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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

Harvard University, U.S.A., Ph.D. in Astronomy 2017–2022
Advisor: Prof. Charlie Conroy
Thesis: *The Milky Way – An Immigrant Story:
Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey*

Yale-NUS College, Singapore, B.S. in Physical Sciences 2013–2017
magna cum laude, inaugural class of 150 of “Asia’s first liberal arts college”
Capstone Advisor: Prof. Pascal Oesch, Capstone: *Insights into Cosmic Reionization*

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 $\times 3$ 2023, 2024
*awarded annually to the “ten most cited papers published across the entire IOP
Publishing journal portfolio (ApJ, ApJL, AJ) within the past 3 years”*

- Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs: The Case for Massive, UV-Bright, Star-Forming Galaxies with High Escape Fractions, [ApJ, 892, 109, 2020 \[266 citations\]](#)
- Evidence from the H3 Survey that the Stellar Halo is Entirely Comprised of Substructure, [ApJ, 901, 48, 2020 \[310 citations\]](#)
- Two Remarkably Luminous Galaxy Candidates at $z \approx 10 - 12$ Revealed by JWST, [ApJ, 940L, 14N, 2022 \[365 citations\]](#)

Fireman Prize, Astronomy Department, Harvard University 2022
awarded to a graduating student for “superlative work on their Ph.D. thesis”

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University 2021
*for a “special contribution to undergraduate teaching”
based on student evaluations for courses taught during the pandemic*

Ashford Fellowship, Harvard University <i>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”</i>	2017-2022
Peirce Fellowship, Astronomy Department, Harvard University <i>awarded to 1-3 incoming graduate students who “possess significant promise as researchers”</i>	2017-2020
Chambliss Astronomy Student Achievement Award, American Astronomical Society	2017
Outstanding Capstone Project in Physical Sciences, Yale-NUS College	2017

SELECT OBSERVING PROGRAMS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Total funding from approved *JWST* and *HST* observing programs as PI: \$927,000

JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Seiji Fujimoto) <i>Let There Be Light: Directly Witnessing the Birth of Metal-Free Pop III Stars in an Ultra-Faint Galaxy at $z = 6.5$</i>	39 hours, 2025
JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Pascal Oesch) <i>Mirage or Miracle? Spectroscopic Confirmation of Remarkably Luminous Galaxies at $z > 10$</i>	33 hours, 2024-25
JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Christina Eilers, Jorryt Matthee, Fred Davies) <i>MASQUERADE: Mapping a Super-luminous Quasar’s Extended Radiative Emission</i>	21 hours, 2025
JWST, NIRCам grism (co-PI with Jorryt Matthee) <i>All the Little Things: Pop III Signatures & the Ionizing Budget of Dwarf Galaxies in the Epoch of Reionization</i>	47+29 hours, 2023
JWST, NIRSpec (co-PI with Christina Eilers, Jorryt Matthee, Fred Davies) <i>Mapping Quasar Light Echoes with Lyman-alpha Forest Tomography during the Epoch of Reionization</i>	21 hours, 2024
JWST, NIRCам grism <i>Where Cosmic Dawn Breaks First: Mapping the Primordial Overdensity Powering a $z \sim 9$ Ionized Bubble</i>	7 hours, 2023
JWST, NIRCам grism (co-PI with Jorryt Matthee) <i>Anatomy of an Ionized Bubble at $z = 6.6$: Which Galaxies Reionized the Universe?</i>	18 hours, 2023
Hubble Space Telescope, WFC3/UVIS <i>Confirming Extreme Lyman Continuum Emission in a $z = 3.27$ Star-Forming Galaxy</i>	5 orbits, 2018
Magellan, MagE (co-PI with Vedant Chandra) <i>To 100 kpc and Beyond: Bringing the Gaia Revolution to the Brink of the Galaxy</i>	27 nights, 2022-
Magellan, MIKE (co-PI with Alex Ji) <i>Extending the Chemical Reach of the H3 Survey of the Galactic Halo</i>	20 nights, 2021-23

