

Nicolás Garavito-Camargo – Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Galaxy Dynamics, Local Group Dynamics, Dwarf Galaxies, Galactic Archaeology, Astrophysical probes of Dark Matter, Galaxy Formation and Evolution.

Education

Ph.D., Astronomy and Astrophysics, [University of Arizona](#), 2021.

Advisor: [Dr. Gurtina Besla](#)

M.Sc., Physics, [Universidad de Los Andes](#), Bogotá, Colombia, 2015.

Advisor: [Dr. Jaime E. Forero-Romero](#)

B.Sc., Physics, [Universidad Nacional de Colombia](#), Bogotá, Colombia, 2013.

Advisor: [Dr. Rigoberto A. Casas Miranda](#)

Fellowships and Awards

- University of Arizona, Theoretical Astrophysics Program, Graduate Student Research Prize 2021.
- University of Arizona College of Science award for Excellence in Service for graduate students, 2020. (*Awarded to one graduate student across the college of science per year.*)
- University of Arizona theory travel grant, 2016, 2018.
- McCarthy-Stoeger Scholarship 2015-2017, Vatican Observatory.

Talks

41 Total: 16 Invited, 26 in North America, 5 in Europe, 7 in Latin America, 1 Asia.

Conferences

- [IAU 377: Early Disk-Galaxy Formation from JWST to the Milky Way](#), contributed talk, February, 2023.
- [Colombian Congress of Astronomy](#), Plenary talk, August, 2022. †
- [Friends of friends meeting](#), Cordoba, Argentina, April, 2022.
- [Division on Dynamics Astronomy](#), Virtual meeting, May 2021.
- [Streams 21](#), Virtual Conference, February 2021.
- [The Local Group: Assembly and Evolution](#), virtual conference, August 2020.
- [European Astronomical Society meeting](#), virtual meeting, June 2020.
- Durham University, UK, [Small Galaxies Cosmic Questions](#), August, 2019.
- MPA, Heidelberg, [Stellar halos across the cosmos](#), July 2018.
- LARIM, Cartagena, Colombia, October 2016.
- EWASS, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2014.

Seminars

- U. Rutgers, Astronomy Seminar, Nov, 2022. †
- U. Columbia, Lunch talk, Sept, 2022. †
- STScI, galaxies lunch talk, May, 2022. †
- Universidad de Antioquia, seminar, February, 2022. †
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Colloquium, Jan, 2022. †
- University of Madison-Wisconsin, Science seminar, November 2021.†
- University of Michigan, Galaxies group seminar, November 2021.†
- NYU, CCPP, seminar, November 2021.†
- CCA, Flatiron Institute, Lunch Talk, October, 2021.
- Steward Observatory, Theoretical Astrophysics Program (TAP) colloquium, September, 2021.†
- [ComSciCon](#), June 2021, †.
- Steward Observatory, Galaxy lunch talk, March, 2021.
- Univesidad de los Andes, Astronomy Seminar, February, 2021.
- UC Irvine, Astronomy Seminar, January, 2021. †
- Steward Observatory, Early Career Scientist talk, December, 2020. †
- CCAPP, Seminar, December, 2020. †
- Princeton, Journal Club, November 2020. †
- KIPAC, Stanford, Tea-Talk, October 2020.
- Harvard Center for Astrophysics, GCSP seminar, October 2020.
- Carnegie Observatories, seminar, October 2020 †.
- University of California Berkeley, lunch talk, September 2020.
- The Royal Observatory of Edinburgh, UK, Coffee Talk, August 2019 †.
- W.M. Keck Observatory, Journal Club, June 2019.
- Magellanic Cloud Fest III, University of Arizona, May, 2019.
- JILA Seminar, JILA Institute, University of Colorado, December 2017.
- STScI Galaxies Journal Club. December 2016.
- Magellanic Cloud Fest II, University of Arizona, March 2016.
- UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico, Nov 2013.
- Centro de Investigaciones De Astronomía CIDA, Merida, Venezuela, July 2013.

†Invited

Posters

- European Astronomical Society meeting, virtual meeting, June 2020.
- Rediscovering our Galaxy, IAU symposium 334, Potsdam, Germany. July 2017.

Grants

- LSSTC Grant Award #2021-51, 2001. PI: Andres A. Plazas Malagón
- University of Arizona theory travel grant, 2016, 2018.
- IAU travel grant.2016.

