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Employment

51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas at Austin 2018 –

Education

Ph.D., Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Arizona 2018
M.S., Astrophysics, National Taiwan University 2011
B.S., Physics, National Taiwan University 2009

Areas of Interest

Formation and evolution of extrasolar planets; multi-wavelength observations of exoplanets, brown dwarfs, and protoplanetary disks with optical/infrared adaptive optics and radio interferometry; precision dynamical mass measurements of young stars and brown dwarfs; giant molecular clouds in spiral galaxies; amateur astronomy and public outreach

Honors and Grants

51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellowship in Planetary Astronomy 2018 – 2021
TRIF-Imaging Fellowship, University of Arizona 2016 – 2017
College of Science Award in Teaching, University of Arizona 2016
Government Scholarship to Study Abroad, Ministry of Education, Taiwan 2015 – 2017
College of Science Scholarship, University of Arizona 2012 – 2013

Teaching, Service, Outreach Experiences

Scientific Organizing Committee, Frank N. Bash Symposium 2019
TAURUS REU program mentor, UT Austin 2019
Referee for The Astrophysical Journal, Astronomy & Astrophysics, A&A Letters 2018, 2019
Graduate admission committee, Department of Astronomy, Univ. of Arizona 2017
Tucson Initiative for Minority Engagement in Science and Technology Program 2017
Lecturer, Mount Lemmon Adult Astronomy Camp 2015, 2016
Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona 2013, 2014, 2016
Remote operator, Submillimeter Array 2010 – 2011
Teaching Assistant, National Taiwan University 2009

Undergraduate Student Mentoring

Pranav Premnath (UT Austin)
Ariel Mora (Bennington College)

Publications

Wu, Y.-L., Bowler, B. P., Sheehan, P. D., et al., “*ALMA 0.88 mm Survey of Disks around Planetary-mass Companions*”, The Astronomical Journal, 2020, submitted

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- Wu, Y.-L.**, Sakamoto, K., Pan, H.-A., “*Submillimeter Array $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ Imaging of the NGC 6946 Giant Molecular Clouds*”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 839, 6, 2017
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