

Sheridan B. Green

Curriculum Vitae

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OVERVIEW

I am a third-year Ph.D. Student and NSF Graduate Research Fellow in the Department of Physics at Yale University working in computational and theoretical astrophysics and cosmology. I run and analyze numerical simulations of dark matter halo evolution in efforts to probe the nature of dark matter and constrain the standard model of cosmology. Much of my research is statistical in nature and employs tools from machine learning (random forests and convolutional neural networks) and topological data analysis (persistent homology). I have worked mainly with Python for the past four years, but also have some experience in C/C++. I also have extensive experience using distributed computing systems and frequently work with parallelized and GPU-accelerated codes. In the past year, I have lead-authored three scientific publications and co-authored an additional three. I am currently involved in several distinct research projects with faculty that span the departments of physics, astronomy, and statistics at Yale and Harvard (see references).

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Physics 2022

Master of Philosophy, Physics 2020

Master of Science, Physics 2018

Yale University

Dissertation: “The tidal evolution of dark matter substructure: a data-driven semi-analytical model and its applications to small-scale cosmology”

Advisor: [Prof. Frank C. van den Bosch](#)

GRE Physics: 990/990 (94%)

Bachelor of Science, Physics and Mathematics 2017

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Concentration in Astrophysics

Highest honors in physics, highest distinction, GPA: 3.93/4.00

Thesis: “[Constraining an Early Matter-Dominated Era through Cosmological Simulations](#)”

Advisor: [Prof. Adrienne L. Erickcek](#)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 McDougal Teaching Fellowship (Yale)
- 2019 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2017 Paul E. Shearin Outstanding Senior Award in Physics (UNC-Chapel Hill)
- 2013–2017 Dean’s List Honoree (UNC-Chapel Hill)
- 2016 Skynet Undergraduate Research Scholarship (UNC-Chapel Hill)
- 2016 Designated a Carolina Research Scholar
- 2016 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa
- 2015 NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS [\[scholar\]](#)[\[arXiv\]](#)[\[ORCiD\]](#)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

4. **Sheridan B. Green** and Frank C. van den Bosch, “[The tidal evolution of dark matter substructure – I. Subhalo density profiles](#)”, accepted to *MNRAS*, in press (2019).

3. **Sheridan B. Green**, Michelle Ntampaka, Daisuke Nagai, Lorenzo Lovisari, Klaus Dolag, Dominique Eckert, and John A. ZuHone, "[Using X-Ray Morphological Parameters to Strengthen Galaxy Cluster Mass Estimates via Machine Learning](#)", accepted to *The Astrophysical Journal*, in press (2019).
2. Xin Xu, Jessi Cisewski-Kehe, **Sheridan B. Green**, and Daisuke Nagai, "[Finding filament loops and cosmic voids using topological data analysis](#)", *Astronomy and Computing* **27**, 34 (2019).
1. Go Ogiya, Frank C. van den Bosch, Oliver Hahn, **Sheridan B. Green**, Tim B. Miller, and Andreas Burkert, "[DASH: a library of dynamical subhalo evolution](#)", *MNRAS* **485**, 189 (2019).

SUBMITTED PRE-PRINTS

1. Jenny Farmer, **Sheridan B. Green**, and Donald J. Jacobs, "[Distribution of volume, microvoid percolation, and packing density in globular proteins](#)", *arXiv:1810.08745*, submitted to *Proteins*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREP

7. Jessi Cisewski-Kehe, **Sheridan B. Green**, Mike Wu, Brittany T. Fasy, Wojciech Hellwing, Mark R. Lovell, Alessandro Rinaldo, and Larry Wasserman, "Topological Hypothesis Tests for the Large-Scale Structure of the Universe", to be submitted to *MNRAS*.
6. Jessi Cisewski-Kehe, Xin Xu, and **Sheridan B. Green**, "A divide-and-conquer approach to computing the persistent homology of large datasets", to be submitted to *Annals of Applied Statistics*.
5. **Sheridan B. Green**, Uddipan Banik, Dhruba Dutta Chowdhury, Frank C. van den Bosch, and Hsi-Yu Schive, "The diffusion of stellar streams in fuzzy dark matter haloes", to be submitted to *MNRAS*.
4. **Sheridan B. Green** and Frank C. van den Bosch, "The tidal evolution of dark matter substructure – II. A physical model of subhalo mass loss", to be submitted to *MNRAS*.
3. **Sheridan B. Green**, Michelle Ntampaka, Daisuke Nagai, and John A. ZuHone, "Quantifying the spatial and spectral resolution dependence of neural network-based galaxy cluster mass estimates", to be submitted to *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*.
2. **Sheridan B. Green**, Han Aung, Daisuke Nagai, Frank C. van den Bosch, and Aurora Simionescu, "Characterizing the cosmological dependence of non-thermal pressure in galaxy clusters", to be submitted to *MNRAS Letters*.
1. Tim B. Miller, Frank C. van den Bosch, **Sheridan B. Green**, and Go Ogiya, "Dynamical self-friction: how losing mass can slow you down", to be submitted to *MNRAS*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Sheridan B. Green**, Abby Mintz, Xin Xu, and Jessi Cisewski-Kehe, "[Topology of Our Cosmology with Persistent Homology](#)", *CHANCE* **32:3**, 6 (2019).

PRESENTATIONS

10. "Introduction to Topological Data Analysis and Persistent Homology", Yale Graduate Analytical and Numerical Research Methods Seminar, New Haven, CT, October 22, (2018)
9. "Simulations of Microhalo Formation After an Early Matter-Dominated Era", American Physical Society April Meeting, Columbus, OH, April 14-17, (2018)
8. "The Dark Matter Annihilation Boost from an Early Matter-Dominated Era", Honors thesis defended at UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, April 8, (2017)
7. "A Comparison of Two Chemical Mechanisms Using Data from the Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study", 16th Annual AMS Student Conference, Seattle, WA, January 22 - 26, (2017)
6. "A Comparison of Two Chemical Mechanisms Using Data from the Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study", 2016 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 12-16, (2016)

5. "A Comparison of Two Chemical Mechanisms Using Data from the Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study", 2016 NOAA Student Science & Education Symposium, Silver Spring, MD, Aug. 2 - 4, (2016)
4. "On-Sky and Laboratory Characterizations of Next-Generation Evryscope Prototype", UNC Society of Physics Students Panel Talks, Chapel Hill, NC, August 29, (2016)
3. "On-Sky and Laboratory Characterizations of Next-Generation Evryscope Prototype", UNC Celebration of Undergraduate Research Symposium, Chapel Hill, NC, April 18, (2016)
2. "The Effects of an Early Matter-Dominated Era on Microhalo Populations and Substructure", UNC Society of Physics Students Panel Talks, Chapel Hill, NC, March 28, (2016)
1. "Analysis of Cavity Volumes in Proteins Using Percolation Theory", American Physical Society March Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 14-18, (2016)

SELECTED COURSEWORK

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| • Bayesian Probability and Statistics | • Real Analysis |
| • Group Theory | • Time Series with R/Python |
| • Linear Algebra | • Financial Markets |
| • Mathematical Methods of Physics | • SQL for Data Science |

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

- Graduate Teaching Fellow at Yale University (Fall 2017 – Summer 2019)
 6. Summer 2 2019: **PHYS 166L: General Physics Laboratory II**
 5. Summer 1 2019: **PHYS 165L: General Physics Laboratory I**
 4. Spring 2019: **PHYS 166L: General Physics Laboratory II**
Head Teaching Fellow
[Course evaluations](#) (received rating 4.8/5 by students)
 3. Fall 2018: **PHYS 165L: General Physics Laboratory I**
Head Teaching Fellow
[Course evaluations](#) (received rating 4.8/5 by students)
 2. Spring 2018: **PHYS 166L: General Physics Laboratory II**
[Course evaluations](#) (received rating 4.9/5 by students)
 1. Fall 2017: **PHYS 165L: General Physics Laboratory I**
[Course evaluations](#) (received rating 4.6/5 by students)
- Undergraduate Learning Assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill
 - Spring 2017: **PHYS 119: Introductory Calculus-based Electromagnetism and Quanta**
 - Spring 2017: **Peer Tutor Staff in UNC Mathematics & Physics Help Center**

