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POSITIONS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow: Harvard University	2016- Present
Project Academic Support Staff: Kavli IPMU (WPI), UTIAS, The University of Tokyo	2015-2016

EDUCATION

Harvard University: MA/PhD Program	2016- Present
Advisers: Daniel Eisenstein (Primary), Charlie Conroy, Doug Finkbeiner	
Harvard University: BA with Honors in Astrophysics and Physics	2011-2015
Adviser: Daniel Eisenstein	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Statistical methods, machine learning, all-sky surveys, spectrophotometric modeling, galaxy evolution, cosmology, stellar populations, dust mapping

TEACHING

Teaching Fellow: Harvard	
ASTRON 17	Fall 2018
ASTRON 130	Spring 2018
ASTRON 16	Spring 2017
Course Instructor: Banneker & Aztlán Institute (Harvard)	
Python 1, Python 2	Summer 2018
Python 2, Data Analysis 2	Summer 2017
Course Assistant: Harvard	
PHYS 16	Fall 2013

AWARDS & HONORS

Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	Fall 2017
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2016
Herchel Smith-Harvard Undergraduate Science Fellowship	Summer 2014
Harvard College Research Program Research Fellowship	Spring 2014
	Spring, Summer, Fall 2012
Weismann International Internship Program Fellowship	Summer 2013
Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award	*Winter 2013
	Winter 2011
REU in Astronomy and Astrophysics: Cornell U.	Summer 2012

* Honorable mention

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Aug. 2018: **Harvard**, CMSA Big Data Conference, **Invited Talk**: “Revealing the Milky Way’s Dust-iny”
- Mar. 2018: **Bayes Comp**, **Poster**: “Dynamic Nested Sampling with dynasty”
- Oct. 2017: **UMass Amherst**, Data Science Tea, **Invited Talk**: “Big Data Inference: Combining Hierarchical Bayes and Machine Learning to Improve Photometric Redshifts”
- Sep. 2017: **Harvard**, Astrostatistics Seminar, **Talk**: “An Introduction to Dynamic Nested Sampling”
- Sep. 2017: **Harvard-Smithsonian CfA**, AstroStat Day, **Talk**: “Typical Sets: What They Are and How to (Hopefully) Find Them”
- Jan. 2017: **AAS 229**, **Poster**: “Improving Photometric Redshifts for Hyper Suprime-Cam (HSC) with Hierarchical Bayes and Machine Learning”
- May 2016: **COSMO21**, **Talk**: “Improving Photometric Redshifts for Hyper Suprime-Cam”
- Mar. 2016: **Kavli IPMU**, Astro Lunch Seminar, **Talk**: “Mapping, Visualizing, and Exploiting the Color-Redshift Relation”
- Apr. 2015: **Harvard**, Senior Thesis, **Talk**: “Mapping the Universe (at low resolution) with Photometric Redshifts”
- Jan. 2015: **AAS 225**, **Talk**: “Improving Photometric Redshift Accuracy and Computational Efficiency”
- Jan. 2014: **AAS 223**, **Poster**: “Parallel Galaxy Main Sequence and Quasar Evolution from $z=0-6$ ”
- Dec. 2013: **Harvard**, Junior Thesis, **Talk**: “‘Main Sequence’ Evolution from $z\sim 0-6$ ”
- Aug. 2013: **Tsukuba Univ.**, **Talk**: “The Evolution of Star-Forming Galaxies Over Cosmic Time”
- Jul. 2013: **Kavli IPMU**, Astro Lunch Seminar, **Talk**: “Gyrochronology and the Angular Momentum Evolution of Solar-like Stars”
- Jan. 2013: **AAS 221**, **Poster**: “An In-Depth Analysis of the *Kepler* Low-Amplitude Blazhko RR Lyrae Stars”
- Jan. 2012: **AAS 219**, **Poster**: “The X-ray Counterpart of the High-*B* Pulsar J0726-2612”

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2018:

Zucker, C.; Schlafly E. F.; Green, G. M.; **Speagle, J. S.** et al., **accepted to ApJ** ([1803.08931](#)): “A New Technique for Mapping Distances Across the Perseus Molecular Cloud Using CO Observations and Stellar Photometry”

Medezinski, E.; Masamune O.; Nishizawa, A. J.; **Speagle, J. S.** et al., **PASJ** ([1706.00427](#)): “Source Selection for Cluster Weak Lensing Measurements in the Hyper Sprime-Cam Survey”

Tanaka, M.; **the HSC Photo-z Team** et al., **PASJ** ([1704.05988](#)): “Photometric Redshifts for the Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program Data Release 1”

2017:

Speagle, J. S. & Eisenstein, D. J., **MNRAS** ([1510.08080](#)): “Deriving Photometric Redshifts with Fuzzy Archetypes and Self-Organizing Maps II. Implementation”

Speagle, J. S. & Eisenstein, D. J., **MNRAS** ([1510.08073](#)): “Deriving Photometric Redshifts with Fuzzy Archetypes and Self-Organizing Maps I. Methodology”

2016:

Speagle, J. S. et al., **MNRAS** ([1508.02484](#)): “Exploring Photometric Redshifts as an Optimization Problem: An Ensemble MCMC and Simulated Annealing-Driven Template-fitting Approach”

Steinhardt, C. L.; Capak, P. L.; Masters, D. C.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, **ApJ** ([1506.01377](#)): “The Impossibly Early Galaxy Problem”

2015:

Masters, D. C. **et al.**, **ApJ** ([1509.03318](#)): “Mapping the Galaxy Color-Redshift Relation: Optimal Photometric Redshift Calibration Strategies for Cosmology Surveys”

2014:

Steinhardt, C. L. & **Speagle, J. S.**, **ApJ** ([1409.2883](#)): “A Uniform History for Galaxy Evolution”

Steinhardt, C. L.; **Speagle, J. S.** et al., **ApJL** ([1407.7030](#)): “Star Formation at $4 < z < 6$ from the Spitzer Large Area Survey with Hyper-Suprime-Cam (SPLASH)” (**Press Release: JPL**)

Speagle, J. S.; Steinhardt, C. L.; Capak, P. L.; & Silverman, J. D., **ApJS** ([1405.2041](#)): “A Highly Consistent Framework for the Evolution of the Star-Forming ‘Main Sequence’ from $z \sim 0-6$ ” (**~350 citations**)

2011:

Speagle, J. S.; Kaplan, D. L.; & van Kerkwijk, M. H., **ApJ** ([1111.2877](#)): “The X-ray Counterpart of the High-*B* Pulsar J0726-2612”