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Education

- 08/2015–08/2020 PhD in Physics, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, Advisor: Dr. Jackie Faherty
Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary
(M.A. 2019- Hunter College, MPhil 2019- Graduate Center)
- 08/2011–12/2014 M.S. Physics concentration in Astronomy, San Francisco State University, CA
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Cool, Thesis: *Commissioning the refurbished 30-inch Leuschner telescope and its capabilities to detect transiting exoplanets*
- 08/2006–05/2010 B.S. Astrophysics (Dual Major in German), Michigan State University, MI
Advisor: Horace Smith, Senior Thesis: *RR Lyrae and the Blazhko Effect*

Related Work Experience

- 2020–present **51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellow**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2019–2020 **Non-Teaching Adjunct**, Macaulay Honors College, New York, NY
- 2018–2019 **Non-Teaching Adjunct**, College of Staten Island, Staten Island, NY
- 2017–2019 **Research Mentor**, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY
- Fall 2017 **Adjunct Lecturer**, Hunter College, New York, NY
- Spring 2016 **Physics Tutor**, Self Employed
- Spring 2015 **Lecturer**, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
- 2011–2014 **Graduate Teaching Associate**, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
- 2013–2014 **Telescope Workshop Instructor**, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
- Sum. 2008 **Intern**, Institute for Experimental and Applied Physics, University of Kiel, Kiel, Germany

Honors and Awards

- 2021 **ExoExplorer**, NASA ExoExplorers Program
- 2020 **51 Pegasi b Fellowship in Planetary Astronomy**, Heising-Simons Foundation
(Three-year, \$375,000 grant)
- 2019 **Mina Rees Dissertation Fellowship in the Sciences**, City University New York Graduate Center
(Dissertation Year support, \$25,000)
- 2019 **Ford Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention**, Ford Foundation
- 2018 **Beth Brown Memorial Award**, National Society of Black Physicists 2018 Conference
(Best oral presentation in astronomy: *Is TRAPPIST-1 a Unique M-dwarf Host Star*)
- 2018 **Third Place Prize Graduate Student Poster Competition**, Cool Stars 20
- 2018 **Graduate Student Prize**, Astronomical Society of New York
- 2018 **Chambliss Honorable Mention**, AAS 231st Meeting
(Poster: *Examining Cloud, Metallicity, and Gravity signatures in Brown Dwarfs*)
- 2017 **NSF AGEP**, National Science Foundation Supplemental Award
(\$36,000/year salary support, renewed for a total of 3 years)
- 2017 **LSSTC Data Science Fellow**, Large Synoptic Survey Telescope Corporation
Two-year program of 6 week-long intensive data science workshops
- 2016 **NIGMS RISE Fellowship**, National Institute of Health
(\$30,000/year salary, \$1,500/year travel funds, \$1,500/year research allowance, full tuition)
- 2015 **CUNY Science Scholar**, City University of New York Graduate Center
(AY 2015-2016: \$25,000 stipend and tuition, AY16-17, AY 17-18, AY 18-19, AY19-20: tuition)

2014 **Honorable Mention**, College of Science and Engineering Showcase San Francisco State Uni.
(Poster: *Calibration and first images from the refurbished Leuschner 30-inch Telescope*)

Refereed Publications

- **Gonzales, E.C.**, Burningham, B., Faherty, J. K., Cleary, C., Visscher, C., Marley, M., Lupu, R., & Freedman, R. *Retrieval of the d/sdL7+T7.5p binary SDSS J14162408+1348263AB*, ApJ, Accepted. [arXiv:2010.01224](#)
- Faherty, J.K., Goodman, S., Caselden, D., Colin, G., Kuchner, M. J., Meisner, A. M., Gagné, J., Schneider, A. C., **Gonzales, E. C.**, Bardalez Gagliuffi, D., Logdson, S. E., Allers, K., Burgasser, A.J., & The Backyard Worlds: Planet 9 Collaboration, *WISE2150-7250AB: A very low mass, wide co-moving brown dwarf system discovered through the citizen science project Backyard Worlds: Planet 9*. ApJ, 2020, 889,176. [arXiv:1911.04600](#)
- **Gonzales, E.C.**, Faherty, J. K., Gagné, J., Teske, J., McWilliam, A., & Cruz, K. L. *A Reanalysis of the Fundamental Parameters and Age of TRAPPIST-1*. ApJ, 2019, 886, 131. [arXiv:1909.13859](#)
- **Gonzales, E.C.**, Faherty, J. K., Gagné, J., Artigau, É., & Bardalez Gagliuffi, D. *Understanding Fundamental Properties and Atmospheric features of subdwarfs via a case study of SDSS J125637.13-022452.4*. ApJ, 2018, 864, 100. [arXiv:1807.04794](#)
- Faherty, J.K., Gagné, J., Burgasser, A.J., Mamajek, E.E., **Gonzales, E.C.**, Bardalez Gagliuffi, D. C., & Marocco, F. *A Late-type L Dwarf at 11 pc Hiding in the Galactic Plane Characterized Using Gaia DR2*. ApJ, 2018, 868, 44. [arXiv:1805.01573](#)

