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Curriculum Vitae 

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| NASA Postdoctoral Fellow
Astrophysics Science Division, Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, Maryland, United States
<i>science advisor: Dr. Jonathan Gardner</i> | Oct 2020 – Present |
| Flatiron Guest Researcher
Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute
New York, New York, United States | Sep 2016 – Sep 2020 |

EDUCATION

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| Rutgers University – New Jersey, United States
Ph.D. in Astrophysics
<i>doctoral thesis advisor: prof. rachel somerville</i> | Class of 2020 |
| University of San Francisco – California, United States
B.S. in Physics (with Honors) and Mathematics (with Honors)
<i>double minor in Astronomy and Astrophysics, Summa Cum Laude</i> | Class of 2014 |

SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

I am an expert in using semi-analytic methods to model the formation and evolution of galaxies and quasars in the early universe, as well as their subsequent impact on the reionization of the intergalactic hydrogen and helium. My prediction work is published under the banner “Semi-analytic forecasts”, which delivers a wide variety of predictions for high-redshift objects that are expected to be detected by Webb, Roman, and other observatories. I also work closely with numerous observing teams that utilize Hubble, Webb, and ground-based instruments, for which I supply physically-backed predictions crucial for survey planning and subsequent interpretations.

AWARDS & HONORS

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| 2021 | Richard J. Plano Dissertation Prize – Department of Physics & Astronomy, Rutgers
– given annually to a PhD graduate who wrote the best PhD dissertation in the past year |
| 2020 | NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Fellowship – National Aeronautics and Space Administration
– extremely selective fellowship in recognition of highly ranked academic and scientific achievement |
| 2014 | Dr. Raymond Genolio Award – Department of Physics & Astronomy, USF
– award to graduating senior who ranks highest in scholarship in the Department of Physics |
| 2012 | Mike and Millie Lehmann Scholarship – Department of Mathematics, USF
– award annually to the most outstanding student in the Department of Mathematics |
| 2012 | Arthur Furst Undergraduate Scholarship – College of Arts & Sciences, USF
– award to a science student who demonstrates outstanding ability and passion to pursue research |

GRANTS AWARDED AS PI

- 2021 *JWST* Cycle 1 – Constraining the Seeding and Growth of First Black Holes via Observable Signatures from the Early Universe (AR/Theory 2108)
– a total grant of \$104,327 is awarded towards FY22-23 research and collaborator travel
- 2020 NPP Fellowship – Semi-analytic model for high-redshift multi-messenger surveys and multi-instrument synergy
– a total grant of \$208,024 is awarded towards FY20-22 research and travel

SELECTED GRANTS AND OBSERVING TIME AWARDED AS CO-I

- 2022 *HST* Cycle 30 – Revealing the Nature of Five Potential Bright Galaxies at $z > 10$
PI: Gene Leung, 5 orbits (GO 17281)
- 2021 *JWST* Cycle 1 – take part in a total of **6 approved GO/AR Programs**,
– including GO 1837, GO 2079, GO 2123, GO 2426, AR 2608, AR 2687
– totalling 401.6 (prime) / 191.5 (parallel) hours of observations
- 2020 *JWST* ERS Program – The Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science (CEERS) Survey
PI: Steve Finkelstein, 63.2 hours (DD-ERS 1345)
– a grant of \$9,361 is awarded towards critical theory support work
- 2019 *HST* Cycle 26 – Photometric Confirmation of the Brightest Known Galaxy Candidate at $z > 9$
PI: Steve Finkelstein, 2 orbits (GO 15697)

SELECTED EXTERNAL COLLABORATIONS

JWST Cosmic Evolution Early Release Science (CEERS) Survey Mar 2018 - Present
PI: Steve Finkelstein

Funded JWST Early Release Science program that surveys the high-redshift Universe. <https://ceers.github.io>

- **Catalog Architect** and **Dataset Architect** for the CEERS observing program
- **Group Leader** of the Simulation Science Working Group
- **Group Leader** of the Junior Scientist Working Group
- major contributor to the pre-launch simulations and data products

Next Generation Deep Extragalactic Exploratory Public (NGDEEP) Survey Mar 2020 - Present
PI's: Steve Finkelstein, Casey Papovich, & Nor Pirzkal

Selected JWST Cycle 1 major public GO/Treasury extragalactic survey program. Deepest survey among all selected.

