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2017 - 2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

promise as researchers"

first stars & galaxies, cosmic reionization, galaxy formation & evolution; Galactic archaeology, near-field cosmology, dark matter

awarded to 1-3 incoming graduate students who "possess significant

Chambliss Astronomy Student Achievement Award, American Astronomical Society

Harvard University, U.S.A., Ph.D. in Astronomy

EDUCATION

| Advisor: Prof. Charlie Conroy Thesis: Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey | |
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| Yale-NUS College, Singapore, B.S. in Physical Sciences magna cum laude, inaugural class of 150 of "Asia's first liberal arts college" Capstone Advisor: Prof. Pascal Oesch, Capstone: Insights into Cosmic Reion | 2013–2017 <i>ization</i> |
| Professional Appointments | |
| NASA Hubble Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A. | 2022-2025 |
| Pappalardo Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A. | 2025 – 2027 |
| Academic Honors | |
| IOP Publishing Top Cited Paper Award $\times 2$ awarded for "two of the most cited papers published across the entire IOP Publishing journal portfolio (ApJ, ApJL, AJ) within the past 3 years (2020 to | 2023 2022)" |
| Fireman Prize, Astronomy Department, Harvard University awarded to a graduating student for "superlative work on their Ph.D. thesis" | 2022 |
| Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University for a "special contribution to undergraduate teaching" based on student evaluations for courses taught during the pandemic | 2021 |
| Ashford Fellowship, Harvard University awarded to six incoming students who are "highly likely to make a substantial impact in their chosen field of study, as well as in society" | 2017-2022 |
| Peirce Fellowship, Astronomy Department, Harvard University | 2017-2020 |

2017

Select Observing Programs as Principal Investigator

Total funding from approved JWST and HST observing programs: \$701,000

JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Pascal Oesch)

33 hours, 2024

Mirage or Miracle?

Spectroscopic Confirmation of Remarkably Luminous Galaxies at z > 10

JWST, NIRCam grism (co-PI with Jorryt Matthee)

47+29 hours, 2024

All the Little Things: Pop III Signatures & the Ionizing Budget of

Dwarf Galaxies in the Epoch of Reionization

JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Christina Eilers, Jorryt Matthee, Fred Davies)

21 hours, 2025

MASQUERADE: Mapping a Super-luminous Quasar's Extended

Radiative Emission

JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Christina Eilers, Jorryt Matthee, Fred Davies)

21 hours, 2024

Mapping Quasar Light Echoes with Lyman-alpha Forest Tomography

during the Epoch of Reionization

JWST, NIRCam grism

7 hours, 2023

Where Cosmic Dawn Breaks First:

Mapping the Primordial Overdensity Powering a $z \sim 9$ Ionized Bubble

JWST, NIRCam grism (co-PI with Jorryt Matthee)

18 hours, 2023

Anatomy of an Ionized Bubble at z = 6.6:

Which Galaxies Reionized the Universe?

Magellan, MagE (co-PI with Vedant Chandra)

28 nights, 2022-

To 100 kpc and Beyond:

Bringing the Gaia Revolution to the Brink of the Galaxy

Magellan, MIKE (co-PI with Alex Ji)

20 nights, 2021-23

Extending the Chemical Reach of the H3 Survey of the Galactic Halo

Magellan, FIRE

10 nights, 2019-20

Rest-UV Spectroscopy of Galaxies Reionizing the Universe at z = 6-7

Hubble Space Telescope, WFC3/UVIS

5 orbits, 2018

Confirming Extreme Lyman Continuum Emission in a z = 3.27 Star-Forming Galaxy

Magellan, IMACS

4 nights, 2018

A Ly\alpha Survey to Harvest Lyman Continuum and Prepare for JWST

SELECT OBSERVING PROGRAMS AS CO-INVESTIGATOR

PIs: Charlie Conroy, Dennis Zaritsky, MMT, Hectochelle

200+ nights, 2018-

The H3 Spectroscopic Survey of the Stellar Halo. Core survey team member.