Non-refereed Publications

- **Gonzales, E.C.**, Burningham, B., Faherty, J. K., Visscher, C., Marley, M., Lupu, R., & Freedman, R. *The first retrieval of a substellar subdwarf: A cloud-free SDSS J1256-0224*, In prep.
- Gagné, J., **Gonzales, E.C.**, & Faherty, J.K. *A Gaia DR2 Confirmation that 2MASS J12074836-3900043 is a Member of the TW HYA Association*. RN AAS, 2018, 2, 2. [arXiv:1804.09625](#)

Invited Talks, Seminars, and Panels

- Mar. 2021 *Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary*, Rochester Institute of Technology, Astronomy Colloquium, Virtual
- Feb. 2021 *Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary*, University of Delaware Department of Physics and Astronomy Seminar, Virtual
- Dec. 2020 *Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary*, JILA/ University of Colorado Boulder Astrophysics Seminar, Virtual
- Nov. 2020 *Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary*, Cornell Planetary Lunch Seminar, Ithaca, NY
- Oct. 2020 Speaker on the *How to Organize a Movement Panel*, Yale, Virtual panel
- Aug 2020 Speaker on the *Women+ of Color Project 2019 Reunion: The Path to Graduate School Panel*, Virtual panel
- Feb. 2020 *Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary*, Center for Space & Habitability (CSH) Symposium, University of Bern, Bern Switzerland
- Jan. 2019 *A Reanalysis of the Age of TRAPPIST-1*, **Beth Brown Memorial Prize talk**, AAS 233, Seattle, WA
- Dec. 2018 *Is TRAPPIST-1 A Unique M-dwarf Host Star?*, Queensborough Community College Physics department Seminar, New York, NY
- Nov. 2018 Speaker on Women and Gender Minorities Panel Session at National Society of Black Physicists 2018 Conference, Columbus, OH

- July 2018 *Understanding Atmospheres of Subdwarfs via SDSS J1256-0224*, **Graduate Student Prize Talk**, Astronomical Society of New York 50th Meeting, New York, NY
- Feb. 2017 *Understanding Atmospheres of Subdwarfs via a case study of SDSS J1256-0224*, Harvard CfA Planets and Stars Seminar, Cambridge, MA
- Nov. 2017 *Understanding Atmospheres of Low-mass Stars, Brown Dwarfs, and Giant Exoplanets*, SACNAS, Salt Lake City, UT