Magellan, FIRE 10 nights, 2019-20
Rest-UV Spectroscopy of Galaxies Reionizing the Universe at $z = 6 - 7$

Magellan, IMACS 4 nights, 2018
A Ly α Survey to Harvest Lyman Continuum and Prepare for JWST

SELECT OBSERVING PROGRAMS AS CO-INVESTIGATOR

PIs: Charlie Conroy, Dennis Zaritsky, MMT, Hectochelle 200+ nights, 2018-24
The H β Spectroscopic Survey of the Stellar Halo

PI: Pascal Oesch, JWST, NIRCam 53 hours, 2022-23
FRESCO: The First Reionization Epoch Spectroscopic COmplete Survey

PI: Sirio Belli, JWST, NIRSpec 46+35.7 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, 2023
Medium bands, Mega Science: spatially-resolved $R \sim 15$ spectrophotometry of 50,000 sources at $z = 0.3 - 12$

PI: Anna de Graaff, JWST, NIRSpec 59 hrs, 2023-24
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, 2024-25
Dissecting Little Red Dots: the connection between early SMBH growth and cosmic reionization

PI: Seiji Fujimoto, JWST, NIRSpec/NIRCam/MIRI 18 hrs, 2025
Panchromatic characterization of the super-Eddington accretion black hole, host, and environment: Epicenter of red dots, mergers, and dusty starbursts at $z = 7.2$

PI: Mengyuan Xiao, JWST, NIRSpec 17 hrs, 2025
Red Monsters: Kinematics of Two 'Universe Breaking', Ultra-Massive Galaxies in the First Gyr

PI: Rob Simcoe, JWST, NIRCam grism 21 hrs, 2025
Emergence of the Baryon Cycle in the First Billion Years

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

PI: Sandro Tacchella, MMT, MMIRS 12 nights, 2019-21
Consensus on low-mass galaxies: how do low-mass galaxies grow?

PUBLICATION RECORD

26 primary author (first/second author) papers, 2300+ citations, h-index 19, [ADS library](#).
97 total papers, 5600+ citations, h-index 39, [ADS library](#).

† marks student-led papers.

Primary Author Papers

26. S. Fujimoto & **R.P. Naidu** et al., *GLIMPSE: An Ultra-faint $\simeq 10^5 M_{\odot}$ Pop III Galaxy Candidate and First Constraints on the Pop III UV Luminosity Function at $z \simeq 6-7$* , [arXiv](#), submitted to ApJ.
25. J. Matthee, **R.P. Naidu**, G. Brammer, et al., *Little Red Dots: An Abundant Population of Faint Active Galactic Nuclei at $z \sim 5$ Revealed by the EIGER and FRESCO JWST Surveys*, [ApJ](#), **963**, 129M, 2024.
24. †K. Sharpe, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, *What is Missing from the Local Stellar Halo?*, [ApJ](#), **963**, 162S, 2024.
23. J. Matthee, **R.P. Naidu**, G. Kotiwale et al., *Environmental Evidence for Overly Massive Black Holes in Low Mass Galaxies and a Black Hole - Halo Mass Relation at $z \sim 5$* , [arXiv](#), submitted to ApJ.
22. **R.P. Naidu** & J. Matthee et al., *All the Little Things in Abell 2744: >1000 Gravitationally Lensed Dwarf Galaxies at $z = 0 - 9$ from JWST NIRCcam Grism Spectroscopy*, [arXiv](#), submitted to OJA.
21. †V. Chandra, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, et al., *All-Sky Kinematics of the Distant Halo: The Reflex Response to the LMC*, [arXiv](#), submitted to ApJ.
20. †V. Chandra, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, et al., *Discovery of the Magellanic Stellar Stream Out to 100 kpc*, [ApJ](#), **956**, 110C, 2023.
19. †V. Chandra, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy, et al., *Distant Echoes of the Milky Way's Last Major Merger*, [ApJ](#), **951**, 26C, 2023.
18. A. P. Ji, **R.P. Naidu**, K. Brauer et al., *Chemical abundances of the Typhon Stellar Stream*, [MNRAS](#), **519**, 4467J, 2023.
17. **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.
16. †J. J. Han, **R.P. Naidu**, C. Conroy et al., *A Tilt in the Dark Matter Halo of the Galaxy*, [ApJ](#), **934**, 14, 2022.
15. **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.
14. **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.
13. 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.
12. **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.
11. **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](#), submitted to ApJ.

