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EDUCATION

Yale University

Ph.D. in Astronomy

08/2023 – Present

New Haven (CT), US

Universidade de São Paulo – Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas

M.Sc. in Astronomy

08/2021 – 06/2023

São Paulo (SP), Brazil

Dissertation: [Unveiling Planetary Systems in Solar Twins with High-Precision Radial Velocity](#)

Advisor: Jorge Luis Meléndez Moreno, Ph.D.

Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina

B.Sc. in Physics

03/2016 – 08/2021

Florianópolis (SC), Brazil

Advisor: Roberto Kalbusch Saito, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Full record at [ADS Library](#)

Referred Publications

10. Galarza J. Y., Lorenzo-Oliveira, D., **Ferreira T.**, et al., 2025, ApJ, 983, 70
[HIP 8522: A Puzzling Young Solar Twin with the Lowest Detected Lithium](#)
9. Fermiano, V., et al., (incl. **Ferreira, T.**), 2024, A&A, 690, L7.
[The Young Exoplanetary System TOI-4562: Confirming The Presence of a Third Body in the System](#)
8. **Ferreira, T.**, Rice, M., et al., 2024, AJ, 168, 145.
[SOLES XI. The Aligned Orbit of TOI-2533 b, a Transiting Brown Dwarf Orbiting an F8-type Star](#)
7. Galarza J. Y., **Ferreira T.**, Lorenzo-Oliveira, D., et al., 2024, AJ, 168, 91.
[TOI-1173 A b: The First Inflated Super-Neptune in a Wide Binary System](#)
6. Galarza J. Y., Reggiani H., **Ferreira T.**, et al., 2024, ApJ, 974, 122
[Detailed abundances of the planet-hosting TOI-1173 A/B system: Possible evidence of planet engulfment in a very wide binary](#)
5. Saito R. K., et al., (incl. **Ferreira, T.**), 2024, A&A, 689, A148
[The VISTA Variables in the Vía Láctea eXtended \(VVVX\) ESO public survey: Completion of the observations and legacy](#)
4. **Ferreira T.**, Saito R. K., Minniti D., et al., 2024, MNRAS, 527, 10737.
[A benchmark white dwarf-ultracool dwarf wide field binary](#)
3. Botan, E., et al., (incl. **Ferreira, T.**), 2021, MNRAS, 504, 654.
[Unveiling short-period binaries in the inner VVV bulge.](#)
2. Herpich, F.R., et al., (incl. **Ferreira, T.**), 2021, A&A, 647, A169.
[VVV survey near-infrared colour catalogue of known variable stars](#)
1. **Ferreira, T.**, Saito, R.K., Minniti, D., et al., 2019, MNRAS, 586, 1220.
[The asymptotic evolution of the stellar merger V1309 Sco: a Blue Straggler in the making?](#)

Non-Referred Publications & Conference Proceedings

8. **Ferreira, T.** & Meléndez, J., 2022. Cambridge Workshop on Cool Stars, Stellar Systems, and the Sun.
HIP 102152b: A low-mass planet candidate around an old solar twin
7. **Ferreira T.S.**, Saito, R.K., & Minniti D., 2021, The Astronomer's Telegram #14626.
VVV near-IR observations of the X-ray transient Swift J174038.1-273712.
6. **Ferreira T.S.**, Saito, R.K., & Minniti D., 2021, The Astronomer's Telegram #14625.
VVV near-IR observations of V6585 Sgr progenitor.
5. **Ferreira dos Santos, T.** & Kalbusch Saito, R. 2020, Planets 2020, Ground and Space Observatories **11**.
Exoplanetary transits in the Galactic bulge.
4. **Ferreira, T.**, Saito, R.K., Gran, F. et al. 2018, RNAAS, 2, 39.
VVV Survey Orbital Period Confirmation for the Cataclysmic Variable IGR J17014-4306.
3. Masetti, N., **Ferreira, T.S.**, Saito, R.K., et al. 2018, The Astronomer's Telegram #11992.
The possible VVV near-infrared counterpart of IGR J17503-2636.
2. Kammers, R., **Ferreira, T.S.**, Saito, R.K. & Minniti, D. 2018. The Astronomer's Telegram #11365.
The likely progenitor of Nova ASASSN-18ds.
1. **Ferreira, T.S.** & Saito, R.K. 2017, The Astronomer's Telegram #10780.
The likely progenitor of Nova ASASSN-16ra.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pre-Thesis Doctoral Research

08/2023 – Present

Department of Astronomy, Yale University

Advisors:

Earl P. Bellinger, Ph.D. (**Evolution of Low-Mass Population III stars**), and

Malena Rice, Ph.D. (**Formation of Brown Dwarfs**)

M.Sc. Graduate Research Assistant

08/2021 – 08/2023

Seeking Solar System Analogues

Abstract: We aim to elucidate the uniqueness of the Solar System by characterising exoplanetary systems with Jupiter analogues through high-precision ESO/HARPS radial velocity observations of solar twins. Moreover, we study the possible connection between those planets and the chemical compositions of their host stars.

Advisor: Jorge Luis Meléndez Moreno, Ph.D.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

08/2017 – 08/2021

Time-series analysis of near-IR variabilities with the ESO/VVV & VVV-X surveys

Abstract: We examined relatively small photometric variations in the near-IR Ks-band light curves of the ESO/VISTA Variables in the Via Láctea (VVV) & VVV eXtended (VVV-X) surveys by implementing the Lomb-Scargle method for characteristically sine-like signals of variable stars, and the Box Least-Squares method to detect and model exoplanetary transit candidates on M dwarf stars, primarily selected based on VVV photometric and *Gaia* DR3 astrometric datasets.

