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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I develop methods and analyze large datasets to understand how **galaxies** like our own **Milky Way** form, behave, and evolve. This work lies in the interdisciplinary fields of **astrostatistics** and **data science** at the intersections of statistics, astronomy, and computer science.

POSITIONS

Dunlap Postdoctoral Fellow: Dunlap Institute, University of Toronto 2020-2025
Banting Postdoctoral Fellow: Statistical Sciences, University of Toronto 2020-2022
Supervisor: Gwen Eadie (joint with Astronomy & Astrophysics)
Project Academic Support Staff: Kavli IPMU, University of Tokyo 2015-2016
Supervisors: Naoki Yoshida, Alexie Leauthaud, & Kevin Bundy

EDUCATION

Harvard University: PhD in Astronomy 2016-2020
Advisers: Doug Finkbeiner, Charlie Conroy, Daniel Eisenstein, & Alyssa Goodman
Harvard University: MA in Astronomy 2016-2020
Advisers: Daniel Eisenstein & Alexie Leauthaud
Harvard University: BA in Astrophysics and Physics 2011-2015

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

Best Astrostatistics Student Paper Award (ASA/AIG) 2020
Eric R. Keto Prize for Best Thesis in Theoretical Astrophysics (Harvard) 2020
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship (Canada) 2020
Department of Astronomy Teaching Award (Harvard) Spring 2018
Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Harvard) Spring 2017, 18; Fall 2018
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (USA) 2016

TEACHING

I have a strong interest in education and pedagogy, with a focus on skills such as **programming, statistics, and data science**. See my **teaching statement** for additional details.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

I am committed to improving equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in the classroom, in my work, and in the wider academic community. See my **EDI statement** for additional details.

STUDENTS

I have (co-)supervised or am currently (co-)supervising a total of **8 students**.

Undergraduate

8. Ava Oveisi (CS/Physics, Toronto-Scarborough) — Summer 2020-Present
7. Sina Babaei Zadeh (Astronomy, Toronto) — Summer 2020-Present
   Co-supervisors: Ted Mackereth & Lamiya Mowla (Toronto)
6. Alicia Savelli (Math/Education/Physics, Brock) — Summer 2020-Present
   Co-supervisor: Ted Mackereth (Toronto)
5. Jeff Shen (Statistics/Astronomy/Math, Toronto) — Winter 2020-Present
   Primary supervisors: Gwen Eadie & Norm Murray (Toronto)
   Co-supervisor: Dennis Zaritsky (Arizona)
4. Mingxuan Teng (Math/CS, Toronto) — Fall 2020-Present
3. Zhiya Lou (Math/Statistics, Toronto → Statistics, ICL) — Fall 2020-Present
   Co-supervisor: Gwen Eadie (Toronto)
2. Alan Tu (Physics, Harvard) — Summer 2020-Summer 2021
   Primary supervisor: Catherine Zucker (Harvard)
   Co-supervisor: Gus Beane (Harvard)
1. Kaustav Das (Physics, IIT Kanpur → Astronomy, Caltech) — Summer 2019-Fall 2020
   Primary supervisor: Catherine Zucker (Harvard)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

American Astronomical Society (AAS)
- Steering Committee: Working Group on Astroinformatics & Astrostatistics — 2020-Present

American Statistical Association (ASA)
- Web Director: Astrostatistics Interest Group — 2020-Present

University of Toronto (UofT) Astronomy
- Organizing Committee: Summer Undergraduate Research Program — Summer 2021
- Postdoc Representative: Training & Mentoring Committee — 2021-Present
- (Co-)Founder: Statistics & Machine Learning Journal Club — 2020-Present

Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian (CfA)
- Founder: CfA Machine Learning Journal Club — 2017-2020

Workshops
- Co-organizer: Stellar Stats Workshop (UofT) — May 2021

Session Organizer
- Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) 2021 — August 2021
  Topic-contributed: Understanding a Data-Rich Universe with Data-Driven Approaches

Manuscript Referee
- Bayesian Analysis — 2021-Present
- Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS) — 2020-Present
- Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A) — 2017-Present
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS) — 2016-Present
- American Astronomical Society (AAS) Journals (AJ, ApJ, ApJL, ApJS) — 2014-Present

