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Education

1998 Ph.D. in Astronomy

New Mexico State University

1995 M.S. in Astronomy

New Mexico State University

1991 M.S. in Physics

University of Alabama at Birmingham

1989 B.S. in Physics

Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Peru

Work Experience

2016 – present Staff Astronomer

W. M. Keck Observatory, Kamuela, HI

Research:

• Study the formation and evolution of galaxy clusters.

Observatory Support:

- Instrument Scientist for NIRES and LRIS
- Night time Support Astronomer for AO (NGS + LGS) and non-AO instruments (NIRES, LRIS, DEIMOS, NIRC2, and NIRSPEC).

2014 – 2016 Associate Scientist

Gemini Observatory, Hilo, HI

Research:

• I work on understanding the formation and evolution of galaxy clusters.

Observatory Support:

- Instrument Scientist for GNIRS
- Member of the NIRI, GRACES, and GMOS teams
- Queue Observer for optical and near-IR instruments with and without AO.

• Contact scientist for GNIRS, NIRI, Flamingos-2, GMOS-S/N.

2013 - 2014 Associate Astronomer

Gemini Observatory, La Serena, Chile

Research:

• I worked on optical and near-IR observations of forming and merging galaxy clusters.

Observatory Support:

- Instrument Scientist for Flamingos-2
- Queue Observer for optical and near-IR instruments with and without AO.
- Flamingos-2 and GMOS-S contact scientist.

2007 - 2013 Assistant Astronomer

Gemini Observatory, La Serena, Chile

Research:

• I study the evolution of galaxy cluster by analyzing optical, X-ray, and Sunyaev-Zeldovich observations of galaxy clusters.

Observatory Support:

- Lead the scientific Acceptance Test and Commissioning of Flamingos-2 as Project Lead and Instrument Scientist.
 - Coordinated with the F2 Engineering Team the refurbishing of Flamingos- 2.
 - Observed (more than 280 nights) and analyzed optical, IR, and mid-IR data.
 - Observed with AO system.
 - Written data reduction software and general documentation.
 - Trained visitors and Gemini staff in the use of the telescope and instruments.
 - Troubleshoot telescope and instrument issues with the Engineering staff.

2003 - 2007 Gemini Science Fellow

Gemini Observatory, Hilo, HI and La Serena, Chile

- Optical and Sunyaev-Zeldovich observations of galaxy clusters.
- Observed, reduced, and analyzed optical, IR, and mid-IR data
- Observed with AO system.
- Written data reduction software and general documentation.

2000 - 2003 Postdoctoral Research Associate

Department of Physics, Carnegie Mellon University, PA

- Optical, X-ray, and Sunyaev-Zeldovich observations of galaxy clusters.
- Data mining of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Early Data Release.

1998 - 2000 Postdoctoral Research Associate

Physics and Astronomy, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

- Multiwavelength study of galaxy clusters (optical, X-ray, and radio).
- Numerical simulations of cluster mergers (N-body and hydro codes).
- Supervised introductory physics labs and astronomy observing sessions.

1992 - 1997 Graduate Assistant

Department of Astronomy, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

- Multiwavelength study (optical, X-ray, and radio) of nearby Abell clusters.
- Numerical simulations of cluster mergers.
- Supervised introductory astronomy labs and observing sessions.

Professional Activities and Societies

American Astronomical Society

Refereed Publications

- 1) "Fast Outflows in Hot Dust-obscured Galaxies Detected with Keck/NIRES", Finnerty, L., Larson, K., Soifer, B. T., Armus, L., Matthews, K., Jun, Hyunsung D., Moon, D., Melbourne, J., Gomez, P., Tsai, C., Díaz-Santos, T., Eisenhardt, P., and Cushing, M. 2020, ApJ, 905, 16
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- 8) "Strong Gravitational Lensing by the Super-massive cD Galaxy in Abell 3827" Carrasco, E. R., Gomez, P. L., Verdugo, T., Lee, H., Diaz, R., Bergmann, M., Turner, J. E. H., Miller, B., W., and West, M. J., 2010, ApJ, 715, 160
- 9) "The CFHTLS strong lensing legacy survey. I. Survey overview and release T0002 sample" Cabanac, R. A., Alard, C., Dantel-Fort, M., Fort, B., Gavazzi, R., Gomez, P. L., Kneib, J. P., and 7 other coauthors), 2007, A&A, 461, 813
- 10) "Galaxy ecology: groups and low-density environments in the SDSS and 2dFGRS", Balogh, M. et al (including Gomez, P. L. as a co-author), 2004, MNRAS, 348, 1355
- 11) "The morphology-density relation in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey", Goto, T., Yamauchi, C., Fujita, Y., Okamura, S., Sekiguchi, M., Smail, I., Bernardi, M., and Gomez, Percy L., 2003, MNRAS, 346, 601
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- "The Dynamical Properties of the Cluster Abell 13: A Radio Halo on a Merging Cluster", Gomez, P. L. 2021, AJ (in prep)

Non-Refereed Publications

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- AAS International Travel Grant, \$800.00, 2002
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