cruz Transient Lunch, Santa Cruz, CA, 2017  
Jerusalem Tidal Disruption Event Workshop, Jerusalem, Israel, 2015  
TDE Fest at UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA, 2015

## TEACHING

2019 Teaching Assistant, Astronomy 1, Introduction to the Cosmos, UCSC  
2018 Teaching Assistant, Astronomy 111, Order of Magnitude Astrophysics, UCSC. Taught half of lecture, developed course material (~40 students).  
2018 Teaching Assistant, Astronomy 119, Introduction to Scientific Computing, UCSC  
2016 Teaching Assistant, Astronomy 111, Order of Magnitude Astrophysics, UCSC. Taught half of lecture, developed course material (~25 students).  
2015 Teaching Assistant, Astronomy 111, Order of Magnitude Astrophysics, UCSC. Taught half of lecture, developed course material (~25 students).  
2011 Teaching Fellow, Physics 15B Laboratory, Introductory Electromagnetism, Harvard University

## OUTREACH

2016 Mentor, Lamat Summer Research Program, UCSC. Mentor for undergraduate research program aimed at underrepresented minorities. Helped students with research and posters that were presented at conferences.

2014 Visiting Teacher, Taktse International School, Sikkim, India. Physics, Astronomy, and Computer Science teaching, curriculum design, and mentoring for K-12. Developed new Computer Science course and helped two mentees become first-generation college students at schools in the US.

#### STUDENTS ADVISED

2020-present Chang Liu, undergraduate (Peking University)

2015-2018 Monica Gallegos-Garcia, undergraduate (UCSC); paper published; now PhD at Northwestern.

2016-2017 Priscilla Camacho Olachea, “post-bac” student (UCSC)

#### SKILLS

Programming languages: Python, C/C++, FORTRAN, Javascript, SQL, MATLAB, Mathematica

Codes: FLASH, MESA

High-performance computing: use of several supercomputing facilities, including NASA Pleiades, >1e7 CPU-hrs.

Languages: English (native), French (fluent)