

# Thiago Ferreira dos Santos

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## EDUCATION

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### Yale University

Ph.D. in Astronomy

08/2023 – Present

New Haven (CT), US

### Universidade de São Paulo (IAG/USP)

M.Sc. in Astronomy

08/2021 – 06/2023

São Paulo (SP), Brazil

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

Supervisor: Jorge Luis Meléndez Moreno, Ph.D.

### Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)

B.Sc. in Physics

03/2016 – 08/2021

Florianópolis (SC), Brazil

Supervisor: Roberto Kalbusch Saito, Ph.D.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Full record at [ADS Library](#) | [Google Scholar](#)

**Metrics:** 94 citations, h-index = 5 (August 2025)

### Peer-Reviewed 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

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<b>Pre-Thesis Doctoral Research</b> <b>Evolution of low-mass Population III stars and the formation of brown dwarfs</b> <i>Advisors: Earl P. Bellinger, Ph.D.; Malena Rice, Ph.D.</i>	08/2023 – Present
<b>M.Sc. Graduate Research Assistant</b> <b>Characterising Solar Twins with HARPS Radial Velocity Observations</b> <i>Advisor: Jorge Luis Meléndez Moreno, Ph.D.</i>	08/2021 – 08/2023
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b> <b>Time-series Analysis of Near-IR Variability with ESO/VVV &amp; VVV-X Surveys</b> <i>Advisor: Roberto Kalbusch Saito, Ph.D.</i>	08/2017 – 08/2021

## OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

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\*\*\* *Observations personally conducted*

<b>GHOST / Gemini South, Cerro Pachón (Chile) – DDT, 5.6 hrs</b> <i>Co-I</i>	2025A
<b>MIKE &amp; PFS / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 2 nights</b> <i>Co-I – Confirming thick disc membership for known exoplanets and TESS objects of interest</i>	2025A
<b>***WINERED/ Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 1 night</b> <i>Co-I – Investigating atmospheric outflows in a Neptunian-desert planet using He I <math>\lambda 10\,833\text{ Å}</math></i>	2025A
<b>MIKE / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 2 nights</b> <i>Co-I – Correlated abundances of exoplanets and their host stars: constraints from polluted white dwarfs in stellar binaries</i>	2024B
<b>MIKE / Clay–Magellan II, Las Campanas Observatory (Chile) – 4 nights</b> <i>Co-I – Exploring the star–planet connection with solar-type hosts</i>	2024B
<b>***HARPS/ ESO 3.6-m, La Silla Observatory (Chile) – 6 nights</b> <i>PI – How rare are analogues of the Solar System?</i>	2023A

## TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

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<b>ASTR 556 - Astrostatistics and Data Mining, Yale University</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Earl Bellinger	Aug 2025 - Present
<b>ASTR 220 - Galaxies and Cosmology, Yale University</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Robert Zinn	Jan 2025 - May 2025
<b>ASTR 110 - Planets and Stars, Yale University</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Michael Faison	Aug 2024 - Dec 2024
<b>AGA 0502 - Planets and Planetary Systems, IAG/USP</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Jorge Meléndez	Aug 2022 - Dec 2022

## SERVICES

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- Journal Referee – *The Astrophysical Journal* (ApJ)

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

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• Yale Conference Travel Fund	Jul 2025
• 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

## INVITED TALKS

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<b>Research Talk, Theory and Observation of Stars (TOS) group, HITS/Heidelberg-DE</b> Asteroseismology of Low-Mass Population III Stars	Jul 2025
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## CONTRIBUTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### Talks

6. exoLaTam 22 – Santiago, Chile HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin.	Dec 2022
5. XLV Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Astronomical Society – Virtual HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin.	Oct 2022
4. 31° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC – Virtual Studies of Stellar Astrophysics and Exoplanets in the Central Region of the Milky Way.	Jul 2021
3. 30° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC – Virtual Transiting Extrasolar Planets Orbiting Red Dwarf Stars Towards the Galactic Bulge.	Oct 2020
2. 29° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC – Virtual Stellar Variability Towards the Central Region of the Milky Way with the VVV/VVV-X Surveys.	Oct 2019
1. 28° Seminário de Iniciação Científica, UFSC – Virtual Stellar Variability Towards the Central Region of the Milky Way with the VVV/VVV-X Surveys.	Oct 2018

## Posters

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| 10. 9th TESS/16th Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium Workshop – Vienna, Austria<br>On the Structure and Oscillations of the First Stars.    | Jul 2025 |
| 9. XLV Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Astronomical Society – Virtual<br>HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin.      | Oct 2022 |
| 8. Cool Stars 21 – Virtual<br>HIP 102152b: A Low-Mass Planet Candidate Around an Old Solar Twin.   | Jul 2022 |
| 7. Exoplanets III – Virtual<br>A Box-Fitting Implementation for the Transit Method Detection of Exoplanets.                                      | Jul 2021 |
| 6. Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop – Virtual<br>Time-Series Analysis of Near-IR Variabilities on VVV M Dwarf Stars.                              | Jul 2021 |
| 5. ALMA Planets2020 Workshop – Santiago, Chile<br>Exoplanetary Transits in the Galactic Bulge.   | Mar 2020 |
| 4. VIII PPGFSC/UFSC Meeting – Florianópolis, Brazil<br>The Asymptotic Evolution of the Blue Straggler V1309 Sco.                                 | Feb 2020 |
| 3. EWASS 2019 – European Astronomical Society<br>Infrared Counterparts of Gaia Alerts (Ivanov+ incl. Ferreira, T.).                              | Jun 2019 |
| 2. VVV & VVV-X Science Workshop – Florianópolis, Brazil<br>On the Photometric Study of the Cataclysmic Variable IGR J17014-4306.                 | Apr 2018 |
| 1. VI PPGFSC/UFSC Meeting – Florianópolis, Brazil<br>Stellar Variability Towards the Central Region of the Milky Way with the VVV/VVV-X Surveys. | Feb 2018 |

## WORKSHOPS AND ADVANCED SCHOOLS ATTENDED

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| • MESA Summer School, Leuven, Belgium   | Jul 2025 |
| • 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 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

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### Jorge Luis Meléndez Moreno, Ph.D. (MSc Advisor)

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### Roberto Kalbusch Saito, Ph.D. (Undergraduate Advisor)

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### Dante Minniti, Ph.D.

Instituto de Astrofísica, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Universidad Andres Bello – Chile  
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### Languages

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

### Other

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