PRIMER: Public Release IMaging for Extragalactic Research Oct 2021 - Present
PI's: Jim Dunlop & Garth Illingworth

Selected JWST Cycle 1 major public GO/Treasury extragalactic survey program. Largest survey among all selected.

The *Euclid* Consortium Jul 2022 - Present
An international collaboration in preparation for Euclid, an ESA medium class astronomy and astrophysics space mission aims at understanding why the expansion of the Universe. The team is officially selected by ESA and is responsible for the scientific capability of the mission, the data production, and of the scientific instruments.

- Member of the Cosmological Simulation Science Working Group

- The *CASTOR* Science Team Sept 2022 - Present
The Cosmological Advanced Survey Telescope for Optical and uv Research (CASTOR) is a proposed Canadian Space Agency (CSA) mission that would image the skies at ultraviolet (UV) and blue-optical wavelengths. The CASTOR Science Team is responsible for high-level science planning and optimization, including overall mission science requirements. <https://www.castormission.org>
- Contributor of the Galaxies and Cosmic Star Formation Working Group
 - Contributor of the Active Galactic Nuclei and Supermassive Black Holes Working Group
- Simons Collaboration on Learning the Universe (LtU) Nov 2022 - Present
 Director: Greg Bryan
This collaboration aims to investigate the machineries of Universe across various scales through a Bayesian forward modelling approach informed by the large collection of legacy surveys. See <https://www.learning-the-universe.org>
- Ultraviolet Imaging of the CANDELS Fields (UVCANDELS) Apr 2021 - Present
 PI: Harry Teplitz
The definitive extragalactic UV imaging of the four premier HST deep-wide survey fields.
- Experiment for Cryogenic Large-Aperture Intensity Mapping (EXCLAIM) Feb 2019 - Present
 PI: Eric Switzer
NASA-funded line intensity mapping survey for CO and CII line emission from $z = 0 - 3.5$ galaxies. ([link](#))
- The Isolated and Quenched (IQ) Collaboratory Sep 2017 - Present
 PI: Tjitske Starkenburg
The IQ Collaboratory aims to bridge the gap between simulations and observations of star-forming and quiescent galaxies to better characterize internal quenching processes. See <https://iqcollaboratory.github.io>
- Roman Space Telescope* Cosmic Dawn Science Investigation Team Jun 2019 - Nov 2021
 PI: James Rhoads
NASA-funded Science Investigation Team with objectives focused on studying the epoch of “Cosmic Dawn”.
- Undergraduate ALFALFA Team Aug 2012 - May 2014
The NSF-funded UAT is a consortium of 19 institutions engaging in an undergraduate research under the Arecibo Legacy Fast ALFA (ALFALFA) project, which aims to detect neutral hydrogen in the local universe by utilizing the Arecibo L-band Feed Array (ALFA) at the Arecibo Observatory.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 - Present Extra-Galactic Science Interest Group – as part of NASA’s Cosmic Origins Program
- 2021 - Present Subject Matter Expert for JWST – NASA/STScI Webb Communication Team
- 2022 - Present Junior Member – the International Astronomical Union (IAU)
- 2019 - Present Member – the American Astronomical Society (AAS)
- Since 2022 Review panelist for astrophysics grant proposals – solicited by NASA
- Since 2021 Referee for peer-reviewed journals – including *ApJ*, *MNRAS*, *A&A*
- 2015 - 2016 President – Graduate Student Organization, Rutgers
- 2013 - 2014 President – USF Astronomy Club
- 2013 - 2014 Chapter Officer – Mathematics Honor Society (IIME), USF
- 2012 - 2013 Vice President – USF Astronomy Club

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2022 NASA ROSES Proposal Writing Workshop – NASA/JPL, supported by NASA Science Mission Directorate
- 2022 NASA Mission Concept Development Workshop – NASA/GSFC, New Opportunities Office
- 2021 “Share the Science” Media Training – NASA/HQ, nominated by NASA/GSFC Science Communications
- 2021 Machine Learning × Physics/Astronomy – Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute
- 2016 Certificate of Training in Physics Mentorship – Department of Physics & Astronomy, Rutgers
- 2014 Certificate of Training in Physics Teaching – Department of Physics & Astronomy, Rutgers