PI: Pascal Oesch, JWST, NIRCam 53 hours, 2022-23 FRESCO: The First Reionization Epoch Spectroscopic COmplete Survey PI: Sirio Belli, JWST, NIRSpec 84 hours, 2022-23 The Stellar and Gas Content of Galaxies at Cosmic Noon PIs: Hakim Atek & John Chisholm, JWST, NIRCam 148 hrs, 2024 JWST's GLIMPSE: gravitational lensing & NIRCam imaging to probe early galaxy formation and sources of reionization PI: Wren Suess, JWST, NIRCam 50 hrs, 2024 Medium bands, Mega Science: spatially-resolved $R \sim 15$ spectrophotometry of 50,000 sources at z = 0.3 - 12PI: Anna de Graaff, JWST, NIRSpec 59 hrs, 2024 A complete census of the rare, extreme and red: a NIRCam-selected extragalactic community survey with JWST/NIRSpec PI: Jorryt Matthee, JWST, NIRSpec 45 hrs, 2024 Dissecting Little Red Dots: the connection between early SMBH growth and cosmic reionization PI: Vedant Chandra, VLT, FLAMES 75 hrs, 2023-24 A Chemical Survey of the Milky Way's Ancient Heart PI: Charlotte Mason, MMT, Binospec 15.5 nights, 2019-21 BLAS: The Binospec Ly α Survey 12 nights, 2019-21 PI: Sandro Tacchella, MMT, MMIRS Consensus on low-mass galaxies: how do low-mass galaxies grow?

Publication Record

22 primary author (first/second author) papers, 1600+ citations, h-index 18, ADS library.

64 total papers, 3100+ citations, h-index 32, ADS library.

31 papers set in the Milky Way, 33 papers set in the distant Universe.

† marks 5 supervised student papers.

Primary Author Papers

- 22. J. Matthee, R.P. Naidu, G. Brammer, et al., Little Red Dots: an abundant population of faint AGN at $z \sim 5$ revealed by the EIGER and FRESCO JWST surveys, arXiv:2306.05448.
- 21. †K. Sharpe, R.P. Naidu, C. Conroy, What is Missing from the Local Stellar Halo?, arXiv:2211.04562, submitted to ApJ.
- 20. **R.P. Naidu**, P. A. Oesch, D. Setton et al., Schrodinger's Galaxy Candidate: Puzzlingly Luminous at $z \approx 17$, or Dusty/Quenched at $z \approx 5$?, arXiv:2208.02794, submitted to ApJ.
- 19. **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, A. Bonaca, et al., Live Fast, Die α-Enhanced: The Mass-Metallicity-α Relation of the Milky Way's Disrupted Dwarf Galaxies, arXiv:2204.09057, submitted to ApJ.

- 18. †V. Chandra, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, et al., *Discovery of the Magellanic Stellar Stream Out to 100 kpc*, ApJ, 956, 110C, 2023.
- 17. †V. Chandra, R.P. Naidu, C. Conroy, et al., Distant Echoes of the Milky Way's Last Major Merger, ApJ, 951, 26C, 2023.
- A. P. Ji, R.P. Naidu, K. Brauer et al., Chemical abundances of the Typhon Stellar Stream, MNRAS, 519, 4467J, 2023.
- 15. **R.P. Naidu**, P. A. Oesch, P. G. van Dokkum et al., *Two Remarkably Luminous Galaxy Candidates at* $z \approx 10 12$ *Revealed by JWST*, ApJ, 940L, 14N, 2022.
- 14. †J. J. Han, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy et al., A Tilt in the Dark Matter Halo of the Galaxy, ApJ, 934, 14, 2022.
- 13. **R.P. Naidu**, A.P. Ji, C. Conroy, et al., Evidence from Disrupted Halo Dwarfs that r-process Enrichment via Neutron Star Mergers is Delayed by > 500 Myrs, ApJL, 926, 32, 2022.
- 12. **R.P. Naidu** & J. Matthee et al., The Synchrony of Production and Escape: Half the Bright Ly α Emitters at $z \approx 2$ have Lyman Continuum Escape Fractions $\approx 50\%$, MNRAS, 510, 4582, 2022.
- 11. J. Matthee & R.P. Naidu et al., (Re)Solving Reionization with Ly α : How Bright Ly α Emitters Account for the $z \approx 2-8$ Cosmic Ionizing Background, MNRAS, 512, 5960, 2022.
- 10. **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, A. Bonaca, et al., Reconstructing the Last Major Merger of the Milky Way with the H3 Survey, ApJ, 923, 92, 2022.
- 9. C. Conroy, R.P. Naidu, N. Garavito-Camargo, et al., All-Sky Dynamical Response of the Galactic Halo to the Magellanic clouds, Nature, 592, 534–536, 2021.
- 8. †M.T. Gialluca, **R.P. Naidu**, A. Bonaca, Velocity Dispersion of the GD-1 Stellar Stream, ApJL, 911, 32, 2021.
- 7. A. Bonaca, R.P. Naidu, C. Conroy, et al., Orbital Clustering Identifies the Origins of Galactic Stellar Streams, ApJL, 909, 26, 2021.
- 6. R.P. Naidu, C. Conroy, A. Bonaca, et al., Evidence from the H3 Survey That the Stellar Halo Is Entirely Comprised of Substructure, ApJ, 901, 48, 2020.
- R.P. Naidu, S. Tacchella, C.A. Mason, et al., Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs: The Case for Massive, UV-bright, Star-forming Galaxies with High Escape Fractions, ApJ, 892, 109, 2020.
- 4. C.A. Mason, R.P. Naidu, S. Tacchella, J.R. Leja, Model-independent constraints on the hydrogen-ionizing emissivity at z > 6, MNRAS, 489, 2669, 2019.
- 3. C. Conroy, R.P. Naidu, D. Zaritsky, et al., Resolving the Metallicity Distribution of the Stellar Halo with the H3 Survey, ApJ, 887, 237, 2019.
- 2. **R.P. Naidu**, B. Forrest, P. A. Oesch, et al., A low Lyman Continuum escape fraction of < 10% for extreme [OIII] emitters in an overdensity at $z \sim 3.5$, MNRAS, 478, 791, 2018.
- 1. **R.P. Naidu**, P.A. Oesch, N. Reddy, et al., *The HDUV Survey: Six Lyman Continuum Emitter Candidates at z* \sim 2 *Revealed by HST UV Imaging*, ApJ, 847, 12, 2017.