Contributed Talks and Posters

- Aug. 2020 Talk: *Brewster Retrievals: From Brown Dwarfs and Directly-Imaged Exoplanets*, 51 Pegasi b Virtual Summit 2020
- Jan. 2020 Talk: *Understanding Atmospheres Across the Stellar-Substellar Boundary*, Dissertation Talk, AAS 235, Honolulu, HI
- Nov. 2019 Talk: *Spectral Retrieval of the binary 2MASS J1416+1348AB*, National Society of Black Physicists 2019, Providence, RI
- Oct. 2019 Talk: *Atmospheric Retrieval of the d/sdL7+T7.5p binary 2MASS J1416+1348AB*, BDEXOCON III, Newark, DE
- Sept. 2019 Talk: *Atmospheric Retrieval of the d/sdL7+T7.5p binary 2MASS J1416+1348AB*, Center for Computational Astrophysics GothamFest, New York, NY
- June 2019 Talk: *A Reanalysis of the Age of TRAPPIST-1*, TRAPPIST-1 Toward the comparative study of temperate terrestrial worlds- Liège, Belgium
- Jan. 2019 Poster: *Is TRAPPIST-1 a Unique M-dwarf Host Star?*, AAS 233, id#259.01, Seattle, WA
- Nov. 2018 Talk: *Is TRAPPIST-1 a Unique M-dwarf Host Star?*, National Society of Black Physicists 2018, Columbus, OH
- July 2018 Poster: *Is TRAPPIST-1 a Unique M-dwarf Host Star?*, Cool Stars 20, Poster #111, Cambridge, MA, DOI:[10.5281/zenodo.1420451](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1420451)
- July 2018 Poster: *The BDNYC Database of low-mass stars, brown dwarfs, and planetary mass companions*, co-author, Cool Stars 20, Cambridge, MA, DOI:[10.5281/zenodo.1478145](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1478145)
- Jan. 2018 Poster: *Examining Cloud, Metallicity, and Gravity signatures in Brown Dwarfs*, AAS 231 id.#347.37, National Harbor, MD
- Jan. 2018 Poster: *The BDNYC Database of low-mass stars, brown dwarfs, and planetary mass companions*, co-author, AAS 231, id.#349.33, National Harbor, MD
- Nov. 2017 Talk: *Understanding Atmospheres of Low-mass Stars, Brown Dwarfs, and Giant Exoplanets*, National Society of Black Physicists 2017, Moorehouse College, Atlanta, GA
- Oct. 2017 Talk: *Understanding Atmospheres of Low-mass Stars, Brown Dwarfs, and Giant Exoplanets*, National Society of Black Physicists 2017, Moorehouse College, Atlanta, GA (Nov) and BDEXOCON II, University of Delaware, Newark, DE (Oct)
- Sept. 2017 Talk: *Understanding Atmospheres of Low-mass Stars, Brown Dwarfs, and Giant Exoplanets*, Astrofest, Columbia University, New York, NY
- June 2017 Poster: *Examining Cloud, Metallicity, and Gravity signatures in Brown Dwarfs*, Women in Astronomy IV, Austin TX and ERES III, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Oct. 2016 Poster: *Examining gravity, clouds and metallicity signatures in young and old brown dwarfs*, National Society of Black Physicists Fall Workshop, Femi Lab
- Feb. 2015 Poster: *Testing the refurbished Leuschner 30-inch Telescope and its capabilities to detect transiting exoplanets*, AAS 225, id.#258.04, Seattle, WA (Jan) and National Society of Black Physicists 2015, Baltimore, MD (Feb)
- Jan. 2015
- May 2014 Poster: *Testing the refurbished Leuschner 30-inch Telescope and its ability to detect planets around other stars*, San Francisco State University College of Science and Engineering (COSE) Project Showcase (May) and San Francisco State University Graduate Research and Creative Works Showcase (April), San Francisco, CA
- Apr. 2014

- May 2014 Poster: *Calibration and first images from the refurbished Leuschner 30-inch Telescope*, co-author, COSE Showcase, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
- Dec. 2008 Poster: *TNS - A compact, light-weight sensor for thermal neutrons*, co-author, AGU Fall 2008 Meeting, id.#P53C-1458