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 - 2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant – Department of Physics & Astronomy, Rutgers
- 2012 - 2014 Teaching Assistant – Department of Mathematics, USF
- 2011 - 2014 Teaching Assistant – Department of Physics & Astronomy, USF
- 2011 - 2013 Observation Assistant for Astronomy – Department of Physics & Astronomy, USF

OTHER SKILLS & BACKGROUND

- Scientific Programming: Python (Primary), C++, FORTRAN, L^AT_EX, IDL, MATLAB, Mathematica
- Language Proficiency: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Fluent), French (Basic), Japanese (Basic)
- Nationality: Citizen of the United States, British National (Overseas)

NOTABLE INVITED LECTURES

- Jan 18, 2023 – New Brunswick, New Jersey – *Richard J. Plano Dissertation Prize Lecture*
 - topic: *Paving the Way to JWST with Theory and Simulations*
 - colloquium at the Rutgers Physics Department for the Plano Prize in 2020
- Dec 8, 2022 – Houston, Texas –
 - Keynote address at the Society of HPC Professionals Annual Technology Meeting*
 - topic: *HPC and the James Webb Space Telescope*
 - industry-facing conference for the high performance computing community ([link](#))
 - invited presentation reviewing the state-of-the-art HPC applications in the field of astronomy
- Nov 15, 2022 – New York, New York – *Guest Lecture at Columbia University*
 - topic: *James Webb Space Telescope – a new frontier in distant universe exploration*
 - covering the JWST mission and the controversy related to the discovery of extreme-redshift galaxies
 - invited special-topic lecture for the graduate-level *Galaxies* course (GR6003) in Fall 2022
- Jul 18, 2022 – Oeiras, Portugal – *Distinguished Guest Lecture at the International Space University*
 - topic: *First Light Observations from the James Webb Space Telescope* ([link](#))
 - public lecture took place during ISU’s flagship, professional Space Studies Program ([SSP2022](#))
 - SSP2022 is sponsored by Portugal Space and Instituto Superior Técnico (Técnico Lisboa)
 - ISU is sponsored by NASA, ESA and other government, academic, industry, and private entities

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTED TALKS

- “Interpretation of JWST galaxies and predictions for wide-field survey telescopes”* – Contributed Talk
- “Paving the way for Big Eyes with Theory and Simulations”* – NASA’s Hyperwall Exhibition Talk
- “Galaxy evolution science enabled by Roman’s panoramic view”* – Roman Space Telescope Splinter Session
- Jan 8–12, 2023 – Seattle, Washington – the 241st AAS Meeting
- “Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST: Paving the way to the deep universe with theory and simulations”*
- Nov 14–16, 2022 – Virtual – 2022 NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Symposium (*invited*)
- “Beyond semi-analytic forecasts, what physics are we going to learn from JWST observations?”*
- Aug 15–19, 2022 – Santa Cruz, California – 2022 Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop (*invited*)

“Paving the way for JWST and Roman with Theory and Simulations” – Contributed Research Talk
“Paving the way for Big Eyes with Theory and Simulations” – NASA’s Hyperwall Exhibition Talk
“Quantifying Reionization with Roman” – Roman Space Telescope Galaxy Evolution Splinter Session
Session Chair for the Star Formation session; Chambliss poster award judge

Jun 12–16, 2022 – Pasadena, California – the 240th AAS Meeting

“Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST: mock lightcones and data release”

Mar 14–18, 2022 – Sesto, Italy – The Growth of Galaxies in the Early Universe – VII (*invited*)

“Paving the way for JWST and Roman with Theory and Simulations”

Feb 2–4, 2022 – Virtual – SAZERAC SIP: Learning the High-Redshift Universe

“Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST: Getting into position for observing!” – Contributed Research Talk

“Paving the way for Big Eyes with Theory and Simulations” – NASA’s Hyperwall Exhibition Talk

“Quantifying Reionization with Roman” – Roman Space Telescope Galaxy Evolution Splinter Session

Jan 9–13, 2022 – Salt Lake City, Utah – the 239th AAS Meeting – *cancelled due to Omicron outbreak*

“Lightcones for Roman Space Telescope & Simulated Observations”

Nov 15–19, 2021 – Virtual – Roman Science Investigation Team Community Briefing

“Semi-analytic forecasts: uncovering galaxy formation at high redshift with JWST and Beyond”