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited & Public Talks

IPAM: Inference and Estimation in Gravitational Wave Astronomy Workshop — November 2021
Dynamic Nested Sampling with *dynesty*

University of Surrey: Cross-Research Platform for Bayesian Data-fitting Workshop — July 2021
An Introduction to (Dynamic) Nested Sampling

RASC Ottawa Centre: Monthly Meeting — June 2021
Mapping the Milky Way in the Age of Gaia

GitHub Satellite 2019: Keynote Address (Participant) — May 2019
Open-source code contributions (*dynesty*) in the analysis of M87* by the EHT collaboration

Harvard University: CMSA Big Data Conference — August 2018
Revealing the Milky Way's Dust-iny

Colloquia & Seminars

University of Chicago: Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics Seminar — April 2021
Cosmological Cartography with Photometric Redshifts

CANSSI Ontario: Data Science Applied Research and Education Seminar — February 2021
Mapping the Milky Way in the Age of Gaia

University of Florida: Colloquium — September 2020
Enabling Data-Driven Discovery in the Milky Way and Beyond Using Large Astronomical Datasets

Villanova University: Colloquium — October 2019
Exploring the Galaxy Near and Far in the Age of Gaia

Harvard University: Summer Colloquium (joint with Catherine Zucker) — June 2019
Charting Nearby Molecular Clouds with Gaia: A New Map of Our Local Interstellar Medium

University of Cambridge: Data Intensive Science Seminar — April 2019
Mapping the 3-D Distribution of Dust in the Milky Way with Stellar Photometry

UMass Amherst: Data Science Tea — October 2017
Big Data Inference: Using Hierarchical Bayes and Machine Learning to Improve Photometric Redshifts

Harvard University: CHASC Astrostatistics Seminar — September 2017
An Introduction to Dynamic Nested Sampling

Kavli IPMU: Astronomy Lunch Seminar — March 2016
Mapping, Visualizing, and Exploiting the Color-Redshift Relation

University of Tsukuba: Theoretical Astrophysics Seminar — August 2013
The Evolution of Star-Forming Galaxies over Cosmic Time

Contributed

AAS 238: Special Session (Statistics Discussant) — June 2021
Unaccounted Uncertainties: The Role of Systematics in Astrophysics

Astro Hack Week 2020: Tutorial Leader — August 2020
Introduction to Bayesian Inference with Linear Regression

Lorentz Center: Colours of the Universe Workshop (Session Leader) — September 2018
Challenges Working with Posterior Distributions (with Alex Malz)

PUBLICATIONS

I am an author on **52 papers** that have over **3500 citations** (h-index=19). This includes:
12 papers as **(co-)lead author** with over **1100 citations** (h-index=9)
15 papers with **substantial contributions** with over **800 citations** (h-index=11)
1 paper (4 in prep.) **led by students** (in **blue**) I have (co-)supervised (h-index=1)

Most of my papers can be found online on arxiv and ADS. My ORCID is 0000-0003-2573-9832.

In Preparation

7. **Speagle, J. S.** & Eadie, G.
   Commentary: Getting Data Integration Right is Crucial for Multi-Messenger Astrophysics
6. Fowlie et al. [25 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**]
   Nested Sampling for Physical Scientists
5. Huang, S.; Bradshaw, C.; Leauthaud, A.; Hearin, A.; Behroozi, P.; Lange, J.; Green, J.; DeRose, J.; & **Speagle, J. S.**
   The Outer Stellar Mass of Massive Galaxies: A Simple Tracer of Halo Mass with Scatter Comparable to Richness and Reduced Projection Effects
4. **Shen, J.**; Eadie, G.; Murray, N.; Zaritsky, D.; **Speagle, J. S.** et al.
   Estimating the Mass Distribution of the Milky Way with Bayesian Multilevel Models, the No-U-Turn Sampler, and Halo Stars from the H3 Survey
3. **Teng, M.** & **Speagle, J. S.**
   Simple, Data-Driven Outlier Detection in Supervised Machine Learning Applications
2. **Lou, Z.**; **Speagle, J. S.**; Eadie, G.; & Webb, J.
   Applications of Bayesian Model Selection to Simulated Globular Clusters
1. **Tu, A. J.**; Zucker, C.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Beane, A.; Goodman, A.; Alves, J.; & Faherty, J.
   Characterizing the Kinematics of Young Stars in the Radcliffe Wave