Grants and Telescope Proposals

- 2020 **51 Pegasi b Fellowship-** Heising-Simons Foundation three-year, \$375,000 grant
- 2019 **Amie James Science Travel Award-** \$1000 to support presentation at Cloud Academy II
- 2019 **Physics Tithe Fellowship-** \$509 AY 2019–2020 support at CUNY Graduate Center
- 2019 **Mina Rees Dissertation Fellowship in the Sciences-** Dissertation Year support, \$25,000
- 2019 **Cool Stars Travel Grant-** Covered registration (\$500) for Cool stars 20 conference
- 2019 **Doctoral Student Research Grant Round 13-** \$900 to attend Cool Stars 20 Conference
- 2017–2019 **NSF AGEP-** \$36,000/year salary support, supplemental award to PI:Emily Rice’s NSF
- 2018 **Physics Tithe Fellowship-** \$374 AY 2018–2019 support at CUNY Graduate Center
- 2018 **Sigma Xi Grant-In-Aid of Research-** \$3178 travel funds for observing run
- 2018 **AAS FAMOUS Travel Grant -** \$500 toward the attendance of the 231st AAS Meeting
- 2018A–2019 **NOAO Observing Proposal- *Weather and aurorae on one of the Sun’s nearest neighbours***, (PI: J. Faherty), Co-I, 1 Night on SOAR Spartan
- 2017 **PSC-CUNY Research Award 2017-** (PI: Emily Rice), \$6,000 for observing trips
- 2016 **NIGMS RISE Fellowship-** \$30,000/year salary, \$1,500/year travel funds, \$1,500/year research allowance, full tuition
- 2015 **CUNY Science Scholar-** AY 2015–2016: \$25,000 stipend and full tuition
AY 2016–2017, AY 2017–2018, AY 2018–2019, and AY 2019–2020: full tuition
- 2015 **AAS FAMOUS Travel Grant-** \$1000 toward the attendance of the 225th AAS Meeting

Observing Experience

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| 2019 | IRTF/SpEX | 1/2 night |
| 2016–2018 | Magellan/FIRE | 9 nights |
| 2016–2018 | Magellan/ FOURSTAR | 9 nights |
| 2017 | DuPont/CAPScam | 1 night |

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2017 **Adjunct Lecturer**, Astro 102 (Laboratory Experiments in Astronomy), Hunter College
Taught one section of introductory astronomy lab for non-science majors, 20 students.
- Spring 2015 **Lecturer**, ASTR 116 (Astronomy Laboratory), San Francisco State University
Taught one section of Introductory Astronomy Lab for non-science majors, ~30 students
Prepared short lectures and activities to be done in the SFSU planetarium. Developed and graded quizzes, homework, and exams.
- Spring 2015 **Lecturer**, PHYS 112 (General Physics I Laboratory), San Francisco State University
Taught one section of Introductory Physics Lab for science majors, ~30 students.
Developed and graded quizzes and homework.
- 2013–2014 **Leuschner Telescope Workshop Instructor**, San Francisco State University San Francisco, CA. Taught students how to operate the Leuschner 30-inch Telescope
- Fall 2011–
Fall 2014 **Graduate Teaching Associate**, ASTR 116 (Astronomy Laboratory), San Francisco State University. Taught two sections per semester of Introductory Astronomy Lab for non-

science majors, ~30 students. Prepared short lectures and activities to be done in the SFSU planetarium. Developed and graded quizzes, homework, and exams. Part of group rewriting labs to be inquiry based.

Mentoring Experience

2020-present	Mentor to a small cohort of students in Cornell Multicultural Academic Council (MAC) Mentoring Program
2019-present	Mentored Emily Calimari (CUNY GC graduate student) on atmospheric retrievals of brown dwarfs
2018-2019	Co-Advisor of AMNH Helen Fellow (postbac) Colleen Cleary on subdwarf retrievals
2018-2019	Advisor of Makenzi Fischbach (HS Senior), Science Mentoring Research Program
2018-2019	Advisor of Dillion Murugesan (HS Junior), Science Mentoring Research Program
2018-2019	Advisor of Summer Williams (HS Junior), Science Mentoring Research Program
2017-2018	Advisor of Tony Zhu (HS Senior), Science Mentoring Research Program
2017-2018	Advisor of Nina Christenson (HS Junior), Science Mentoring Research Program
2017-2018	Advisor of Zephan D'Cruz (HS Junior), Science Mentoring Research Program
2017	Mentored Danya Abdelhameid (undergraduate), GradSpark Accelerator Program

