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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dark Energy, Gravitational Lensing, Galaxy Formation, Statistical Methods and Machine Learning

POSITIONS

American University	$08/2024-{ m present}$
Assistant Professor	
University of Michigan	09/2022 - 07/2024
Leinweber Center for Theoretical Physics Fellow	
Stanford University	09/2021 - 08/2022
Stanford–Santa Cruz Cosmology Postdoctoral Fellow	
University of California, Santa Cruz	09/2019 - 08/2021
Stanford–Santa Cruz Cosmology Postdoctoral Fellow	

EDUCATION

Yale University	08/2014 - 08/2019
M.Sc., M.Phil, Ph.D. in Astronomy	
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	09/2012 - 08/2014
Master of Science in Physics	
Freie Universität Berlin	10/2009 - 08/2012
Bachelor of Science in Physics	

TEACHING

Instructor, American University	Fall 2025
Course: Data Mining and Machine Learning for Natural Sciences	

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Instructor, American University	Spring 2025

Course: Changing Views of the Universe	
Instructor, American University	Fall 2024

Course: Modern Physics

Postdoctoral Course on STEM Teaching, University of Michigan Winter 2024 The Postdoctoral Short Course on College Teaching in STEM is a comprehensive 10-week program

for postdocs to teach effectively as future faculty members.

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Michigan Fall 2023 Course: Naked-Eye Astronomy

Certificate of College Teaching Preparation, Yale University

2014-2019 The Certificate of College Teaching Preparation (CCTP) is an opportunity for graduate students

to engage in a comprehensive training program in effective college teaching.

Teaching Fellow, Yale University Spring 2016, Spring 2018 Course: Astrostatistics and Data Mining

Teaching Fellow, Yale University Fall 2017, Fall 2014

Course: Introduction to Astronomical Observing

Teaching Fellow, Yale University

Course: Introduction to Cosmology

Teaching Fellow, Yale University Spring 2015

Fall 2015

Course: Gravity, Astrophysics, and Cosmology

ADVISING

Simona Sotiri (undergraduate)	2025-present
Topic: The Lensing-is-Low Problem in FLAMINGO	
Henry Gray (undergraduate)	2025-present
Topic: The Dependence of Assembly Bias on Galaxy Properties	
Alisun Coldiron (undergraduate)	2025-present
Topic: Galaxy-Halo Connection in FLAMINGO	
Abigail Fisher (undergraduate)	2025-present
Topic: Photometric Redshift Calibration	
Alexandra Wells (undergraduate, co-adviser)	2024-2025
Topic: Cosmology from Non-Linear Scales	
Alexandra Doytcheva (undergraduate)	2023-2024
Topic: Galaxy Clustering and Control Variates	
Filomela Gerou (undergraduate)	2022-2024
Topic: Galaxy Clustering and Control Variates	
Gilad Pifko (undergraduate)	2022-2023
Topic: Relationship between Galaxy and Dark Matter Halo Size	
Simon Wu (undergraduate)	2022-2023
Topic: Gravitational Lensing Contribution from Subhalos	
Garv Shah (undergraduate)	2022-2023
Topic: Boosting Importance Nested Sampling with Neural Networks	
Juliana Karp (undergraduate)	2022-2023
Topic: Anisotropic Satellite Galaxy Quenching	
Diana Blanco (graduate, co-adviser)	2021-2025
Topic: Photometric Redshift Calibration	
Enia Xhakaj (graduate, co-adviser)	2019-2023
Topic: Gravitational Lensing	

FIRST-AUTHOR AND STUDENT-LED PAPERS

- [15] A. Doytcheva, F. V. Gerou, and J. U. Lange. "High-precision Galaxy Clustering Predictions from Small-volume Hydrodynamical Simulations via Control Variates". *ApJ* 977.2, 184 (Dec. 2024).
- [14] J. U. Lange et al. "Systematic Effects in Galaxy-Galaxy Lensing with DESI". *The Open Journal of Astrophysics* 7, 57 (July 2024).
- [13] J. U. Lange. "NAUTILUS: boosting Bayesian importance nested sampling with deep learning". MNRAS 525.2 (Oct. 2023), pp. 3181–3194.
- [12] J. S. M. Karp, J. U. Lange, and R. H. Wechsler. "Anisotropic Satellite Galaxy Quenching: A Unique Signature of Energetic Feedback by Supermassive Black Holes?" *ApJL* 949.1, L13 (May 2023).
- [11] J. U. Lange et al. "Constraints on S_8 from a full-scale and full-shape analysis of redshift-space clustering and galaxy-galaxy lensing in BOSS". MNRAS 520.4 (Apr. 2023), pp. 5373–5393.