Jul 6–9, 2020 – Virtual – Summer All Zoom Epoch of Reionization Astronomy Conference (SAZERAC)

“Semi-analytic forecasts: uncovering galaxy formation at high redshift with JWST and Beyond”

Jan 4–8, 2020 – Honolulu, Hawai’i – the 235th AAS Meeting – dissertation talk

“Semi-analytic forecasts: high-redshift galaxy demographics and implications for reionization”

Jan 21–25, 2019 – Sesto, Italy – The Growth of Galaxies in the Early Universe – V (*invited*)

“Semi-analytic forecasts: uncovering galaxy formation with joint constraints from wide and deep surveys”

Aug 30–31, 2018 – Princeton, New Jersey – Workshop on *WFIRST*/LSST Deep Fields

“Semi-analytic forecasts: uncovering galaxy formation with joint constraints from wide and deep surveys”

Jul 23–27, 2018 – Noordwijk, Netherlands – ESA-ESTEC *JWST*/Euclid Synergy Conference

“Galaxy Formation in the Epoch of Reionization with SAM: Predictions for Upcoming JWST Observations”

Feb 4–10, 2018 – Aspen, Colorado – Aspen Winter Conference on Astrophysics: Cosmic Dawn

“Galaxy Formation at Extreme Redshifts: Semi-analytic Predictions and Challenges for Observations”

Jun 12–16, 2017 – Paris, France – Galaxy Evolution Across Time

“UV Luminosity Functions at $z > 6$ predicted by Semi-analytic Models and implications for Reionization”

Jun 20–24, 2016 – Paris, France – the 32nd Institut d’Astrophysique de Paris Colloquium

CONFERENCE POSTERS

“Semi-Analytic Forecasts for JWST: Uncovering galaxy formation with joint constraints from deep surveys & reionization”

Aug 5–9, 2019 – Santa Cruz, California – 2019 Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop

“Semi-Analytic Forecasts for JWST: Uncovering galaxy formation with joint constraints from deep surveys & reionization”

Jun 24–28, 2019 – Paris, France –

CosmoGold IAP 2019: The golden age of cosmology from Planck to Euclid

“Semi-Analytic Forecasts for JWST: Uncovering early galaxy evolution in the ALMA and JWST era”

Jun 3–9, 2019 – Viana do Castelo, Portugal –

IAU Symposium 352: Uncovering early galaxy evolution in the ALMA and JWST era

“Evolution of physical properties & scaling relations for high-redshift galaxies”

Jul 15–20, 2018 – Kingston, Ontario, Canada –

The Physics of Galaxy Scaling Relations and the Nature of Dark Matter

“Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST Trilogy”

Jun 18–22, 2018 – Strasbourg, France – Rise and Shine: Galaxies in the Epoch of Reionization

“Constraints on First-Stars Models From Observations of Local Low-Mass Dwarf Galaxies and Galactic Metal-Poor Halo Stars”

Jan 5–9, 2014 – Washington D.C., United States – the 223rd AAS Meeting – Poster #246.54

SELECTED EXTERNAL TALKS

Apr 4, 2023 – Montreal, Quebec – McGill Space Institute, Astro Seminar (*invited*)

Mar 10, 2023 – Pasadena, California – Carnegie Observatories, Lunch Talk (*invited*)

Nov 18, 2022 – Greenbelt, Maryland – GSFC Sciences and Exploration Directorate, Director’s Seminar

Nov 7, 2022 – Tucson, Arizona – University of Arizona, Steward / NOIRLab Galaxy Group Talk

Nov 2, 2022 – College Park, Maryland – UMD Center for Theory and Computation (CTC) Seminar

Oct 28, 2022 – Cambridge, Massachusetts – Harvard-Smithsonian *CfA*, Hernquist’s Galaxy Group Meeting

Oct 20, 2022 – *Euclid* Early Career Researchers Workshop, program by the *Euclid Consortium* (*virtual*)

Oct 12, 2022 – New Haven, Connecticut – Yale University, Galaxy Lunch Talk

Sep 26, 2022 – Toronto, Ontario – Dunlap institute, University of Toronto, Astro Tea (*virtual*)

Jul 21, 2022 – Roman Virtual Lecture Series, jointly hosted by JPL, IPAC, GSFC, and STScI (*virtual*)

May 31, 2022 – Victoria, B.C. – NRC of Canada’s Herzberg Research Centre Colloquium (*virtual, invited*)

