**Dr. Kirk Stuart Simeon Barrow**

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**Citizenship:** United States of America

***Expertise:*** computational astrophysics, radiative transfer, orbital mechanics, optimization, mathematical and statistical modeling, instruction, atmospheric flight, unmanned aerial vehicle design

**Career Goal:** Professor, Research Scientist, Engineer

**CURRENT POSITION**

**Porat Postdoctoral Fellow 2018-present**

Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology,

Stanford University and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D, Physics**,Astrophysics Specialization **2013-2018**

Georgia Institute of Technology

**M.S., Aerospace Engineering**,Orbital Mechanics Specialization **2014-2016**

Georgia Institute of Technology

**B.S., Aerospace Engineering**, Space Specialization **2004-2009**

Georgia Institute of Technology

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

**2019 – 2021 PI: XSEDE X RAC Research Allocation TG-AST190001 (Renewed 2020)**

**2019 Co-Organizer: KIPAC Workshop-Hosting Grant**

**2018 – 2019 PI: XSEDE Computing Startup Allocation TG-AST180052**

**2018 – 2021 Stanford University Porat Postdoctoral Fellowship**

**2018 Lavender Diploma for Academics and Contributions to the LGBTQIA Community**

**2018 Georgia Tech School of Physics Amelio Award for Research Excellence**

**2017 NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Year-Round Graduate Internship**

**2016, 2017 School of Physics Conference Travel Grant**

**2014 XSEDE Conference Grant**

**2013 – 2016 Southern Regional Education Board 3-Year Doctoral Fellowship**

**Grants Under Review**

* Brant Robertson, **Kirk Barrow**, Mengtao Tang, Richard Ellis & Aayush Saxena, “*Understanding How Ionizing Photons Escape from Early Star-Forming Galaxies”* Keck, MOSFIRE
* Wilkins et al., “*Wide Area First Light Survey”* James Webb Space Telescope

**Certifications in Progress**

* Stanford Postdoctoral Teaching Certificate (est. January 2021)
* Japanese Language Proficiency Test N3 ~~(est. December 2020)~~ (TBD: US Testing Postponed)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate**

**NASA Graduate Internship** – Research in Space Mission Design, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

**May 2017 – July 2017**

**Mentor: Nathan Strange**

* Developed trajectory tools for gravity assist leveraging
* Contributed code to an orbit optimizing software in development (Frost)
* Optimized a low-thrust tour from Titan to Enceladus (Malto)
* Found trajectories that reduced fuel cost by 80% to Enceladus compared to direct insertion

**Aerospace** **Engineering** – Research in Trajectory Optimization, Georgia Institute of Technology

**January 2016 – May 2017**

**Mentor: Marcus Holzinger**

* Developed a theoretical framework and algorithm to optimize Earth-Mars-Venus cycler trajectories on supercomputers
* Found new classes of trajectories that reduce round-trip times between Earth and Mars

**Astrophysics –** Research in Computational Cosmology, Georgia Institute of Technology

**August 2014 – May 2018**

**Mentor: John Wise**

* Developed a computational model to generate observables from simulated astrophysical data on the early Universe
* Found relationships between emission lines and bursts of star formation
* Found trends in the spectra and images of galaxies in the early universe
* Found identifying observational characteristics for the first generation of stars
* Found identifying observational characteristics for the formation of large black holes

**Astrophysics –** Research in Computational Cosmology, Georgia Institute of Technology

**August 2012 – August 2014**

**Mentor: John Wise**

* Analyzed the rates of photo evaporation in cosmological simulations
* Developed a merger tree algorithm
* Found that large galaxies evacuate satellite halos and inhibit star formation

**Undergraduate**

**Aerospace Engineering –** Research in Space Mission Design, Georgia Institute of Technology

**January 2009 – June 2009**

**Mentor: David Spencer**

* Developed an entry system for unmanned flight in Titan atmosphere
* Modeled and simulated entry, deployment, cruise, and landing for an extended multi-stage scientific study of Titan

**Aerospace Engineering –** Research in Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles, Georgia Institute of Technology

**May 2008 – January 2009**

**Mentor: Eric Johnson**

* Created a control program for use in testing of an uninhabited aerial vehicle
* Tested the control program on flight hardware