- [10] J. U. Lange et al. "Five per cent measurements of the growth rate from simulation-based modelling of redshift-space clustering in BOSS LOWZ". MNRAS 509.2 (Jan. 2022), pp. 1779– 1804.
- [9] J. U. Lange et al. "On the halo-mass and radial scale dependence of the lensing is low effect". MNRAS 502.2 (Apr. 2021), pp. 2074–2086.
- [8] J. U. Lange et al. "Cosmological Evidence Modelling: a new simulation-based approach to constrain cosmology on non-linear scales". MNRAS 490.2 (Dec. 2019), pp. 1870–1878.
- [7] J. U. Lange et al. "New perspectives on the BOSS small-scale lensing discrepancy for the Planck ΛCDM cosmology". MNRAS 488.4 (Oct. 2019), pp. 5771–5787.
- [6] J. U. Lange et al. "Updated results on the galaxy-halo connection from satellite kinematics in SDSS". MNRAS 487.3 (Aug. 2019), pp. 3112–3129.
- [5] J. U. Lange et al. "Maturing satellite kinematics into a competitive probe of the galaxy-halo connection". MNRAS 482.4 (Feb. 2019), pp. 4824–4845.
- [4] J. U. Lange et al. "Brightest galaxies as halo centre tracers in SDSS DR7". MNRAS 473.2 (Jan. 2018), pp. 2830–2851.
- [3] J. U. Lange et al. "Evidence for Non-stellar Rest-frame Near-IR Emission Associated with Increased Star Formation in Galaxies at z ~1". ApJL 819.1, L4 (Mar. 2016).
- [2] J. U. Lange and M. .-. Chu. "Can galactic dark matter substructure contribute to the cosmic gamma-ray anisotropy?" MNRAS 447.1 (Feb. 2015), pp. 939–947.
- [1] J. Lange and M. Pohl. "The average GeV-band emission from gamma-ray bursts". A&A 551, A89 (Mar. 2013).

OTHER CO-AUTHOR PAPERS

- [28] S. J. Rauhut et al. "Testing gravitational physics by combining DESI DR1 and weak lensing datasets using the E_G estimator". arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2507.16098 (July 2025).
- [27] S. Heydenreich et al. "Lensing Without Borders: Measurements of galaxy-galaxy lensing and projected galaxy clustering in DESI DR1". arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2506.21677 (June 2025).
- [26] M. Kwiecien et al. "Improving galaxy cluster selection with the outskirt stellar mass of galaxies". *PRD* 111.12, 123524 (June 2025).
- [25] DESI Collaboration et al. "Data Release 1 of the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument". arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2503.14745 (Mar. 2025).
- [24] C. Blake et al. "The DESI-Lensing Mock Challenge: large-scale cosmological analysis of 3x2-pt statistics". The Open Journal of Astrophysics 8, 24 (Mar. 2025).
- [23] S. Chen et al. "Analysis of DESI \times DES using the Lagrangian effective theory of LSS". PRD 110.10, 103518 (Nov. 2024).
- [22] K. Mitra, F. C. van den Bosch, and J. U. Lange. "BASILISK II. Improved constraints on the galaxy-halo connection from satellite kinematics in SDSS". MNRAS 533.3 (Sept. 2024), pp. 3647–3675.
- [21] S. Yuan et al. "Redshift evolution and covariances for joint lensing and clustering studies with DESI Y1". MNRAS 533.1 (Sept. 2024), pp. 589–607.
- [20] Y. Wang et al. "Measuring the Conditional Luminosity and Stellar Mass Functions of Galaxies by Combining the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument Legacy Imaging Surveys Data Release 9, Survey Validation 3, and Year 1 Data". Ap.J 971.1, 119 (Aug. 2024).
- [19] DESI Collaboration et al. "The Early Data Release of the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument". AJ 168.2, 58 (Aug. 2024).
- [18] E. Xhakaj et al. "Cluster cosmology without cluster finding". MNRAS 530.4 (June 2024), pp. 4203–4218.