K-12 Teaching and Mentoring Experience

2017-2019	Research Mentor , Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History New York, NY. Advised high school students during a year-long research project.
2018	Instructor , American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY. Co-taught Wonderful Universe, an after school introductory astronomy class for sophomore, junior, and senior high school students.
2014-2015	Lego Engineer Instructor , Play-Well TEKnologies, San Francisco/ San Mateo Area, CA Taught K-5 th graders engineering through play with Legos as an after school program or birthday party. Created lesson plans to cover engineering concepts and building skills.
Summers 2012-2014	Lead Science Instructor , Camp Galileo, Woodside, CA Taught 3 rd -5 th graders science projects related to weekly camp themes. Helped campers to develop inquiry based learning skills using Galileo Innovation Approach.
2010-2011	Guest Experience Team Member , Impression 5 Science Center Lansing, MI Taught science workshops for general public, school groups and birthday parties. Engaged with visitors on the floor by answering questions about exhibits and running small activities.
2008-2010	America Reads Tutor , Woodcreek Elementary, Lansing, MI Worked with Kindergarten, 1 st , 3 rd and 4 th graders to improve their reading and math skills. Read aloud in small groups and worked on math worksheets.

Professional Service

2020-present	NSBP ASTRO Committee Member, NSBP 2020 Conference session organization.
2018-present	Women and Gender Minorities Committee Member, National Society of Black Physicists
Oct. 2020	#BlackInPhysics Co-founder. Lead organizer of the #BlackInPhysics week event Oct. 25-31 with professional panels, social events, articles, and community engagement via Twitter @BlackInPhysics and blackinphysics.org .
July 2019	Executive Secretary, NASA XRP Panel
2017-2019	AMNH Astrophysics Department Seminar Committee, New York, NY

- Jan. 2019 Recruitment for CUNY Graduate Center Physics Program at Undergraduate Women in Physics Conference, Amherst College, Amherst, MA.
- Nov. 2017 Recruitment for CUNY Graduate Center Physics Program at National Society of Black Physicists 2017 Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Apr. 2017 Bench Sciences Recruitment Video (Physics), CUNY Graduate Center. New York, NY
- 2013–2015 ASTR 116 Curriculum Revamp Committee, San Francisco State University, San Francisco CA. Rewrote astronomy lab curriculum to have an inquiry based focus.

Professional Development and Trainings

- 2021 **Building Mentorship Skills for Academic Careers Training series.** Develop essential research mentoring skills, learn best practices for mentoring undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral researchers, and develop advising and communication skills needed to lead a research team.
- 2020 **NextGen Professor Program.** 2020-2021 Cohort. Engaged in monthly meetings on topics related to professional and career development.

Outreach

- Feb. 2021 Black In Physics Wikithon
- Sept. 2020 Field Trip: Constellations. American Museum of Natural History’s Youtube chat responder.
- Aug. 2020 AAS Journal Author Series Chat on *Reanalysis of the Fundamental Parameters and Age of TRAPPIST-1*. Youtube presentation.
- Aug. 2020 Morrison Planetarium “Cosmic Conversation”, California Academy of Sciences. Virtual presentation on Morrison Planetarium’s Facebook page.
- Sept. 2019 Career Panel for Science Research Mentoring Program at the American Museum of Natural History. New York, NY
- May 2019 Panel Presentation to Kingsbridge High School astronomy class. New York, NY
- Jan. 2019 Astronaut Training, an adult comedy outreach game show at The Caveat. New York, NY
- July 2018 Built solar powered cars with children and solar telescope observing at Bloomberg Summer Picnic. New York, NY
- June 2018 Answered astronomy questions and Open Space planetarium software demonstrations at American Museum of Natural History ID Day. New York, NY
- July 2017 Career Panel with American Museum of Natural History MEEP (college) and Saltz (high school) interns. New York, NY
- June 2017 NRAO Facebook Live poster presentation at Women in Astronomy IV
- Oct. 2014 Partial Solar Eclipse Event. Solar telescope observing and comet making with the general public. San Francisco State University, CA.
- Fall 2012 Observatory Docent, San Francisco State University San Francisco, CA
- Fall 2010 Volunteer, Impression 5 Science Center Lansing, MI
- Fall 2009 Science Theatre Presenter, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI.

In the Media

- Jan. 2021 Nature Physics: [Shining a Light on the Excellence and Power of the Black Physics Community](#)
- Nov. 2020 Astrobites: [#BlackInPhysics week — meet the organizers](#)
- Oct. 2020 Physics Today: [Meet the Organizers of #BlackInPhysics Week](#)

Oct. 2020 Physics World: #BlackInPhysics Week set to celebrate Black Physicists
Oct. 2020 Symmetry Magazine: #BlackInPhysics week to build community, increase visibility