**INVITED TALKS**

1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (12/7/2020) *Using High-Cadence Synthetic Observations to Unlock a New Era in Astrophysics*
2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois (12/4/2020) *Using High-Cadence Synthetic Observations to Unlock a New Era in Astrophysics* **(Astrophysics Colloquium)**
3. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (11/19/2020) *Using High-Cadence Synthetic Observations to Unlock a New Era in Astrophysics* **(Steward Observatory/NOIRLab Colloquium)**
4. Stanford University, Stanford, California (8/27/2020) *Time-Dependent Trends in Radiative Transfer and Nebular Emission Lines*  **(Astrophysics Colloquium)**
5. Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astronomy, Cambridge, Massachusetts (8/25/2020): *Time-Dependent Trends in Radiative Transfer and Nebular Emission Lines*
6. Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astronomy, Cambridge, Massachusetts (11/12/2019): *Emission Line Modeling in the High-Redshift Universe* (**Seminar**)
7. University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California (12/14/2018): *Synthetic Observations of the High-Redshift Universe* (**Seminar**)
8. University of California, Davis, Davis, California (11/1/2018) *Caius: Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations* (**Seminar**)
9. University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California (10/5/2019) *Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations* (**Discussion Moderator**)
10. Stanford University, Stanford, California (10/9/2018) *Synthetic Observations of the High-Redshift Universe*
11. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico (12/14/2017) *Caius: Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations* (**Seminar**)
12. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (11/6/2017) *Caius: Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations* (**Seminar**)
13. Flatiron Institute, New York, New York (10/13/2017) *Caius: Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations*
14. University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland (10/10/2017) *Caius: Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations* (**Seminar**)
15. Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, Pasadena, California (7/26/2017) *Astrodynamics, Astronomy, and Astrophysics* (**Seminar**)
16. Space Systems Design Laboratory*,* Georgia Institute of Technology (11/14/2016) *Multi-Objective Optimization of Mars-Earth-Venus Trajectories*
17. Duke TIP Program, Georgia Institute of Technology (7/13/15) *Gravity* (**Guest Lecture**)
18. Center for Relativistic Astrophysics, Georgia Institute of Technology (10/8/2014) *First Light: Exploring the Spectra of Galaxies in the Early Universe*

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

1. SAZERAC-sip: First Stars, online, (10/23/2020) *Unraveling Time-Dependent Trends in Star Formation Using Cosmological Simulations* (**Talk**)
2. 235st American Astronomical Society Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii (1/7/2020) *Blue Galaxies: Modeling Nebular Emission Lines in the Time Domain* (**Talk**)
3. Frank Bash Symposium, UT Austin, Austin, Texas (10/23/2019): *Blue Galaxies: Exploring Nebular Emission in the Early Universe* (**Invited Review Talk**)
4. Enzo Workshop, SLAC Linear Accelerator Center, Menlo Park, California, (6/11/2019) *Photometry and emission line modeling of high-redshift stellar clusters and H II regions* **(Talk)**
5. Formation of Stars and Massive clusters in Dwarf Galaxies over Cosmic Time, Leiden, Netherlands (2/22/2019) *Photometry and emission line modeling of high-redshift stellar clusters and H II regions***(Invited Talk)**
6. Extremely Big Eyes on the Early Universe, Los Angeles, California (1/28/2019) *Synthetic Observations of the High-Redshift Universe* (**Talk**)
7. Stellar Archaeology as a Time Machine to the First Stars, Kashiwa, Japan (12/4/2018) *Synthetic Observations of the High-Redshift Universe* (**Talk**)
8. 2018 National Society of Black Physicists Conference, Columbus, Ohio, (11/5/2018) *Synthetic Observations of the High-Redshift Universe* (**Invited Talk**)
9. 231st American Astronomical Society Meeting, Washington, DC (1/11/2018) *Caius: Synthetic Observables Using Monte Carlo Photon Simulations* (**Dissertation Talk**)
10. Spectral Diagnostics to Explore the Cosmic Dawn with JWST, STScI, Baltimore, Maryland (8/1/2017*) First Light: Exploring the Spectra of Galaxies in the Early Universe* (**Talk**)
11. 27th AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (2/5/2017) *Multi-Objective Optimization of Mars-Earth-Venus Trajectories* (**Talk, Conference Paper**)
12. Exploring the Universe with JWST II Conference, Montreal, Canada (10/27/2016) *First Light: Exploring the Spectra of Galaxies in the Early Universe* (**Talk**)
13. 32nd Annual Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris Conference, Paris, France (6/19/2016) *First Light: Exploring the Spectra of Galaxies in the Early Universe* (**Poster, Poster Talk**)
14. 224th American Astronomical Society Meeting, Seattle, Washington (1/5/2015) *First Light: Exploring the Spectra of Galaxies in the Early Universe* (**Poster**)

**MENTORSHIP**

**Bryen Irving,** Graduate Student, Stanford University

**Spring 2020 – present**

* Secondary mentor along with Tom Abel and Roger Blandford. Developing models for massive black hole formation and evolution.

