

# NABEEL REHEMTULLA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- PhD* Northwestern University September 2021 – *In Progress*  
Astronomy  
Advisor: Adam A. Miller
- MS Northwestern University (GPA: 3.9/4.0) September 2021 – June 2023  
Astronomy  
Awarded Integrated Data Science Certificate
- BS University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (GPA: 3.5/4.0) September 2017 – April 2021  
Major Astronomy & Astrophysics with Highest Honors  
Major Interdisciplinary Physics  
Minor Computer Science

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- BTSbot: Multi-modal ConvNet for transient identification** January 2022 – Present  
Northwestern University, Advisor: Adam A. Miller
- Developed and deployed machine learning tool to automatically trigger observation requests for new supernovae in real-time
  - Achieved the world's first fully automatic end-to-end discovery and classification of an optical transient (*press release*, *other articles*: [Space.com](#), [Gizmodo](#), [Dropbox](#))
- NIMBLE: Non-parametric jeans Modeling with B-spLinEs** Fall 2017 – Present  
University of Michigan, Advisor: Monica Valluri
- Inferring the Milky Way's dark matter distribution from halo RR Lyrae kinematics observed by DESI and Gaia
- Star Formation Rate in Merger Galaxies** Summer 2019  
MDM Observatory, Kitt Peak National Observatory

### PUBLICATIONS AND ASTRONOTES

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- Sharma, Y. et al. (incl. **Rehemtulla, N.**) 2024 “Dramatic rebrightening of the type-changing stripped-envelope supernova SN 2023aew” [arXiv:2402.02780](#)
- Rehemtulla, N.** et al. 2024 “The Zwicky Transient Facility Bright Transient Survey. III. BTSbot: Automated Identification and Follow-up of Bright Transients with Deep Learning” [arXiv:2401.15167](#).
- Rehemtulla, N.** et al. 2023 “SN 2023tyk: discovery to spectroscopic classification performed fully automatically” *TNSAN*, 265, 1R.
- Among top 10 most viewed AstroNotes of all time*
- Strotjohann, N. L. et al. (incl. **Rehemtulla, N.**) 2023 “Search for Supernova Progenitor Stars with ZTF and LSST” *ApJ*, 960, 72S.

Cooper, A. P. et al. (incl. **Rehemtulla, N.**) 2023 “Overview of the DESI Milky Way Survey” *ApJ*, 947, 37C.

**Rehemtulla, N.** et al. 2022 “Non-Parametric Spherical Jeans Mass Estimation with B-Splines” *MNRAS*, 511, 5536.

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>Visualization Competition 1<sup>st</sup> prize</b> ( <a href="#">animation</a> ) NU Computation and Data Exchange ( <a href="#">CoDEX</a> ) Symposium	April 2024
<b>NASA Illinois Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship</b> (awarded twice)	January 2023 April 2022
<b>Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award</b> American Astronomical Society	January 2021
<b>Outstanding Undergraduate Poster</b> Michigan Institute for Data Science	November 2020

#### PRESENTATIONS

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<b>Bright transient identification with machine learning for ZTF</b>	
Poster, NU Computation and Data Exchange Symposium, Evanston, IL	April 2024
Oral talk, A3D3 Multi-messenger Astrophysics Monthly Telecon (invited)	November 2023
Oral talk, ZTF Collaboration Meeting, Pasadena, CA	October 2023
Poster, International Conference on Machine Learning, Honolulu, HI	July 2023
Oral talk, The Transient and Variable Universe, Urbana, IL	June 2023
Oral talk, CIERA Observers Group Meeting, Evanston, IL	May 2023
Poster, 241 <sup>st</sup> AAS Meeting, Seattle, WA	January 2023
<b>Non-Parametric Spherical Jeans Mass Estimation with B-Splines</b>	
Oral talk, DESI Team Meeting, Honolulu, HI (remote)	December 2023
Oral talk, DESI Team Meeting, (remote)	June 2021
Poster, 237 <sup>th</sup> AAS Meeting <i>DESI Special Session</i> (remote)	January 2021
Poster & Oral talk, Michigan Institute for Data Science Poster Symposium	November 2020
Poster, Astronomy Undergraduate Poster Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI	April 2018

#### TEACHING

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	Northwestern University, CIERA
<a href="#">Code/Astro</a> , Teaching Assistant	Summer 2023
ASTRON 111, Teaching Assistant	Spring 2023
ASTRON 120, Teaching Assistant	Fall 2022
<a href="#">REACH</a> , Project Mentor	Summer 2022
	University of Michigan
Academic Success Program, Tutor	Fall 2019
Astronomy Structured Study Group, Co-Facilitator	Fall 2019
	Ismaili Center of Detroit (hometown mosque)
Religious Education Center, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	2019 –2020
English as a Second Language Teacher	Summer 2018

## LEADERSHIP

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<b>Ismaili Center of Chicago (Current Mosque)</b> , Chicago, IL Professionals Network, Midwest - Board Member	September 2023 – Present
<b>Student Astronomical Society</b> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Executive Board, Treasurer	April 2020 – April 2021
<b>Ismaili Center of Detroit (Hometown Mosque)</b> , Southfield, MI Regional Youth Volunteer Co-Facilitator Youth & Sports Board Regional Representative	July 2018 – June 2021 July 2020 – June 2021

## WORKSHOPS

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<u>Astro Imaging Workshop 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Image signal processing in astronomical data science</li></ul>	July 2023
<u>LSST Data Science Fellowship Program</u> Session 16 ( <i>Audited</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Statistics and Bayesian inference</li></ul>	September 2022
<u>Zwicky Transient Facility Summer School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Data processing, Bayesian inference, time-series analysis, machine learning</li></ul>	July 2022
<u>Code/Astro</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fundamentals of open-source software development in astronomy</li></ul>	June 2022

## RECENT ACCEPTED OBSERVING PROPOSALS

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	<b>24A</b>
PI, SEDM-KP	104 hours
Co-I, MMT Observatory	4 nights
Co-I, W. M. Keck Observatory	2.5 nights
Co-I, Very Large Array (DDT)	~4 hours
	<b>23B</b>
PI, SEDM-KP	325 hours
Co-I, MMT Observatory	4 nights
Co-I, W. M. Keck Observatory	2.5 nights
	<b>23A</b>
Co-I, MMT Observatory	4 nights