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- [16] B. Hadzhiyska et al. "Synthetic light-cone catalogues of modern redshift and weak lensing surveys waith ABACUSSUMMIT". MNRAS 525.3 (Nov. 2023), pp. 4367–4387.
- [15] R. Ruggeri et al. "A data compression and optimal galaxy weights scheme for Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument and weak lensing data sets". MNRAS 525.3 (Nov. 2023), pp. 3865–3878.
- [14] K. Wang et al. "Evidence of galaxy assembly bias in SDSS DR7 galaxy samples from count statistics". MNRAS 516.3 (Nov. 2022), pp. 4003–4024.
- [13] DESI Collaboration et al. "Overview of the Instrumentation for the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument". AJ 164.5, 207 (Nov. 2022).
- [12] S. Huang et al. "The outer stellar mass of massive galaxies: a simple tracer of halo mass with scatter comparable to richness and reduced projection effects". MNRAS 515.4 (Oct. 2022), pp. 4722–4752.
- [11] E. Xhakaj et al. "Beyond mass: detecting secondary halo properties with galaxy-galaxy lensing". MNRAS 514.2 (Aug. 2022), pp. 2876–2890.
- [10] K. Dawson et al. "Snowmass2021 Cosmic Frontier White Paper: High Density Galaxy Clustering in the Regime of Cosmic Acceleration". arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2203.07291 (Mar. 2022).
- [9] A. Leauthaud et al. "Lensing without borders I. A blind comparison of the amplitude of galaxy-galaxy lensing between independent imaging surveys". MNRAS 510.4 (Mar. 2022), pp. 6150–6189.
- [8] K. Wang et al. "Concentrations of dark haloes emerge from their merger histories". MNRAS 498.3 (Nov. 2020), pp. 4450–4464.
- [7] F. C. van den Bosch, J. U. Lange, and A. R. Zentner. "Basilisk: Bayesian hierarchical inference of the galaxy-halo connection using satellite kinematics - I. Method and validation". MNRAS 488.4 (Oct. 2019), pp. 4984–5013.
- [6] K. Wang et al. "How to optimally constrain galaxy assembly bias: supplement projected correlation functions with count-in-cells statistics". MNRAS 488.3 (Sept. 2019), pp. 3541–3567.
- [5] A. R. Zentner et al. "Constraints on assembly bias from galaxy clustering". MNRAS 485.1 (May 2019), pp. 1196–1209.
- [4] D. Campbell et al. "The galaxy clustering crisis in abundance matching". MNRAS 477.1 (June 2018), pp. 359–383.
- [3] A. S. Villarreal et al. "The immitigable nature of assembly bias: the impact of halo definition on assembly bias". MNRAS 472.1 (Nov. 2017), pp. 1088–1105.
- [2] E. J. Nelson et al. "Where Stars Form: Inside-out Growth and Coherent Star Formation from HST H α Maps of 3200 Galaxies across the Main Sequence at 0.7 < z < 1.5". ApJ 828.1, 27 (Sept. 2016).
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INVITED TALKS

Astronomy Seminar

Carnegie EPL

Cosmology Seminar

University of California, Berkeley

CTC Seminar Series

05/2025

04/2025

03/2025

University of Maryland	
Physics Colloquium	04/2024
University of Hawaii	,
ITP Cosmology Seminar	12/2023
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	,
Frontiers of Nested Sampling Workshop	07/2023
42nd International Workshop on Bayesian Inference and Maximum Entropy	Methods in Science
and Engineering	
Webinar Series	06/2023
National Observatory in Rio de Janeiro	
Early Career Researcher Cosmology Seminar	11/2022
Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute	
HEAP Seminar	12/2021
University of Utah	
Astronomy Colloquium	09/2021
Swinburne University of Technology	
Growth of Structure Webinar	07/2021
University of California, Santa Cruz	
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University of California, Santa Cruz	
Research Progress Meeting	01/2019
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	
CCAPP Seminar	01/2019
Center for Cosmology and AstroParticle Physics	
BCCP Seminar	09/2018
University of California, Berkeley	
The Galaxy-Halo Connection Across Cosmic Time	07/2017
Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics	
OUTREACH	
Public Observing Nights at AU, Washington, DC	2024 - present
KIPAC Public Lecture, Palo Alto, CA	07/2022
Class at Stanford Splash, Palo Alto, CA	11/2021
Talk at Astronomy on Tap, New Haven, CT	06/2019
Talk at Institute for Learning in Retirement, New Haven, CT	04/2019
Talks at Leitner Family Observatory, New Haven, CT	02/2018,05/2019
Talks at Open Labs Science Cafe, Yale University, New Haven, CT	10/2017, 04/2019
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Brouwer Ph.D. Thesis Prize, Yale University Cosmology Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz and Stanford University Graduate Fellowship Program, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics Henry A. Smith Fellowship, Yale University

Member of UCSB Physics Circus, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA

Member of Open Labs, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Tutor at New Haven Reads, New Haven, CT

2016 - 2019 2015 - 2018

2012

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Scholarship Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program Ernst Reuter Scholarship, Free University of Berlin

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Co-Chair of the NASA Cosmic Structure Science Interest Group	2025 - present
Co-Chair of the DESI desilike Topical Group	2024 - present
Co-Chair of the DESI C ³ Working Group	2022 - 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Stanford Physics Equity & Inclusion Committee	2021 - 2022
DESI Professional Development Mentoring Program	2021 - present
DESI Early Career Scientists Committee	2021 - 2022
UCSC Astronomy Department Colloquium Committee	2019 - 2020
Yale Graduate Admissions Committee	2018 - 2019

REVIEWER SERVICE

Astronomy & Astrophysics
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
The Astrophysical Journal
Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics
DESI Internal Reviewer
National Science Foundation

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

NASA's Physics of the Cosmos Early Career Workshop	09/2025
KICP Workshop	08/2023
Lensing at Different Scales: Strong, Weak, and Synergies Between the Two	
Michigan Cosmology Summer School 2023	06/2023
KITP Online Conference	08/2020
The Galaxy-Halo Connection Across Cosmic Time: Recent Updates	
KIPAC Online Workshop	07/2020
Precision Measurements and Modeling of Lensing and Clustering in the DESI Era	

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