TEACHING PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

- McDougal Teaching Fellow at the Yale Center for Teaching and Learning (Fall 2019 – Present)
- Pursuing the Certificate of College Teaching Preparation at Yale University
- Pursuing the CIRTLL Scholar qualification at the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

1. [Abby Mintz](#) – BS 05/21 "Topology of Our Cosmology with Persistent Homology" *Yale*

EXTERNAL FUNDING

1. XSEDE Startup Grant TG-AST190030: “Dynamical signatures of fuzzy dark matter: core-stalling and the dispersion of stellar streams”, awarded 2,500 GPU-hours on Comet GPU (value of \$889)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

COLLOQUIUM & SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

- Yale Graduate Analytical and Numerical Research Methods Seminar (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)
- Yale Special Topics in Cosmology Graduate Seminars (Summer 2018 – Fall 2018)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Volunteer at Yale Girls’ Science Investigations (Spring 2019 – Present)
- Volunteer at CT SEED: Students Exploring Engineering Day (Spring 2019 – Present)
- Contributor to Science Haven community outreach initiative (Summer 2018 – Present)
- Volunteer at the Yale Physics Olympics (Fall 2017 – Present)

RESEARCH CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 2019 Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop (Santa Cruz, CA; Aug. 5–9, 2019)
- GANocracy: Workshop on Theory, Practice and Artistry of Deep Generative Modeling (MIT–IBM Watson AI Lab; May 31, 2019)

TEACHING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- CIRTl Course: Advancing Learning Through Evidence-Based STEM Teaching (Jan. 31 – Mar. 31, 2018)
- Yale Center for Teaching and Learning Advanced Teaching Workshops:
 - Gender in the Classroom (Nov. 30, 2017)
 - Peer Observation Strategies (Oct. 5, 2017)
 - Undergraduate Mentorship Strategies (Oct. 26, 2017)
 - Transitioning to Instructor of Record (Apr. 18/25, 2018)
 - Teaching as Research (Jan. 31, 2018)

REFeree

CHANCE (Special Edition on Astrostatistics)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Senator in the Yale Graduate and Professional Student Senate (Fall 2019 – Present)
 - Member of Professional Development committee
- Graduate Affiliate of Yale Benjamin Franklin College (Spring 2018 – Present)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Lead Instructor for the *Fundamentals of Teaching Physics for First-Year PhD Students* short seminar series (Fall 2018 – Present)
- Yale Physics Happy Hour organizer (Fall 2018 – Summer 2019)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- Nomination to Associate Membership, Sigma Xi (2019)
- Member, American Physical Society (2015 – Present)
- Member, Society of Physics Students
 - Resource Officer for UNC SPS Chapter (2015 – 2016)

LANGUAGES

- Natural – English (native), French (limited)
- Programming – Python, C/C++, UN*X, Bash, Mathematica, \LaTeX , R
- Scientific Computing – Slurm, NumPy, SciPy, matplotlib, scikit-learn, Numba, pandas, seaborn, git

REFERENCES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Jessi Cisewski-Kehe Department of Statistics and Data Science Yale University 24 Hillhouse Ave. New Haven, CT 06511 203-436-9612 jessica.cisewski@yale.edu | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Michelle Ntampaka Institute for Theory and Computation Center for Astrophysics Harvard-Smithsonian 60 Garden St. Cambridge, MA 02138 michelle.ntampaka@cfa.harvard.edu |