(Co-)Lead Author

12. **Speagle, J. S.** et al. [20 additional co-authors], submitted to ApJ
    Mapping the Milky Way in 5-D with 170 Million Stars
11. **Speagle, J. S.** et al. [20 additional co-authors], submitted to ApJ
    Deriving Stellar Properties, Distances, and Reddenings from Photometry and Astrometry with *brutus*
10. **Portillo, S. K. N. & Speagle, J. S.**; & Finkbeiner, D. P., 2020, AJ
    Photometric Biases in Modern Surveys
    arxiv: 1902.02374 **Press**: AAS
9. **Speagle, J. S.**, 2020, MNRAS
    dynesty: A Dynamic Nested Sampling Package for Estimating Bayesian Posteriors and Evidences
    arxiv: 1904.02180
8. **Speagle, J. S.**, 2019, arxiv e-print
    A Conceptual Introduction to Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods
    arxiv: 1909.12313
7. **Speagle, J. S.** et al. [11 additional co-authors], 2019, MNRAS
    Galaxy-Galaxy Lensing in HSC: Validation Tests and the Impact of Heterogeneous Spectroscopic Training Sets

arxiv: 1906.05876

6. **Zucker, C. & Speagle, J. S.**; Schlafly, E. F.; Green, G. M., Finkbeiner, D. P.; Goodman, A. A.; & Alves, J., 2019, ApJ
   A Large Catalog of Accurate Distances to Local Molecular Clouds: The Gaia DR2 Edition
   arxiv: 1902.01425
5. **Speagle, J. S.** & Eisenstein, D. J., 2017, MNRAS
   Deriving Photometric Redshifts with Fuzzy Archetypes and Self-Organizing Maps II. Implementation
   arxiv: 1510.08080
4. **Speagle, J. S.** & Eisenstein, D. J., 2017, MNRAS
   Deriving Photometric Redshifts with Fuzzy Archetypes and Self-Organizing Maps I. Methodology
   arxiv: 1510.08073
3. **Speagle, J. S.**; Capak, P. L.; Eisenstein, D. J.; Masters, D. C.; & Steinhardt, C. L., 2016, MNRAS
   Exploring Photometric Redshifts as an Optimization Problem: An Ensemble MCMC and Simulated Annealing-Driven Template-fitting Approach
   arxiv: 1508.02484
2. **Speagle, J. S.**; Steinhardt, C. L.; Capak, P. L.; & Silverman, J. D., 2014, ApJS
   A Highly Consistent Framework for the Evolution of the Star-Forming 'Main Sequence' from z~0-6
   arxiv: 1405.2041
1. **Speagle, J. S.**; Kaplan, D. L.; & van Kerkwijk, M. H., 2011, ApJ
   The X-ray Counterpart of the High-B Pulsar J0726-2612
   arxiv: 1111.2877

Substantial Contribution

15. Johnson, B. D.; Leja, J.; Conroy, C.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2021, ApJ
    Stellar Population Inference with Prospector
    arxiv: 2012.01426
14. **Das, K. K.**; Zucker, C.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Goodman, A.; Schlafly, E. F.; Green, G. M.; Finkbeiner, D. P.; & Alves, J., 2020, MNRAS
    Constraining the Distance to the North Polar Spur with Gaia DR2
    arxiv: 2009.01320 **Press**: Quanta, CfA Science Update
13. Cargile, P. A.; Conroy, C.; Johnson, B. D.; Ting, Y.-S.; Bonaca, A.; Dotter, A.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2020, ApJ
    MINESweeper: Spectrophotometric Modeling of Stars in the Gaia Era
    arxiv: 1907.07690
12. Leja, J.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Johnson, B. D.; Conroy, C.; van Dokkum, P.; & Franx, M., 2020, ApJ
    A New Census of the 0.2 < z < 3.0 Universe, Part I: The Stellar Mass Function
    arxiv: 1910.04168
11. Alves, J.; Zucker, C.; Goodman, A. A.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Meingast, S.; Robitaille, T.; Finkbeiner, D. P.; Schlafly, E. F.; & Green, G. M., 2020, Nature
    Discovery of a Galactic-scale Gas Wave in the Solar Neighborhood
    arxiv: 2001.08748 **Press:** Official Website, Associated Press, BBC, Popular Science