10. **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](#), submitted to ApJ.
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.
5. **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

71. 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.
70. 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*, [MNRAS](#), **530**, 2512, 2024.
69. A. Torralba-Torregrosa, J. Matthee, **R.P. Naidu** et al. *Anatomy of an ionized bubble: NIRCam grism spectroscopy of the $z = 6.6$ double-peaked Lyman- α emitter COLA1*, [A&A](#), **689**, A44, 2024.
68. K.E. Heintz et al., *Strong damped Lyman- α absorption in young star-forming galaxies at redshifts 9 to 11*, [Science](#), **384**, 890, 2024.
67. S. Belli et al., *Star formation shut down by multiphase gas outflow in a galaxy at a redshift of 2.45*, [Nature](#), **630**, 54, 2024.
66. M. Xiao et al., *Accelerated Formation of Ultra-Massive Galaxies in the First Billion Years*, [Nature](#), in press.
65. A. de Graaff et al., *Efficient formation of a massive quiescent galaxy at redshift 4.9*, [Nature Astronomy](#), in press.
64. K.E. Heintz et al., *A massive, neutral gas reservoir permeating a galaxy proto-cluster after the reionization era*, [Nature](#), under review.
63. A. Adamo et al., *The First Billion Years, According to JWST*, [Nature](#), under review.