Contributing Author Papers

42. P.A. Oesch, G. Brammer, **R.P. Naidu** et al., The JWST FRESCO survey: legacy NIRCam/grism spectroscopy and imaging in the two GOODS fields, MNRAS, 525, 2864O, 2023.

- 41. G. Limberg, A.P. Ji, **R.P. Naidu** et al., Extending the Chemical Reach of the H3 Survey: Detailed Abundances of the Dwarf-galaxy Stellar Stream Wukong/LMS-1, arXiv:2308.13702, submitted to MNRAS.
- 40. V. Chandra et al., The Three-Phase Evolution of the Milky Way, arXiv:2310.13050, submitted to ApJ.
- 39. R.L. Davies et al., JWST Reveals Widespread AGN-Driven Neutral Gas Outflows in Massive $z \sim 2$ Galaxies, arXiv:2310.17939, submitted to MNRAS.
- 38. C. Conroy et al., Detection of Accretion Shelves Out to the Virial Radius of a Low-Mass Galaxy with JWST, arXiv:2310.13048, submitted to ApJ.
- 37. E.J. Nelson et al., FRESCO: An extended, massive, rapidly rotating galaxy at z = 5.3, arXiv:2310.06887, submitted to ApJ.
- 36. R. Gottumukkala et al., Unveiling the hidden universe with JWST: The contribution of dust-obscured galaxies to the stellar mass function at $z \sim 3-8$, arXiv:2310.03787, submitted to MNRAS.
- 35. J.E. Greene et al., UNCOVER spectroscopy confirms a surprising ubiquity of AGN in red galaxies at z > 5, arXiv:2309.05714, submitted to ApJ.
- 34. M. Yue et al., EIGER V. Characterizing the Host Galaxies of Luminous Quasars at z > 6, arXiv:2309.04614, submitted to ApJ.
- 33. T. Herard-Demanche et al., Mapping dusty galaxy growth at z > 5 with FRESCO: Detection of $H\alpha$ in submm galaxy HDF850.1 and the surrounding overdense structures, arXiv:2309.04525, submitted to MNRAS.
- 32. M. Xiao et al., Massive Optically Dark Galaxies Unveiled by JWST Challenge Galaxy Formation Models, arXiv:2309.02492, submitted to Nature.
- 31. S. Belli et al., Massive and Multiphase Gas Outflow in a Quenching Galaxy at z=2.445, arXiv:2308.05795, submitted to Nature.
- 30. R. Bordoloi et al., EIGER IV: The cool 10⁴ K circumgalactic environment of high-z galaxies reveals remarkably efficient IGM enrichment, arXiv:2307.01273, submitted to ApJ.
- 29. I. Labbe et al., UNCOVER: Candidate Red Active Galactic Nuclei at 3 < z < 7 with JWST and ALMA, arXiv:2306.07320, submitted to ApJ.
- 28. K. E. Heintz et al., Extreme damped Lyman- α absorption in young star-forming galaxies at z = 9 11, arXiv:2306.00647, submitted to Science.
- 27. C. Conroy et al., Birth of the Galactic Disk Revealed by the H3 Survey, arXiv:2204.02989, submitted to ApJ.
- 26. K. El-Badry et al., The fastest stars in the Galaxy, OJA, 6, 28, 2023.
- 25. J. Johnson et al., Dwarf galaxy archaeology from chemical abundances and star-formation histories, MNRAS, 526, 5084J, 2023.
- 24. R.J. Bouwens et al., Evolution of the UV LF from $z \sim 15$ to $z \sim 8$ using new JWST NIRCam medium-band observations over the HUDF/XDF, MNRAS, 523, 1036B, 2023.
- 23. R.J. Bouwens et al., UV luminosity density results at z > 8 from the first JWST/NIRCam fields: limitations of early data sets and the need for spectroscopy, MNRAS, 523, 1009B, 2023.
- 22. L. Barrufet et al., Unveiling the Nature of Infrared Bright, Optically Dark Galaxies with Early JWST Data, MNRAS, 522, 449B, 2023.
- 21. H. Rix et al., The Poor Old Heart of the Milky Way, ApJ, 941, 45R, 2022.