Apr 28, 2022 – Austin, Texas – University of Texas at Austin, Cosmos Seminar (*invited*)

Mar 31, 2022 – New York, New York – Flatiron Institute, CCA Lunch Seminar (*invited*)

Feb 24, 2022 – Baltimore, Maryland – JWWebinar for the JWST community, hosted by STScI (*virtual*)

Dec 9, 2021 – Baltimore, Maryland – Joint STScI–JHU Galaxies and AGN Seminar (*virtual, invited*)

Oct 14, 2021 – New York, New York – Columbia University, Astro Seminar (*invited*)

Mar 11, 2021 – Greenbelt, Maryland – GSFC Sciences and Exploration Directorate, Director’s Seminar

Feb 1, 2021 – Santa Cruz, California – UC Santa Cruz, CGI Seminar (*virtual, invited*)

Jul 16, 2020 – Sussex, England – University of Sussex, Astro Seminar (*virtual, invited*)

Mar 2, 2020 – New York, New York – *WFIRST* Science Jamboree II, *WFIRST* Science Community Meeting

Feb 7, 2020 – Toledo, Ohio – University of Toledo, Astro Seminar

Nov 7, 2019 – Oxford, England – University of Oxford, Galaxy Evolution Seminar

Nov 5, 2019 – Copenhagen, Denmark – Dark Cosmology Centre, Niels Bohr Institute

Nov 1, 2019 – Leiden, Netherlands – Lorentz Center, Leiden galaxy workshop

Sep 17, 2019 – Cambridge, Massachusetts – Harvard-Smithsonian *CfA*, Galaxies & Cosmology Seminar

Sep 4, 2019 – New Haven, Connecticut – Yale University, Galaxy Journal Club

Jul 30, 2019 – Greenbelt, Maryland – *WFIRST* Science Jamboree, *WFIRST* Science Community Meeting

Jun 21, 2019 – New York, New York – *Origins Space Telescope* Community Science Meeting

Feb 15, 2019 – Baltimore, Maryland – Space Telescope Science Institute, Galaxy Seminar

Nov 8, 2018 – San Francisco, California – University of San Francisco, Physics Colloquium

Oct 16, 2017 – Cape Town, South Africa – MPA-UWC Bilateral Workshop

Oct 12, 2017 – Heidelberg, Germany – Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie, Galaxy Coffee

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Aspen Summer Workshop 2023 – “Revealing the Detailed Astrophysics of Early Galaxies with *JWST*”

- *three-week workshop at the Aspen Center for Physics from Aug 20 – Sept 10, 2023*
- *served as workshop co-organizer with Allison Strom, Michael Maseda, and Risa Wechsler*
- *the workshop is selected through a competitive proposing process*

SAZERAC SIP – “Models and Simulations of High-Redshift Galaxies”

- *Virtual conference in the midst of the COVID pandemic from Oct 27 – 28, 2021*
- *served as Chair of the SOC, conference talk priorities given to junior scientists*
- *this conference is part of a long line of topic-focused, all-zoom mini conference series*

Joint CCA/STScI Workshop on “Epoch of Reionization and Early Galaxy Evolution with *JWST*”

- *served as one of the five main organizers for the two-part conference series*
- *Part I at the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI), Baltimore, MD on Apr 20, 2018*
- *Part II at the Center for Computational Astrophysics (CCA), New York, NY on Jun 1, 2018*

SKA Pathfinders HI Science Coordination Committee (PHISCC) Workshop

- *took place at Rutgers University, Mar 16 – 18, 2015 (served as LOC)*

SELECTED PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

NASA Exhibition at the American Astronomical Society (AAS) Meetings

- *staffing booths in the exhibition halls at the 240th (Pasadena, CA) and 241st (Seattle, WA) AAS meetings*
- *engaging and sharing the excitement of *Roman Space Telescope* with attendees and students of diverse interest*

NASA’s Webb Instruments Q&A – *official public engagement event on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)*

- *as part of a celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Heritage Month – May 11-13, 2022*
- *interact with a worldwide audience on Webb and its instruments as JWST subject matter expert*

Mar 2021 – Aug 2022 Main host for the popular weekly science series on the social platform “*Clubhouse*”