62. M. Park et al., *Widespread rapid quenching at cosmic noon revealed by JWST deep spectroscopy*, [ApJ in press](#).
61. K.A. Suess et al., *Medium Bands, Mega Science: a JWST/NIRCam Medium-Band Survey of Abell 2744*, [ApJ in press](#).
60. R.A. Meyer et al., *JWST FRESCO: A comprehensive census of $H\beta+[O III]$ emitters at $6.8 < z < 9.0$ in the GOODS fields*, [MNRAS in press](#).
59. R. Bordoloi et al., *EIGER IV: The cool 10^4 K circumgalactic environment of high- z galaxies*, [ApJ in press](#).
58. J.E. Greene et al., *UNCOVER Spectroscopy Confirms the Surprising Ubiquity of AGN in Red Sources at $z > 5$* , [ApJ, 964, 39, 2024](#).
57. X. Shen et al., *Early galaxies and early dark energy: a unified solution to the hubble tension and puzzles of massive bright galaxies revealed by JWST*, [MNRAS, 533, 3923, 2024](#).
56. B. Wang et al., *RUBIES: Evolved Stellar Populations with Extended Formation Histories at z 7-8*, [ApJL, 969, L13, 2024](#).
55. Y. Li et al., *No Top-heavy Stellar Initial Mass Function Needed: The Ionizing Radiation of GS9422*, [ApJL, 969, L5, 2024](#).
54. E. Pizzati et al., *A unified model for the clustering of quasars and galaxies at $z \approx 6$* , [MNRAS, 534, 3155, 2024](#).
53. A-C. Eilers et al., *EIGER. VI. The Correlation Function, Host Halo Mass, and Duty Cycle of Luminous Quasars at $z > 6$* , [ApJ, 974, 275, 2024](#).
52. X. Ou et al., *The Rise of the r-process in the Gaia-Sausage/Enceladus Dwarf Galaxy*, [ApJ, 974, 232, 2024](#).
51. I. Shivaee et al., *A new census of dust and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons at $z = 0.7 - 2$ with JWST MIRI*, [A&A, 690, A89, 2024](#).
50. C. Conroy et al., *Detection of Accretion Shelves Out to the Virial Radius of a Low-Mass Galaxy with JWST*, [ApJ, 968, 129C, 2024](#).
49. J. Matharu et al., *A first look at spatially resolved star formation at $4.8 < z < 6.5$ with JWST FRESCO NIRCam slitless spectroscopy*, [A&A, 690, A64, 2024](#).
48. A. Weibel et al., *Galaxy build-up in the first 1.5 Gyr of cosmic history: insights from the stellar mass function at $z \approx 4 - 9$* , [MNRAS, 533, 1808, 2024](#).
47. C. Neufeld et al., *FRESCO: The Paschen- α Star-forming Sequence at Cosmic Noon*, [ApJ, 972, 156, 2024](#).
46. V. Chandra et al., *The Three-phase Evolution of the Milky Way*, [ApJ, 972, 112, 2024](#).
45. J. Kerutt et al., *Lyman continuum leaker candidates at $z \sim 3 - 4$ in the HDUV based on a spectroscopic sample of MUSE LAEs*, [A&A, 684, A42, 2024](#).
44. J.S. Speagle et al., *Mapping the Milky Way in 5D with 170 Million Stars*, [ApJ, 970, 121, 2024](#).
43. R. Gottumukkala et al., *Unveiling the hidden Universe with JWST: dust-obscured galaxies at $z \sim 3 - 8$* , [MNRAS, 530, 966, 2024](#).
42. M. Yue et al., *EIGER. V. Characterizing the Host Galaxies of Luminous Quasars at $z > 6$* , [ApJ, 966, 176, 2024](#).
41. R.A. Meyer et al., *NOEMA reveals the true nature of luminous red JWST $z > 10$ galaxy candidates*, [A&A, 681, L3, 2024](#).

40. R.L. Davies et al., *JWST reveals widespread AGN-driven neutral gas outflows in massive $z \sim 2$ galaxies*, *MNRAS*, **528**, 4976, 2024.
39. L. Bugiani et al., *AGN Feedback in Quiescent Galaxies at Cosmic Noon Traced by Ionized Gas Emission*, *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
38. B. Wang et al., *RUBIES: JWST/NIRSpec Confirmation of an IR-luminous, Broad-line Little Red Dot*, *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
37. A. Covelo-Paz et al., *An $H\alpha$ view of galaxy build-up in the first 2 Gyr: luminosity functions at $z \sim 4 - 6.5$ from NIRCcam/grism spectroscopy*, *arXiv*, submitted to MNRAS.
36. A. de Graaff et al., *RUBIES: a complete census of the bright and red distant Universe with JWST/NIRSpec*, *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
35. T. Woody et al., *The Rapid Formation of the Metal Poor Milky Way*, *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
34. A. Weibel et al., *RUBIES Reveals a Massive Quiescent Galaxy at $z=7.3$* , *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
33. M.A. Marshall et al., *GA-NIFS & EIGER: A merging quasar host at $z=7$ with an overmassive black hole*, *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
32. A. Claeysens et al., *Tracing star formation across cosmic time at tens of parsec-scales in the lensing cluster field Abell 2744*, *arXiv*, submitted to A&A.
31. K.E. Heintz et al., *The JWST-PRIMAL Legacy Survey: A JWST/NIRSpec reference sample for the physical properties and Lyman- α absorption and emission of ~ 500 galaxies at $z = 5.5 - 13.4$* , *arXiv*, submitted to A&A.
30. E.J. Nelson et al., *FRESCO: An extended, massive, rapidly rotating galaxy at $z = 5.3$* , *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
29. 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*, submitted to MNRAS.
28. I. Labbe et al., *UNCOVER: Candidate Red Active Galactic Nuclei at $3 < z < 7$ with JWST and ALMA*, *arXiv*, submitted to ApJ.
27. C. Conroy et al., *Birth of the Galactic Disk Revealed by the H3 Survey*, *arXiv*, submitted to OJA.
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 NIRCcam 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/NIRCcam 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 Lyman α 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 Ly α 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: What makes a galaxy a Ly α emitter?*, [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.
6. D. Zaritsky et al., *A Lower Limit on the Mass of Our Galaxy from the H3 Survey*, [ApJ](#), **888**, 114, 2020.
5. 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., *$z \sim 2.5 - 3$ 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.