- 20. V. Chandra et al., A Ghost in Boötes: The Least Luminous Disrupted Dwarf Galaxy, ApJ, 940, 127C, 2022.
- 19. J. J. Han et al., The Stellar Halo of the Galaxy is Tilted & Doubly Broken, AJ, 164, 249, 2022.
- 18. M. Hasheminia et al., No Evolution in the Half-mass Radius of Milky Way-type Galaxies over the Last 10 Gyr, ApJ, 932, 23, 2022.
- 17. D. Schaerer et al., First look with JWST spectroscopy: Resemblance among $z \sim 8$ galaxies and local analogs, A&A, 665, L4, 2022.
- 16. E. Leonova et al., The prevalence of galaxy overdensities around UV-luminous Lymanα emitters in the Epoch of Reionization, MNRAS, 515, 5790, 2022.
- 15. J. Shen et al., The Mass of the Milky Way from the H3 Survey, ApJ, 925, 1S, 2022.
- 14. Y. Qin et al., Dark-ages Reionization and Galaxy Formation Simulation XX. The Lyα IGM transmission properties and environment of bright galaxies during the Epoch of Reionization, MNRAS, 510, 3858, 2022.
- 13. J. Matthee et al., The X-SHOOTER Lyman- α survey at z=2 (XLS-z2) I: the panchromatic spectrum of typical Lyman- α emitters, MNRAS, 505, 1382M, 2021.
- 12. R. Bouwens et al., New Determinations of the UV Luminosity Functions from $z \sim 9$ to $z \sim 2$ Show a Remarkable Consistency with Halo Growth and a Constant Star Formation Efficiency, AJ, 162, 47B, 2021.
- 11. C. Carter et al., Ancient Very Metal-poor Stars Associated with the Galactic Disk in the H3 Survey, ApJ, 908, 208, 2021.
- 10. D. Zaritsky et al., Discovery of Magellanic Stellar Debris in the H3 Survey, ApJL, 905, 3, 2020.
- 9. B.D. Johnson et al., A Diffuse Metal-poor Component of the Sagittarius Stream Revealed by the H3 Survey, ApJ, 900, 103, 2020.
- 8. A. Bonaca et al., Timing the Early Assembly of the Milky Way with the H3 Survey, ApJL, 897, 18, 2020.
- 7. A. Bonaca et al., High-resolution Spectroscopy of the GD-1 Stellar Stream Localizes the Perturber near the Orbital Plane of Sagittarius, ApJL, 892, 37, 2020.
- D. Zaritsky et al., A Lower Limit on the Mass of Our Galaxy from the H3 Survey, ApJ, 888, 114, 2020.
- C. Conroy et al., Mapping the Stellar Halo with the H3 Spectroscopic Survey, ApJ, 883, 107, 2019.
- 4. X. Fan et al., The Discovery of a Gravitationally Lensed Quasar at z = 6.51, ApJL, 870, 11, 2019.
- 3. L.H. Jones et al., $z\sim2.5-3$ Ionizers in the GOODS-N Field, ApJ, 862, 142, 2018.
- 2. P.A. Oesch et al., HDUV: The Hubble Deep UV Legacy Survey, ApJS, 237, 12, 2018.
- 1. C. Conroy et al., They Might Be Giants: An Efficient Color-based Selection of Red Giant Stars, ApJL, 861, 16, 2018.