**Lillian Santos-Olmsted,** Undergraduate, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Spring 2020 – present**

* Primary mentor. Student selected from a competitive, funded quarter-long Cal-Bridge Summer Research Program (CAMPARE). Developing diagnostic tools for observers from simulation synthetic observations.

**Luz Ángela García Peñaloza,** Postdoctoral Scholar, Universidad ECCI, Columbia

**Winter 2020 – Summer 2020**

* Host and research mentor for Luz Ángela García Peñaloza as part of the KIPAC Program for Astrophysics Visitor Exchange at Stanford (PAVES)

**Other Mentorship Activities**

* 2020: Lead and organized weekly research group meetings with mentees
* 2018: American Physics Society Bridge Program and National Mentoring Community Conference panelist
* 2016-2017: Mentor and organizer for the Graduate Association of Physicists, Georgia Tech
* 2008-2018: Mentoring and tutoring of high school and undergraduate students

**ENGAGEMENT, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP**

* 2019-2020: Stanford KIPAC Cosmology Seminar committee member and speaker host
* 2019: NASA Astrophysics Theory Program grant review panelist
* 2019: SLAC Users Organization Congressional DC physics advocacy trip attendee, meetings with the office of 12 US Senators and Representatives
* 2019, 2020: Stanford physics undergraduate summer research program applicant reviewer
* 2019: Proposal reviewer for the NASA FINESST graduate student fellowship
* 2018-2019: Journal peer reviewer for the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
* 2018-2019: Co-organized the first interdisciplinary Space Sciences at Stanford conference
* 2018: Represented Stanford University at the National Society of Black Physicists Conference
* 2017-2018: Nominated to College of Sciences Graduate Student Diversity Council, Georgia Tech
* 2017: Represented Georgia Tech at the National Society of Black Physicists Conference
* 2015-2016: Led a startup competition group to build an automated solar energy pricing and permitting computer application
* 2007-2008: Primary and General Election Presidential Campaign Volunteer; organized a chapter within the Georgia Tech community. Created community outreach initiates at community centers, churches, and with local businesses.
* 2006-2008: President, Georgia Tech Airsoft Club; built and organized membership from inactivity to an intercollegiate competitive level

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Lead Instructor,** Stanford University

**Summer Quarter 2020**

* The Origin and Development of the Cosmos (Physics 16) – Lead a course of 52 students, planned syllabus, created course content (lectures, activities, assignments, exams, projects), coordinated with a co-instructor and two teaching assistants
* Managed migration of the course to online teaching with a heavy emphasis on active learning

**Guest Lecturer,** Stanford University

**Winter Quarter 2020**

* Graduate Modern Astrophysics (Physics 360) – Original lectures and assignments on star cluster physics and HII regions

**Stanford Postdoctoral Teaching Certificate,** Stanford University

**May 2019 – January 2021 (est.)**

* 70 hours of pedagogy/andragogy and curriculum design course work and journal clubs
* A minimum of 5 hours of in-class original course material taught with teacher assessments

**Physics Graduate Teaching Assistant,** Georgia Institute of Technology

**August 2013 – December 2014, May 2015 – August 2016**

* Electricity and Magnetism (Physics II) - Taught 3-5 lecture-style recitation sections per semester, proctored, and graded exams and assignments
* Mechanics (Physics I) – Created online homework assignments for a MOOC
* Fundamentals of Astrophysics (Physics 4347) - Held office hours, graded exams and assignments

**Professional Tutoring,** Tech Tutors, ClubZ! Atlanta Tutors, In-Home Tutors, Atlanta and privately

**November 2008 – September 2013, September 2016 – present**

* Worked for tutoring agencies focused on enhancing individual math and science skills at the grade school and college level
* Tutored over three hundred students for thousands of hours
* Developed an intuitive knowledge of multiple disciplines and sciences

**Education Research,** Kennesaw State University

**June 2009 – July 2009**

* Analyzed statistical performance data in conjunction with learning tests to determine correlations for use in executive MBA applications, documented methods and findings

**SKILLS**

**Creator**

* CAIUS Radiative Transfer Pipeline

**Highly Proficient**

* Applied mathematical modeling of dynamic physical systems
* Enzo, yt, Hyperion, Cloudy, Malto
* Python, Linux, Mathematica, MATLAB, Cluster Computing
* Microsoft Office, LateX

**Experienced**

* Statistical modeling
* CAD, Solid Edge
* C++, FORTRAN, Julia
* Orbit optimization tool development