- *I run the “Astronomy & Astrophysics” club that attracted 29.4k+ members since March 2021 ([link](#), [recordings](#))*
- *in collaboration with NASA’s Chief Scientist Jim Green, Heidi Hammel, and many experts*
- *weekly events include an “Astro Newsroom” and a topical room “Ask An Astronomer – [A³]”*
- *typical rooms reach hundreds of listeners, with a peak of 1.6k for our room on Black Holes*
- *special-topic rooms feature guest experts, notable guests include John Mather on COBE and JWST*

Dec 12, 2022 – Washington, D.C. – Astronomy on Tap – *JWST is actually a Time Machine!* ([link](#))

Jan 8, 2022 – YouTube Live Stream – Launch Pad Astronomy – *Webb Final Deployment Live!* ([link](#))

Nov 14, 2021 – Arlington, Virginia – David M. Brown Planetarium – *JWST Community Event* ([link](#))

Oct 28, 2021 – Annapolis, Maryland – Cafe Scientifique – *JWST Community Event* ([link](#))

Mar 5, 2020 – Washington D.C. – United States Capitol – *Campaign to Save WFIRST*

- *advocate for WFIRST and solicit Congress to restore the mission to the Federal Budget*
- *took part in the joint Princeton/Rutgers delegation with David Spergel and Blakesley Burkhart ([link](#))*

SELECTED PRESS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

Flatiron Institute’s News Article – “*Seeing the Early Universe Through a Simulation*”

- *[featured article](#) highlighting the contribution of computational models to JWST survey programs – Oct 19, 2022*

Omni Television Cantonese Service (Canada-based nation-wide broadcasting company)

- *JWST media inquiry during live news broadcast interview, multiple appearances in 2022*
- *invited commentary on [the Webb mission](#) and [Webb’s first images](#) as subject matter expert*

Voice of America (VOA) Mandarin Service (U.S.-based broadcasting company)

- *JWST* media inquiry during live news broadcast interview, multiple appearances from 2021 to 2022
- invited commentary on *JWST*’s [launch](#), [deployment](#), and [first images](#) as subject matter expert

Press Release – “*One of the Universe’s Earliest Galaxies Revealed in Widest View Yet of Cosmos*”

- following the discovery of the extremely distant “Maisie’s Galaxy” found in the CEERS survey – *Aug 4, 2022*
- joint press release by [Flatiron Institute](#), [UT Austin](#), etc. on Finkelstein et al. 2022

Press Release – “*Scientists Have Spotted the Farthest Galaxy Ever*”

- following the discovery of extremely distant galaxy candidates HD-1 and HD-2 – *Apr 7, 2022*
- joint press release by [Univ. of Tokyo ICRR](#), [Harvard-Smithsonian CfA](#), etc. on Harikane et al. 2022
- news articles and commentary featured in [NY Times](#), [Reuters](#), [The Daily Beast](#), [Cosmos Magazine](#), etc.

NASA’s Early Career Scientist Spotlights

- [featured article](#) showcasing the early career scientists working at NASA Goddard – *Jul 20, 2022*

NASA’s Gravity Assist Podcast – *Season 5, Episode 22: “Using Webb to Trace Galactic Histories”*

- [interview](#) on research and personal story, hosted by Jim Green – *Mar 4, 2022*

NASA’s Official Webb Blog – “*To Find the First Galaxies, Webb Pays Attention to Detail and Theory*”

- [blog post](#) featuring results from the *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST* project – *Feb 24, 2022*

The Independent – “*NASA simulation of the universe will guide future Webb telescope observations*”

- [news article](#) featuring results from the *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST* project – *Feb 25, 2022*

USF Featured News Article – “*To Infinity and Beyond*”

- [alumni story](#) reporting on my scientific journey and my role with *JWST* – *Oct 20, 2021*

PUBLICATION SUMMARY

43 papers published in or submitted to peer-review journals since 2018, with a total of 840+ citations and an *h*-index of 16. Of these, I am the lead author of 7 papers with 250+ citations.