SELECT COVERAGE IN POPULAR MEDIA

- On JWST work (Luminous $z > 10$ Galaxies, Little Red Dots, Early Black Holes)
 - *The Biggest Discoveries in Physics in 2023*, [Quanta](#)
 - *Early dark energy could resolve cosmology's two biggest puzzles*, [MIT News](#)
 - *JWST may have found the most ancient starlight we've ever seen—and it's only the beginning*, [The Atlantic](#)

- *JWST’s First Glimpses of Early Galaxies Could Break Cosmology*, [Scientific American cover story](#)
- *Standard Model of Cosmology Survives a Telescope’s Surprising Finds*, [Quanta](#)
- *JWST Discovers a Galaxy That Could Break Physics*, 1.5 million views on [Secrets of The Universe](#) YouTube channel
- On Milky Way work (Farthest Surveys of the Galactic Halo out to > 100 kpc)
 - *Our Milky Way Galaxy’s Most Recent Major Collision*, [SciTech Daily](#)
 - *A mysterious river of gas flowing into the Milky Way has stars inside after all*, [Space.com](#)
 - *Astronomers Find Stars Cast Away from Galactic Neighbors*, [Sky & Telescope](#)
 - *Stars found hidden in huge cloud wrapped around the Milky Way*, [New Scientist](#)
 - *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

Toledo, <i>Galaxy Origins with JWST</i>	High- z Review Talk for Conference, 2025
Ascona, <i>Galaxy Evolution in the JWST Era</i>	High- z Review Talk for Conference, 2024
ISSI Bern, <i>The Early Universe According to JWST</i>	Review Meeting, 2024
Yale, <i>All the Little Things: Dwarf Galaxies from $z \approx 0 - 9$</i>	Tinsley Workshop, 2024
U. of Florida, <i>Into the First Billion Years with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2025
Hawaii, <i>Into the First Billion Years with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2024
Brandeis, <i>Into the First Billion Years with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2024
Carnegie, <i>Into the First Billion Years with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2024
Caltech, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2023
Chicago, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2023
Harvard, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2023
MIT, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2023
Yale, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2023
UTRGV, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2023
Carnegie, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2022
ANU, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2022
UMass Amherst, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Colloquium, 2022
Minnesota, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Colloquium, 2020
Tufts, <i>All the Little Things: Dwarf Galaxies from $z \approx 0 - 9$</i>	Seminar, 2024
STScI, <i>All the Little Things</i>	Seminar, 2024
IIT Hyderabad, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Seminar, 2023
MIT, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Seminar, 2023