10. Zucker, C.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Schlafly, E. F.; Green, G. M.; Finkbeiner, D. P., Goodman, A.; & Alves, J., 2020, A&A
    A Compendium of Distances to Molecular Clouds in the Star Formation Handbook
    arxiv: 2001.00591
9. Green, G. M.; Schlafly, E. F.; Zucker, C.; **Speagle, J. S.**; & Finkbeiner, D. P., 2019, ApJ
    A 3D Dust Map Based on Gaia, Pan-STARRS 1 and 2MASS
    arxiv: 1905.02734
8. Cook, B. A.; Conroy, C.; van Dokkum, P.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2019 ApJ
    Measuring Star-Formation Histories, Distances, and Metallicities with Pixel Color-Magnitude Diagrams I: Model Definition and Mock Tests
    arxiv: 1904.00011
7. Safarzadeh, M.; Berger, E.; Leja, J.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2019, ApJL
    Measuring the Delay Time Distribution of Binary Neutron Stars III. Using the Individual Star Formation Histories of Gravitational Wave Event Host Galaxies in the Local Universe
    arxiv: 1905.04310 **Press**: AAS NOVA
6. Leja, J.; Carnall, A. C.; Johnson, B. D.; Conroy, C.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2019, ApJ
    How to Measure Galaxy Star Formation Histories II: Nonparametric Models
    arxiv: 1811.03637
5. Zucker, C.; Schlafly E. F.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Green, G. M.; Portillo, S. K. N.; Finkbeiner, D. P.; & Goodman, A. A., 2018, ApJ
    Mapping Distances Across the Perseus Molecular Cloud Using CO Observations, Stellar Photometry, and Gaia DR2 Parallax Measurements
    arxiv: 1803.08931
4. Tanaka, M.; Coupon, J.; Hsieh, B.-C.; Mineo, S., Nishizawa, A. J.; **Speagle, J.**; Furusawa, H.; Miyazaki, S.; & Murayama, H., 2018, PASJ
    Photometric Redshifts for the Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program Data Release 1
    arxiv: 1704.05988
3. Steinhardt, C. L.; Capak, P. L.; Masters, D. C.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2016, ApJ
    The Impossibly Early Galaxy Problem
    arxiv: 1506.01377
2. Steinhardt, C. L. & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2014, ApJ
    A Uniform History for Galaxy Evolution
    arxiv: 1409.2883
1. Steinhardt, C. L.; **Speagle, J. S.** et al. [22 additional co-authors], 2014, ApJL
    Star Formation at $4 < z < 6$ from the Spitzer Large Area Survey with Hyper-Suprime-Cam (SPLASH)
    arxiv: 1407.7030 **Press**: JPL

Contributing Author

25. Leauthaud, A. & Amon, A. et al. [84 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], submitted to MNRAS
    Lensing Without Borders: A Blind Comparison of the Amplitude of Galaxy-Galaxy Lensing Between Independent Imaging Surveys
24. Naidu, R. P.; Conroy, C.; Bonaca, A.; Zaritsky, D; Weinberger, R.; Ting, Y.-S.; Caldwell, N., Tacchella, S.; Han, J. J.; **Speagle, J. S.**; & Cargile, P. A., submitted to ApJ

Reconstructing the Last Major Merger of the Milky Way with the H3 Survey
arxiv: 2103.03251

23. Tacchella et al. [16 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], submitted to ApJ
Fast, Slow, Early, Late: Quenching Massive Galaxies at z ~ 0.8
arxiv: 2102.12494

22. Zucker, C.; Goodman, A. G.; Alves, J.; Shmuel, B.; Koch, E.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Foley, M.; Finkbeiner, D. P.; Leike, R.; & Enβlin, T., submitted to ApJ
On the 3D Spatial Topologies of Local Molecular Clouds

21. Nelson, E. J. et al. [24 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], submitted to ApJ
Spatially Resolved Star Formation and Inside-Out Quenching in the TNG50 Simulation and 3D-HST Obvservations
arxiv: 2101.12212

20. Emami, R.; Hernquist, L.; Alcock, C.; Genel, S.; Bose, S.; Weinberger, R.; Vogelsberger, M.; Shen, X.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Marinacci, F.; Forbes, J. C.; & Torrey, P.., ApJ
Inferring the Morphology of Stellar Distributions in TNG50: Twisted and Twisted-Stretched Shapes
arxiv: 2012.12284