Full publication record are available in [ADS library](#), [ORCID profile](#), and [Google Scholar](#)

MAIN AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

[1] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Finkelstein S. L., Popping G., Davé R., 2019a, *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST – I. UV luminosity functions at $z = 4-10$* , MNRAS 483, 2983 ([arXiv:1803.09761](#))

[2] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Popping G., Finkelstein S. L., Ferguson H. C., Davé R., 2019b, *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST – II. Physical properties and scaling relations for galaxies at $z = 4-10$* , MNRAS 490, 2855 ([arXiv:1901.05964](#))

[3] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Popping G., Finkelstein S. L., 2020a, *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST – III. Intrinsic production rate of Lyman-continuum radiation*, MNRAS 494, 1002 ([arXiv:1910.11345](#))

[4] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Finkelstein S. L., Popping G., Davé R., Venkatesan A., Behroozi P., Ferguson H. C., 2020b, *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST – IV. Implications for cosmic reionization and LyC escape fraction*, MNRAS 496, 4574 ([arXiv:2001.08751](#))

[5] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Finkelstein S. L., Hirschmann M., Davé R., Popping G., Gardner J. P., Venkatesan A., 2021, *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST – V. AGN luminosity functions and helium reionization at $z = 2-7$* , MNRAS 508, 2706 ([arXiv:2109.13241](#))

- [6] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Ferguson H. C., Finkelstein S. L., Gardner J. P., Davé R., Bagley M., Popping G., Behroozi P., 2022, *Semi-analytic forecasts for JWST – VI. Simulated lightcones and galaxy clustering predictions*, MNRAS 515, 5416 ([arXiv:2206.13521](#))
- [7] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S., Finkelstein S. L., Behroozi P., Davé R., Ferguson H. C., Gardner J. P., Popping G. et al., 2022, *Semi-analytic forecasts for Roman – the beginning of a new era of deep-wide galaxy surveys*, accepted for publication in MNRAS ([arXiv:2210.04902](#))
- [–] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S. et al., 2022, *Are the ultrahigh-redshift galaxies at $z = 8 - 17$ surprising in the context of standard galaxy formation models?*, in preparation
- [–] **Yung L.Y.A.**, Somerville R. S. et al., 2022, *The GUREFT simulation suite – halo merger and assembly history at ultrahigh redshift*, in preparation

CO-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

– Published –

- [1] Jones, Michael G.; Papastergis, Emmanouil; Pandya, Viraj; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2018, *The contribution of HI-bearing ultra-diffuse galaxies to the cosmic number density of galaxies*, A&A 614, A21 ([arXiv:1712.01855](#))
- [2] Stevans, Matthew L.; Finkelstein, Steven L.; Wold, Isak; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2018, *Bridging Star-Forming Galaxy and AGN Ultraviolet Luminosity Functions at $z = 4$ with the SHELA Wide-Field Survey*, ApJ 863, 63 ([arXiv:1806.05187](#))
- [3] Popping, Gergö; Pillepich, Annalisa; Somerville, Rachel S.; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2019, *The ALMA Spectroscopic Survey of the Hubble Ultra Deep Field: putting the H₂ content of galaxies and of the Universe in a theoretical context with IllustrisTNG and the Santa Cruz SAM*, ApJ 882, 137 ([arXiv:1903.09158](#))
- [4] Walter, Fabian; Carilli, Chris; Neeleman, Marcel; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2020, *The Evolution of the Baryons Associated with Galaxies Averaged over Cosmic Time and Space*, ApJ 902, 111 ([arXiv:2009.11126](#))
- [5] Behroozi, Peter; Conroy, Charlie; Wechsler, Risa H.; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2020, *The Universe at $z > 10$: Predictions for JWST from the UNIVERSEMACHINE DR1*, MNRAS 499, 5702 ([arXiv:2007.04988](#))
- [6] Yang, Guang; Papovich, C.; Bagley, M. B.; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2021, *JWST/MIRI Simulated Imaging: Insights into Obscured Star-Formation and AGN for Distant Galaxies in Deep Surveys*, ApJ 908, 144 ([arXiv:2011.08192](#))
- [7] Somerville, Rachel S.; Olsen, Charlotte; **Yung, L.Y.A.**; Pacific, Camilla et al. 2021, *Mock Lightcones and Theory Friendly Catalogs for the CANDELS Survey*, MNRAS 502, 4858 ([arXiv:2102.00108](#))
- [8] Dickey, Claire M.; Starkenburg, Tjitske K.; Geha, Marla; include **Yung, L.Y.A.** 2021, *IQ Collaboratory II: The Quiescent Fraction of Isolated Galaxies Across Simulations and Observations*, ApJ 915, 53 ([arXiv:2010.01132](#))
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