# MOHIRA RASSEL

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#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Harvard University/Banneker & Aztlan Institute

June 2018 - August 2018

Post Baccalaureate Research

Adviser: Dr. Federico Fraschetti

- · Analyzed flux variability in a 15 year epoch in Supernova Remnant Cassiopeia A to determine a quantitative model.
- · Applied an analytic expression of the temporal magnetic field variation to three shocks .
- · Analytically determined best fit parameters of the flux increase and decrease.
- · Delivered 10 minute presentation on findings to the CfA community.

## University of Colorado Boulder/LASP

May 2016 - August 2017

Undergraduate Research

Advisor: Dr. Axel Brandenburg

- · Simulated a turbulent dynamo with an outer corona using Pencil Code.
- · Explored the relationship between polarized intensity and magnetic helicity.
- · Explored wavelength dependence of Faraday rotation to infer magnetic twist in the corona at long wavelengths.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Rassel, M., Fraschetti, F. "Amplification of magnetic field downstream of inward shocks in supernova remnant Cassiopeia A" (in preparation)

Brandenburg, A., **Ashurova**, M. B., Jabbari, S.: 2017, "Compensating Faraday depolarization by magnetic helicity in the solar corona," Astrophys. J. Lett. 845, L15

### **EDUCATION**

### University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO

**BA**, Astronomy/Astrophysics

Minor in Scandinavian Studies

May 2018

GPA: 3.17/4.0

## SCIENCE TALKS AND POSTERS

## Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

August 10, 2018

"Tracing the magnetic field at the shockwaves in Supernova Remnant Cassiopeia A"

## Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium

October 6, 2018

"Tracing the magnetic field at the shockwaves in Supernova Remnant Cassiopeia A" Rice University

### American Astrophysical(AAS) 233rd Meeting

January 2019

Will present on the research conducted in summer

Seattle, WA

### AWARDS AND GRANTS

Banneker Institute Travel Award - AAS 233 meeting 2019

NASA Grant NNX15AJ71G

Dean's List

First Generation Scholars, University of Colorado Boulder
CU-Boulder Gold Grant
2012-2018

### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

CU-Stars (Science, Technology and Astronomy Recruits)

November 2014 - Present

University of Colorado Boulder Advisor: Dr. Erica Ellingson

· Participated in community outreach and taught science and astronomy classes to high school students in Colorado. Hosted and engaged public during solar eclipses.

## "Frontiers of Science Institute Summer Program"

July 2016

Sommers Bausch Observatory/Fiske Planetarium

Advisor: Dr. Erica Ellingson

Hosted a cohort from the Institute. Prepared and led a treasure/solar system hunt while teaching students about properties of the solar system. Hosted a stargazing after party where taught students about telescopes and stars.

## URSA-Underrepresented Students in Astronomy

January 2018-Present

University of Colorado Boulder

· Pilot organization that is aimed at retention of underrepresented students Astronomy and related field. Building community and resources to bolster underrepresented students.

### TEACHING AND TUTORING

Centennial School November 2018

San Luis, CO

· Prepared a planetarium show and presented to kindergarteners, 1st 2nd graders. Co-led a class on astrobiology and ran an experiment in exoplanets using LEGO.

## Frederick High School

October 2018

Frederick, CO

· Co-led a class teaching K8-K12 students about astrobiology and the probability of life in the universe.

### Trinidad High School

February 2015

Trinidad, CO

· Prepared and taught 6 classes to high school students ranging from freshmen to seniors about neutron stars and their properties.

### SASC-Student Academic Success Center

November 2017 - May 2018 Tutor in Russian, Astronomy

University of Colorado Boulder

### Russian Language Tutor

January 2018- May 2018

University of Colorado Boulder

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· Tutored first year and upperclass students in Russian.

## COMPUTER AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Computer Languages Python

Software & Tools Excel, Mathematica

## RELEVANT COURSES

**Physics Courses** 

Quantum Mechanics I,II

Solid State

Electromagnetism I,II

Classical Mechanics I,II

**Astrophysics Courses** 

Solar and Space Physics

Astrophysics I, II

Cosmochemistry

Solar System Formation and Dynamics

Planets and Their Atmospheres

**Coding Courses** 

Computational Techniques in Python

Data Analysis and Computing with Python

**Math Courses** 

Calculus I,II,III

Differential Equations with Linear Algebra

## **LANGUAGES**

English, Russian, Tajik

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Astronomical Society (AAS)

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)