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Telescope Time Awarded

- Blanco Telescope, “ *A VISTA-DECam Experiment in Near-Field Cosmology: Search for the Magellanic Dark Matter Wake*” cycle 2020B. PI: Julio Chaname, 3 nights

Professional Experience

Mentoring

- Silvio Varela (Universidad de la Serena); Nov 2022-present.
- Arpit Arora (University of Pennsylvania); Nov 2021-present.
- Andrew Eden (Florida Institute of Technology); Nov 2022-present.
- Ludia Adhikary (CUNNY); co-supervised with Emily Cunningham. AstroCOM; NYC June 2022-present.
- Stephanie Carolina Cely Rodriguez (Universidad Nacional de Colombia); co-supervised with Veronica Arias. RECA summer internship; June 2022-present.

Computational:

10+ years of experience with C, C++, Python, OpenMP, HPC systems, git.

Service:

- Referee of MNRAS, Nature, and ApJ. (5 papers, 2018-present)
- Proposal reviewer for [Colombian Science Clubs](#), 2018.
- Local Organizing Committee of the [Andean Cosmology School](#), Universidad de Los Andes, 2015.
- Organizer of the student astronomy seminar at the Planetarium of Bogotá, 2014-2015.

DEI Leadership:

- Co-creator of the 10-week [RECA internship program](#) for astronomy students in Colombia. May-August 2021.
- Co-creator of the [RECA mentorship program](#) for astronomy students in Colombia. 2020-present. (The mentorship program pairs up students with professional astronomers to provide guidance through the application process to graduate programs)
- Co-organizer, [Diversity Journal Club](#) Steward Observatory, 2018-2021.
- Creator, [Astrocharlas](#), Steward Observatory, 2018-present. (Spanish outreach series talks in astronomy)
- Writer for [Astrobites](#), 2018-present.
- Mentor, Tucson Initiative for Minority Engagement in Science and Technology Program [TIMESTEP](#), 2016-2018.

Outreach

- Classroom astronomer, NOAO Project [ASTRO](#), 2018-2019.
- Discussion leader, NOAO [Teen Astronomy Cafe](#), 2018.
- Planetarium SpaceArt mentor for Children, Bogotá, Colombia, 2013-2014.

Teaching Experience

- TA, Astronomy Tutoring for Majors & Minors Program. University of Arizona, Spring 2019.
- Computational Physics, Teaching assistant, PHYS305. University of Arizona. Spring 2018.
- Computational Tools: Universidad de los Andes, 1st 2014-2015.
- Computational Methods Laboratory: Universidad de los Andes, 1st 2014-2015.
- TA, Computational Methods: Universidad de los Andes, 2nd 2014.
- Physics I Laboratory: Universidad de los Andes, 2nd Semester-2013.

Observing Experience

- DECam, Blanco-4m telescope, CTIO, Chile. 3 nights, 2020.
- VATT telescope. Mt Graham, Arizona - 4 nights, 2016.
- CIDA, Merida, Venezuela - 2 nights, 2013.

Research highlights in the news

- Sky & Telescope: How our largest dwarf galaxy keeps other in line
- JPL Nasa: Astronomers Release New All-Sky Map of Milky Way's Outer Reaches
- Syfy Wire: Dark Matter could be powering a galaxy that orbits the Milky Way until they collide
- Astrobites:
- Phys.org: Astronomers release new all-sky map of the Milky Way's outer reaches
- University of Arizona news: Astrophysicist help chart dark matters invisible ocean
- AAS NOVA 2020: An Asymmetric Dark Matter Halo
- AAS NOVA 2019: Hunting for a Dark Matter Wake

Publications list

ORCID, ADS, arXiv

refereed: 16 – first author: 4 – h -index: 10 – citations : 629 (as of Dec 11th/2022)