COVERAGE IN POPULAR MEDIA

- On "Two Remarkably Luminous Galaxies at $z \approx 12$ Revealed by JWST"
 - Standard Model of Cosmology Survives a Telescope's Surprising Finds, Quanta
 - JWST finds two of the oldest and most distant galaxies ever seen, The Guardian

- JWST may have found the most ancient starlight we've ever seen—and it's only the beginning, The Atlantic
- JWST has found the oldest galaxy we have ever seen in the universe, New Scientist
- What the spectacular images of JWST Reveal, Le Monde
- The James Webb Space Telescope Might Have Spotted the Most Distant Galaxy Ever Seen, Smithsonian Magazine
- On "Schrodinger's Galaxy"
 - JWST Discovers a Galaxy That Could Break Physics, 1.5 million views on Secrets of The Universe YouTube channel
 - JWST catches 'imposter' galaxies red-handed, CNET
 - Could This Galaxy Be In Two Different Places? James Webb Telescope Reveals Another Candidate For Distant Galaxy, Mashable
- On Milky Way work
 - Astronomers Find Stars Cast Away from Galactic Neighbors, Sky & Telescope
 - Stars found hidden in huge cloud wrapped around the Milky Way, New Scientist
 - Our Milky Way Galaxy's Most Recent Major Collision, SciTech Daily
 - Astronomers chart ocean of dark matter swirling outside the Milky Way, Live Science
 - Dark matter could be powering a galaxy that orbits the Milky Way, SYFY

INVITED TALKS

| Caltech, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2023 |
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| Chicago, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2023 |
| CfA, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2023 |
| MIT, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2023 |
| Yale, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2023 |
| UTRGV, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2023 |
| Carnegie, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2022 |
| ANU, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2022 |
| UMass Amherst, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Colloquium, 2022 |
| U. of Minnesota, Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey | Colloquium, 2020 |
| IIT Hyderabad, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Seminar, 2023 |
| MIT, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Seminar, 2023 |
| Tufts, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Seminar, 2022 |
| Sao Paulo, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Seminar, 2022 |
| U. of Washington, The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST | Seminar, 2022 |
| CfA, (Very) Early Results from JWST | Seminar, 2022 |
| DAWN, Solving Reionization with Resolved Ly α | Seminar, 2022 |
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| Merger Seminar, 2021 |
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| Astrophysics Seminar, 2021 |
| Extragalactic Seminar, 2021 |
| Seminar, 2021 |
| Astronomy seminar, 2021 |
| Milky Way seminar, 2021 |
| Astro Coffee, 2020 |
| Dynamics meeting, 2020 |
| Galaxy Crawl seminar, 2020 |
| Galaxy Coffee, 2020 |
| HiGEM seminar, 2020 |
| EURECA seminar, 2020 |
| Thirty Minutes Talk, 2019 |
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CONFERENCE TALKS

| The Early Universe according to JWST, ISSI Bern Seeking the Photons for Reionization | 2024 |
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| Reionization & Cosmic Dawn, Berkeley Solving Reionization with Resolved Ly α | 2022 |
| SAZERAC2, Double Bubble Lyman Trouble: Indirect tracers of LyC for the JWST Era | 2021 |
| Streams21, The Accretion Origins of Stellar Streams | 2021 |
| AAS Winter Meeting, Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey | 2021 |
| Harvard-Heidelberg Star-Formation Meeting, Starburst (Sgrburst) in our Backyard | 2020 |
| SAZERAC, Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs | 2020 |
| Early Galaxy Evolution in the ALMA $\&$ JWST Era, $Rapid\ Reionization\ by\ the\ Oligarchs$ | 2019 |
| Escape of Lyman Radiation, OAC Crete, LyC at $z \approx 2-3$ with the HDUV Survey | 2018 |

