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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania PhD Candidate in Physics & Astronomy	<i>Expected May 2025</i> Overall GPA: 3.96
University of California, Berkeley Bachelors of Arts in Astrophysics & Computer Science	<i>May 2019</i> Overall GPA: 3.74

RESEARCH

Graduate Researcher <i>Advisor: Adam Lidz</i>	Summer 2021 - Current <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
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- Theoretical/Computation work focused on the Epoch of Reionization (EoR) period of cosmology
- Currently working on constraining ultralight “fuzzy” dark matter models
- Performed model fitting using Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods
- Previous work on considering the KSZ effect and UV Luminosity Functions as probes of Reionization

Undergraduate Researcher <i>Prof. Aaron Parsons (Hydrogen Epoch of Reionization Array (HERA) Team)</i>	Summer 2018 & Summer 2019 - Spring 2020 <i>UC Berkeley</i>
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- Developed a median filter implementation in PyCUDA for use in image denoising.
- Developed a CLEAN deconvolution implementation in PyCUDA for use in radio interferometry
- Updated interferometric visibility simulator for use in HERA telescope calibration
- Learned NVIDIA’s parallel computing language extension CUDA in C++ and Python

Undergraduate Researcher <i>Prof. Alex Filippenko (Lick Observatory Supernova Search (LOSS))</i>	Summer 2018 - Spring 2019 <i>UC Berkeley</i>
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- Analyzed images from the 0.76m Katzman Automatic Imaging Telescope (KAIT) to discover nearby supernovae and tidal disruption events
- Conducted remote all-night observations of astronomical transients using Lick Observatory’s 1m Nickel telescope.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Jackson Sipple**, Adam Lidz, Daniel Grin, and Guochao Sun (2024)
Fuzzy Dark Matter Constraints from the Hubble Frontier Fields
ArXiv preprint. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2407.17059
- [2] **Jackson Sipple** and Adam Lidz (2024)
The Star Formation Efficiency during Reionization as Inferred from the Hubble Frontier Fields
The Astrophysical Journal 961 50. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/ad06a7
- [3] Paul La Plante, **Jackson Sipple** and Adam Lidz (2022)
Prospects for kSZ²-Galaxy Cross-correlations during Reionization
The Astrophysical Journal 928 162L. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/ac5752

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant <i>Electromagnetism & Optics Lab</i>	Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
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- Held 8 hours per week of virtual office hours during social distancing

Teaching Assistant

Astro 121 (Radio Astronomy Lab)

Spring 2020

UC Berkeley

- Assisted students with the use of lab equipment
- Updated the lab's data capture and analysis software

Undergraduate Student Instructor (uGSI)

Astro C10 (Introduction to General Astronomy)

Fall 2017

UC Berkeley

- Taught two weekly hour-long sections of ~ 35 students each
- Created lesson plans, worksheets, and quizzes on my own
- Assisted in writing exam questions

Lab Assistant

CS 61C (Computer Architecture)

Summer 2017

UC Berkeley

- Answered students' conceptual questions six hours a week during 3 lab sections of ~ 40 students each
- Evaluated students' verbal answers at the end of labs and awarded points based on those answers

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Academic Reader

Astro C10 (Introduction to General Astronomy) - Fall 2016 & Summer 2017

Math 53 (Multivariable Calculus) - Summer 2017

Astro C12 (Planets) - Spring 2018 & Spring 2019

CS 161 (Computer Security) - Fall 2018

Fall 2016 - Spring 2019

UC Berkeley

- Graded homework assignments
- Proctored exams

Administrative Assistant

Community Education Program

Summer 2016

Orange Coast College

- Assisted customers with general questions and enrollment
- Acted as a liaison between instructors and staff