16. *The impact of the Large Magellanic Cloud on dark matter direct detection signals*
Smith-Orlik, Adam ; Ronaghi, Nima ; Bozorgnia, Nassim ; Cautun, Marius ; Fattahi, Azadeh ; Besla, Gurtina ; Frenk, Carlos S. ; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolás** ; Gómez, Facundo A. ; Grand, Robert J. J. ; Marinacci, Federico ; Peter, Annika H. G. JCAP submitted 2023
15. *Lopsided Galaxies in a cosmological context: a new galaxy-halo connection*
Silvio Varela-Lavin, Facundo A. Gómez, Patricia B. Tissera, Gurtina Besla, **Nicolás Garavito-Camargo**, Federico Marinacci. Submitted to MNRAS 2022.
14. *On the stability of tidal streams in action space*
Arpit Arora, Robyn E. Sanderson, Nondh Panithanpaisal, Emily C. Cunningham, Andrew Wetzel, **Nicolás Garavito-Camargo**. ApJ l, vol. 939, no. 1, (2022).
13. *Implications of the Milky Way travel velocity for dynamical mass estimates of the Local Group*
Katie Chamberlain, Adrian M. Price-Whelan, Gurtina Besla, Emily C. Cunningham, **Nicolás Garavito-Camargo**, Jorge Peñarrubia, Michael S. Petersen. ApJ (2022)

12. *The Clustering of Orbital Poles Induced by the LMC: Hints for the Origin of Planes of Satellites*
Garavito-Camargo, Nicolás; Patel, Ekta; Besla, Gurtina; Price-Whelan, Adrian; Laporte, Chervin; Gómez, Facundo A; Kathryn V. Johnston; ApJ in press (2021).
11. *Detection of the All-Sky Response of the Galactic Halo to the Magellanic Clouds*
Conroy, Charlie; Naidu, Rohan P; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolás**; Besla, Gurtina; et al. Nature (2021).
10. *Quantifying the impact of the Large Magellanic Cloud on the structure of the Milky Way's dark matter halo using Basis Function Expansions*
Garavito-Camargo, Nicolás; Besla, Gurtina; Laporte, Chervin; Price-Whelan, Adrian M.; et al. ApJ, 919, 109, (2021).
9. *Quantifying the Stellar Halo's Response to the LMC's Infall with Spherical Harmonics.*
Cunningham, Emily C; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas**, Deason, Alis J; Johnston, Kathryn V. et al. ApJ, 898, 1,(2020).
8. *The orbital histories of Magellanic Satellites Using Gaia DR2 proper motions.*
Patel, Ekta; Kallivayalil, Nitya; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas** et. al., ApJ 893, 121, (2020).
7. *The highest-speed local dark matter particles come from the Large Magellanic Cloud.*
Besla, Gurtina; Peter, Annika; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas**. JCAP, 11, 13, (2019).
6. *Hunting for the DM Wake induced by the LMC.*
Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas; Besla, Gurtina; Laporte, Chervin F.P; Johnston, Kathryn V; Gómez, Facundo A; Watkins, Laura. ApJ Accepted, (2019).
5. *The influence of Sagittarius and the Large Magellanic Cloud on the stellar disc of the Milky Way Galaxy.*
Laporte, Chervin F. P; Johnston, Kathryn V; Gómez, Facundo A; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas**; Besla, Gurtina. MNRAS, 481, 286L, (2018).
4. *The Extremely Luminous Quasar Survey in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Footprint. II. The North Galactic Cap Sample.*
Schindler, Jan-Torge; Fan, Xiaohui; McGreer, Ian D; Yang, Jinyi; Wang, Feige; Green, Richard; **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas** et al., ApJ, 863, 144S, (2018).
3. *Modelling the gas kinematics of an atypical Ly α emitting compact dwarf galaxy.*
Forero-Romero, Jaime E., Gronke, Max., Remolina-Gutiérrez, Maria Camila, **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas**, Dijkstra M. MNRAS, 474, 12F, (2018).
2. *Response of the Milky Way's disc to the Large Magellanic Cloud in a first infall scenario.*
Laporte, C.; Gomez, F; Besla, Gurtina; Johnston, Kathryn V; & **Garavito-Camargo, Nicolas**. MNRAS, 473, 1218L, (2018).
1. *The impact of gas bulk rotation on the morphology of the Lyman-alpha line.*
Garavito-Camargo, J.N; Forero-Romero J.E; Dijkstra M. ApJ, 795, 120, (2014).

White papers

2. *Mass Spectroscopy of the Milky Way*
Dey, Arjun. et al. (incl. **Garavito-Camargo**). [Astro2020: Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics, Vol. 51, Issue 3, id. 489 \(2019\).](#)
1. *The Multidimensional Milky Way.*
Sanderson, Robyn E .et al. (incl. **Garavito-Camargo**) 2019. [Astro2020: Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics, 2019, Vol. 51, Issue 3, id. 347 \(2019\).](#)