TEACHING & ADVISING

Teaching Head Teaching Fellow, Stellar & Planetary Astronomy, Harvard University Instructor: Prof. John Johnson Teaching Fellow, Galaxies & Cosmology, Harvard University Instructor: Prof. Charlie Conroy Teaching Assistant, Intro. to Observational Astronomy, Yale-NUS College Instructor: Prof. Bryan Penprase Advising Kate Leonova (Amsterdam) 2022-

| adviser on ongoing reionization project with JWST surveys, paper in prep. | 2022 |
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| Vedant Chandra (Harvard Astronomy) adviser with Prof. Charlie Conroy on ongoing halo survey; two papers published | 2021- |
| Katherine Sharpe (Harvard College \to UC Berkeley) advised with Prof. Charlie Conroy on one published paper and Harvard Jr. Thesis | 2021-23 |
| Steve Diaz (UMass Lowell, SAO Latino Initiatives Program) mentored on all aspects of research life during 3 month internship | 2021 |
| Megan Gialluca (Northern Arizona University, SAO REU student) advised with Dr. Ana Bonaca on one published paper | 2020-21 |
| Lavonna Mark (Yale-NUS College) advised on PhD applications & interviews, Stanford PhD on prize fellowship | 2020-21 |
| Jerrick Wee (Yale-NUS College) mentored on all aspects of astronomy research, published two papers | 2017-18 |

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

- Lead Member, NASA Hubble Fellowship DEI Group (2023-)
 - One of nine lead members of DEI group that is focused on diversifying the fellowship and using the program's privileged position to bring positive change in the community.
 - One of two fellows with overall responsibility for the annual postdoc fellowship application feedback program (e.g., recruiting team of current/former fellows, matching students with suitable mentors, publicity).
- Survey Representative, Harvard Graduate Student Mental Health Survey (2021)
 - One of five Astronomy Dept. point-persons for the Harvard-wide initiative.
 - Coordinated 95% participation from department and helped disseminate results.
- Python instructor & STEM Mentor, SAO's Latino Initiatives Program (2021)
 - Three month program for students from communities under-represented in STEM.
 - Introduced students to python with a focus on scientific computing.

- Held weekly one-to-one mentoring meetings.
- Volunteer, Harvard Banneker Institute summer program (2018, 2020)
 - Ten week research-study experience to prepare students of color for graduate school.
 - Held weekly office hours on all aspects of research, provided catch-all programming assistance.
- Department Point-Person & Volunteer, Harvard Graduate Students Union (2017-19)
 - Fair pay, affordable healthcare, and protection from abuse are core goals of the union.
 - Canvassed STEM departments (≈200 calls + in-person conversations) and international students (e.g., Harvard Crimson Op-Ed) for union formation election.
 - Organized action with a focus on international student issues (e.g., Muslim ban, visa-related travel reimbursements, pandemic pay).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Subject-matter expert reviewer in a NASA peer review (2024)
- Scientific & Local Organizing Committees, First Light Conference, Boston (2023)
 - One of five SOC members, and one of six LOC members for > 150 person conference focused on early Universe results from the first year of JWST.
 - Designed scientific program, organized logistics, coordinated social events, assisted with overall responsibilities for smooth conduct of the event.
- Journal referee for the Astrophysical Journal (ApJ, ApJL), and Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A, A&AL)
- Chief Coordinator, Harvard Astronomy's Recruitment Week (2019)
 - One of two grad students in-charge of every aspect of recruitment (e.g., designing the overall program, travel/restaurant arrangements, liaising with faculty/admin).
 - Developed new programming (e.g., closed-door student panel with anonymous questions) and conducted an entry/exit survey to probe the visit's successes/failures.
 - Produced a detailed report for faculty identifying areas of weakness (e.g., CfA web portals) that spurred action.

OTHER INTERESTS

- Quizzing/Trivia/Quiz-bowl
 - Won several national & international events youngest gold medalist at the Asia-Pacific Quizzing Championships and four-time national champion (Singapore), one-time international champion of the Tata Crucible campus quiz (among the world's largest university tournaments with 38 cities, 5000+ teams).
 - Wrote/presented 1000+ questions for TV shows, pub quizzes, and community events.
- Poetry

 Published in journals including Helter Skelter Magazine's New Indian Writing, the Quarterly Literary Review Singapore, and Softblow. Shortlisted/longlisted for prizes including the Poetry Society of India's All-India Prize, University of Canberra's International Poetry Prize, and the Wingword Poetry Prize.

• Data-science for social good

- Led the team behind the viral electoral literacy website, electionaire.info (>500,000 unique hits, > 10% of Singapore's population). Conceptualized the project, recruited team, oversaw research on stances of political parties, handled press.
- Data miner for studies focused on domestic maids' rights in Singapore. Studies based on these data revealed live-in domestic maids from the Philippines, Indonesia and India who work in 1-of-4 households often enter contracts with zero off days per month.