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arxiv: 2012.09171

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Data-Driven Stellar Models
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Ancient Very Metal-Poor Stars Associated with the Galactic Disk in the H3 Survey
arxiv: 2012.00036

16. Desprez, G. et al. [171 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], 2020, A&A
Euclid Preparation. X. The Euclid Photometric-Redshift Challenge
arxiv: 2009.12112

15. Zaritsky, D.; Conroy, C.; Naidu, R. P.; Cargile, P. A.; Putman, M.; Besla, G.; Bonaca, A.; Caldwell, N.; Han, J. J.; Johnson, B. D.; **Speagle, J. S.**; & Ting, Y.-S., 2020, ApJL
Discovery of Magellanic Stellar Debris in the H3 Survey
arxiv: 2011.09395

14. Johnson, B. D.; Conroy, C.; Naidu, R. P.; Bonaca, A.; Zaritsky, D.; Ting, Y.-S.; Cargile, P. A.; Han, J. J.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2020, ApJ
A Diffuse Metal-Poor Component of the Sagittarius Stream Revealed by the H3 Survey
arxiv: 2007.14408

13. Cabrera-Ziri, I.; **Speagle, J. S.** et al. [9 additional co-authors], 2020, MNRAS
Searching for Globular Cluster Chemical Anomalies on the Main Sequence of a Young Massive Cluster
arxiv: 2004.09636

12. Bonaca, A.; Conroy, C.; Hogg, D. W.; Cargile, P. A.; Caldwell, N.; Naidu, R. P.; Price-Whelan, A. M.; **Speagle, J. S.**; & Johnson, B. D., 2020, ApJL
    High-Resolution Spectroscopy of the GD-1 Stellar Stream Localizes the Perturber Near the Orbital Plane of Sagittarius
    arxiv: 2001.07215
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    Weak Lensing Reveals a Tight Connection Between Dark Matter Halo Mass and the Distribution of Stellar Mass in Massive Galaxies
    arxiv: 1811.01139 **Press**: CfA Science Update
10. Namikawa, T. et al. [73 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], 2019, ApJ
    Evidence for the Cross-correlation between Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization Lensing from POLARBEAR and the Cosmic Shear from Subaru Hyper Suprime-Cam
    arxiv: 1904.02116
9. Forbes, J. C.; Krumholz, M. R.; & **Speagle, J. S.**, 2019, MNRAS
    Towards a Radially-Resolved Semi-Analytic Model for the Evolution of Disc Galaxies Tuned with Machine Learning
    arxiv: 1810.12919
8. Hikage, C. et al. [35 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], 2019, PASJ
    Cosmology from cosmic shear power spectra with Subaru Hyper Suprime-Cam first-year data
    arxiv: 1809.09148 **Press**: PASJ Excellent Paper Award (English)
7. Leja, J.; Johnson, B. D.; Conroy, C.; van Dokkum, P.; **Speagle, J. S.**; Brammer, G.; Momcheva, I.; Skelton, R.; Whitaker, K. E.; Franx, M; & Nelson, E. J., 2019, ApJ
    An Older, More Quiescent Universe from Panchromatic SED Fitting of the 3D-HST Survey
    arxiv: 1812.05608
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    Source Selection for Cluster Weak Lensing Measurements in the Hyper Sprime-Cam Survey
    arxiv: 1706.00427
5. Mandelbaum, R. et al. [30 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], 2018, PASJ
    The first-year shear catalog of the Subaru Hyper Suprime-Cam SSP Survey
    arxiv: 1706.06745
4. Aihara, H. et al. [108 additional co-authors including **Speagle, J. S.**], 2018, PASJ
    First Data Release of the Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program
    arxiv: 1702.08449
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    The Hyper Suprime-Cam SSP Survey: Overview and Survey Design
    arxiv: 1704.05858
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    An optically-selected cluster catalog at redshift $0.1<z<1.1$ from Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program S16A data
    arxiv: 1701.00818
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    Mapping the Galaxy Color-Redshift Relation: Optimal Photometric Redshift Calibration Strategies for Cosmology Surveys
    arxiv: 1509.03318