Tufts, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Seminar, 2022
Sao Paulo, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Seminar, 2022
U. of Washington, <i>The First Glimpse of the The First Galaxies with JWST</i>	Seminar, 2022
CfA, <i>(Very) Early Results from JWST</i>	Seminar, 2022
DAWN, <i>Solving Reionization with Resolved Lyα</i>	Seminar, 2022
TIFR, <i>Solving Reionization with Resolved Lyα</i>	Seminar, 2022
Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg, <i>Reconstructing the Last Major Merger</i>	Seminar, 2021
Chicago, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Seminar, 2021
UC Santa Cruz, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Seminar, 2021
Carnegie, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Seminar, 2021
NYU, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Seminar, 2021
CfA, <i>Solving Reionization with Resolved Lyα</i>	Seminar, 2021
Surrey, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo</i>	Astrophysics Seminar, 2021
UT Austin, <i>Solving Reionization with Resolved Lyα</i>	Extragalactic Seminar, 2021
Cambridge, <i>Reconstructing the Last Major Merger</i>	Seminar, 2021
Tufts, <i>Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs</i>	Astronomy seminar, 2021
AIP Potsdam, <i>Reconstructing the Last Major Merger</i>	Milky Way seminar, 2021
IAS, Princeton, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Astro Coffee, 2020
Flatiron CCA, <i>Reconstructing the Last Major Merger</i>	Dynamics meeting, 2020
Arizona, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	Galaxy Crawl seminar, 2020
Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo</i>	Galaxy Coffee, 2020
Harvard, <i>Connecting the Milky Way to High-z Galaxy Evolution</i>	HiGEM seminar, 2020
Arizona, <i>Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs</i>	EURECA seminar, 2020
ESO Chile, <i>Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs</i>	Thirty Minutes Talk, 2019

CONFERENCE TALKS

Galaxy Origins in the JWST Era, Toledo, <i>Invited Review</i>	2025
Observing & Simulating Galaxy Evolution in the Era of JWST, Ascona, <i>Invited Review</i>	2024
Cosmic Odysseys, Crete, <i>Seeking the Photons for Reionization</i>	2024
The Early Universe according to JWST, ISSI Bern <i>Seeking the Photons for Reionization</i>	2024
Reionization & Cosmic Dawn, Berkeley <i>Solving Reionization with Resolved Lyα</i>	2022
SAZERAC2, <i>Double Bubble Lyman Trouble: Indirect tracers of LyC for the JWST Era</i>	2021
Streams21, <i>The Accretion Origins of Stellar Streams</i>	2021
AAS Winter Meeting, <i>Unraveling the Galactic Halo with the H3 Survey</i>	2021
Harvard-Heidelberg Star-Formation Meeting, <i>Starburst (Sgrburst) in our Backyard</i>	2020
SAZERAC, <i>Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs</i>	2020
Early Galaxy Evolution in the ALMA & JWST Era, <i>Rapid Reionization by the Oligarchs</i>	2019
Escape of Lyman Radiation, OAC Crete, <i>LyC at $z \approx 2 - 3$ with the HDUV Survey</i>	2018

TEACHING & ADVISING

Teaching

Head Teaching Fellow, <i>Stellar & Planetary Astronomy</i> , Harvard University Instructor: Prof. John Johnson	Spring 2021
Teaching Fellow, <i>Galaxies & Cosmology</i> , Harvard University Instructor: Prof. Charlie Conroy	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, <i>Intro. to Observational Astronomy</i> , Yale-NUS College Instructor: Prof. Bryan Penprase	Spring 2017

Advising

Kate Leonova (Amsterdam) adviser on ongoing reionization projects with JWST; two papers in prep.	2022-
Vedant Chandra (Harvard Astronomy) adviser with Prof. Charlie Conroy on ongoing halo survey; three papers published	2021-
Katherine Sharpe (Harvard College → 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 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).
 - Served ≈ 75 students, primarily from under-served backgrounds, with feedback on their fellowship applications.
- 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).
- Science communication and outreach across diverse communities
 - Enthusiastic public speaker committed to making astronomy accessible to everyone.
 - Recent engagements include: [Ask MIT!](#) series for school students (what does space really look like?), [Astronomy on Tap Los Angeles](#) (*The Milky Way: A Galaxy of Immigrants*), [Kainaat Astronomy](#) (JWST results on first galaxies in the Urdu language).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Panelist for an NSF review (2025)
- Panelist on the Hubble Space Telescope time allocation committee (2024)
- Subject-matter expert reviewer for a NASA peer review (2024)
- Subject-matter expert reviewer for a NASA time allocation committee (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), Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS), 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 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.