Advisor: Roberto Kalbusch Saito, Ph.D.

OBSERVING EXPERIENCE & ACCEPTED PROPOSALS

*** *Observations personally conducted*

GHOST / Gemini South, Cerro Pachón (Chile) – DDT - 5.6 hrs

2025B

Confirming the First Exoplanet Around a Milky Way Halo Star

MIKE/PFS / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 2 nights

2025A

Confirming Thick Disc Membership for Known Exoplanets and TESS Objects of Interest

***WINERED / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 1 night	2025A
<i>Investigating Atmospheric Outflows in the Neptunian-Desert Planet TOI-1943 b Using He III $\lambda 10\,833\text{ \AA}$</i>	
MIKE / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 2 nights	2024B
<i>Correlated Abundances of Exoplanets and Their Host Stars? Constraints from Polluted White Dwarfs in Stellar Binaries</i>	
MIKE / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 4 nights	2024B
<i>Exploring the Star-Planet Connection with Host Solar-Type Stars</i>	
***HARPS / ESO 3.6-m, La Silla Observatory (Chile) – 6 nights	2023A
<i>How rare are analogues of the Solar System?</i>	

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

ASTR 220 - Galaxies and Cosmology, Yale University	Jan 2025 - Present
<i>Instructor: Robert Zinn</i>	
ASTR 110 - Planets and Stars, Yale University	Aug 2024 - Dec 2024
<i>Instructor: Michael Faison</i>	
AGA 0502 - Planets and Planetary Systems, IAG/USP	Aug 2022 - Dec 2022
<i>Instructor: Jorge Meléndez</i>	

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

• GSAS Yale Graduate Fellowship	Aug 2023 - Present
• Boris Garfinkel Prize Fellowship in Astronomy	Aug 2023
• CAPES M.Sc. Research Fellowship, IAG/USP, Brazil	Aug 2021 - Jul 2023
• exoLaTam 2022 Travel Award	Dec 2022
• Teaching Improvement Program, IAG/USP	Aug 2022 - Dec 2022
• ESO/ALMA Planets2020 Workshop Travel Award	Mar 2020
• CNPq Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Department of Physics, UFSC, Brazil	2017 - 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

14. exoLaTam 22, Santiago, Chile	Dec 2022
HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin [Talk].	
13. XLV Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Astronomical Society - Virtual	Oct 2022
HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin [Poster & Flash Talk].	
12. Cool Stars 21 - Virtual	Jul 2022
HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin [Poster & Flash Talk].	
11. 31° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC - Virtual	Jul 2021
Studies of Stellar Astrophysics and Exoplanets in the Central Region of the Milky Way [Talk].	
10. Exoplanets III - Virtual	Jul 2021
A Box-Fitting Implementation for the Transit Method Detection of Exoplanets [Poster].	
9. Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop - Virtual	Jul 2021
Time-Series Analysis of Near-IR Variabilities on VVV M Dwarf Stars [Poster & Flash Talk].	
8. 30° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC - Virtual	Oct 2020
Transiting Extrasolar Planets Orbiting Red Dwarf Stars Towards the Galactic Bulge [Talk].	
7. ALMA Planets2020 Workshop, Santiago, Chile	Mar 2020
Exoplanetary Transits in the Galactic Bulge [Poster & Flash Talk].	

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| 6. VIII PPGFSC/UFSC Meeting, Florianópolis, Brazil
The Asymptotic Evolution of the Blue Straggler V1309 Sco [Poster]. | Feb 2020 |
| 5. 29° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC - Virtual
Stellar Variability Towards the Central Region of the Milky Way with the VVV/VVV-X Surveys [Talk]. | Oct 2019 |
| 4. EWASS 2019 - European Astronomical Society
Infrared Counterparts of Gaia Alerts (Ivanov+ incl. Ferreira, T.) [Poster]. | Jun 2019 |
| 3. 28° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC - Virtual
Stellar Variability Towards the Central Region of the Milky Way with the VVV/VVV-X Surveys [Talk]. | Oct 2018 |
| 2. VVV & VVV-X Science Workshop, Florianópolis, Brazil
On the Photometric Study of the Cataclysmic Variable IGR J17014-4306 [Poster & Flash Talk]. | Apr 2018 |
| 1. VI PPGFSC/UFSC Meeting, Florianópolis, Brazil
Stellar Variability Towards the Central Region of the Milky Way with the VVV/VVV-X Surveys [Poster]. | Feb 2018 |

WORKSHOPS AND ADVANCED SCHOOLS ATTENDED

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| • Yale Tinsley Workshop, New Haven, USA | Oct 2024 |
| • New York Area Exoplanets Meeting, New York, USA | May 2024 |
| • exoLaTam 22, Santiago, Chile | Dec 2022 |
| • ESO The Star-Planet Connection Workshop - Virtual | Oct 2021 |
| • XIII CBPF School - Virtual | Aug 2021 |
| • ZTF Summer School on Variable Stars - Virtual | Aug 2021 |
| • Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop - Circumstellar Disks and Young Planets, Virtual | Jul 2021 |

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Jorge Luis Meléndez Moreno, PhD (MSc Advisor)

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Roberto Kalbusch Saito, PhD (Undergrad Advisor)

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COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Languages

- Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic).

Other

- Programming: \LaTeX , PYTHON (9+ years); Little experience with C, R, JAVA, BASH.
- Databases & Softwares: [VISTA/ESO Science Archive](#), TOPCAT, [VIZIER](#), IRAF/DS9, VOSA, MESA+GYRE, etc.