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Appointments

Massachusetts Institute of Technology *New York, NY*
Torres Fellow *2026 –*

Flatiron Institute, Center for Computational Astrophysics *New York, NY*
Flatiron Research Fellow *2025*

Education

Columbia University *New York, NY*
M.A. in Astronomy and Astrophysics (2022) *2020 – 2025*
M.Phil. in Astronomy and Astrophysics (2023)
Ph.D. Candidate in Astronomy and Astrophysics (expected 2025)
– **Advisor**: David Kipping
– **Thesis**: From Wobbles to Worlds: Developing a Framework for Detecting Unseen Planets and Moons

Massachusetts Institute of Technology *Cambridge, MA*
B.S. in Physics with Concentration in Astronomy *2014-2018*
Minors in Computer Science and Comparative Media Studies
– **Advisor**: Paul L. Schechter
– **Thesis**: Statistical Analyses of Gravitational Microlensing Probability Densities

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

- **Pinkerton Foundation Grant Winner ($65K)** – Columbia STAR Program: 2025.
- **Pinkerton Foundation Discretionary Fund Grant Winner ($5K)** – Columbia STAR Program: 2024.
- **Columbia Incite Breakdown/(Re)generate Finalist ($40K)** – Columbia STAR Program: 2024.
- **NASA ExoExplorer**: 2023-2024.
- **LSST-DA DSFP Fellow**: 2023-2025.
- **AAS NOLP Fellow**: 2023-2025.
- **Dean's Fellowship**, Columbia GSAS: 2020 – 2025.
- **Guest Researcher**, Flatiron Institute, Center for Computational Astrophysics: 2020 – .
- **NSF GRFP Honorable Mention**: 2020.

Publications

Citations: 1200 total. *h-index:* 17. *i10-index:* 21. Updated September 2025.

First Author Publications

7. **Yahalomi, D. A.** and Kipping, D. "A Map of the Orbital Landscape for Perturbing Planet Solutions for Single-Planet Systems with TTVs." *submitted to AAS Journals*, arXiv:2411.10493, (2024).
6. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "The `democratic detrender`: Ensemble-Based Removal of Nuisance Signal in Stellar Time-Series Photometry." *submitted to AAS Journals*, arXiv:2411.09753,(2024).
5. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "The Exoplanet Edge: Planets Do Not Induce Observable Transit Timing Variations with a Dominant Transit Timing Variation Period Faster than Half Their Orbital Period ." The Astrophysics Journal Letters, 984, L67, (2025).

4. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "Not So Fast Kepler-1513: A Perturbing Planetary Interloper in the Exomoon Corridor." Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 527, 1, 620-639 (2024).
3. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "Detecting Solar System Analogs through Joint Radial Velocity/Astrometric Surveys" The Astronomical Journal, 166, 6, id.258, (2023).
2. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "The Mass of the White Dwarf Companion in the Self-Lensing Binary KOI-3278: Einstein vs. Newton." The Astrophysical Journal, 880, 33 (2019).
1. **Yahalomi, D. A.**, Schechter, P. L, and Wambsganss, J. "A Quadruply Lensed SN Ia: Gaining a Time-Delay…Losing a Standard Candle." MIT Journal of Undergraduate Research, Fall 2017 – arXiv:1711.07919.

Independent Significant Contribution

I contributed significant ideas, wrote/ran code, analyzed results, and/or wrote part of the manuscript.

5. Kipping, D. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A. (third author)** "A Reply to: Large Exomoons unlikely around Kepler-1625 b and Kepler-1708 b" under consideration by Nature Astronomy as Matters Arising, arXiv:2401.10333 (2024).
4. Grunblatt, S. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Roman CCS White Paper: Adding Fields Hosting Globular Clusters To The Galactic Bulge Time Domain Survey." White Paper, arXiv:2306.10647 (2023).
3. Kipping, D. and **Yahalomi D. A.** "A search for transit timing variations within the exomoon corridor using Kepler data." Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 518, 3 (2023).
2. Christian, S. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A. (fourth author)** "A Possible Alignment Between the Orbits of Planetary Systems and their Visual Binary Companions." The Astronomical Journal, 163, 5 (2022).
1. Palatnick S., Kipping D., and **Yahalomi D. A.** "Validation of HD 183579b Using Archival Radial Velocities: A Warm Neptune Orbiting a Bright Solar Analog." The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 909, 1 (2021).

TESS Collaboration Papers

My authorship results from my contributions to mission planning, ground-based observing, and/or internal data analysis in the TESS collaboration. In all such instances, I provided substantive feedback on the manuscript.

18. Giacalone, S. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Validation of 13 Hot and Potentially Terrestrial TESS Planets." The Astronomical Journal, 163, 2 (2022).
17. Ikwut-Ukwa, M. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Two Massive Jupiters in Eccentric Orbits from the TESS Full Frame Images." The Astronomical Journal, 163, 1 (2022).
16. Scarsdale, N. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "TESS-Keck Survey. V. Twin Sub-Neptunes Transiting the Nearby G Star HD 63935." The Astronomical Journal, 162, 5 (2021).
15. Teske, J. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "The Magellan-TESS Survey. I. Survey Description and Midsurvey Results." The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series, 256, 2 (2021).
14. Hoyer, S. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "TOI-220 b: a warm sub-Neptune discovered by TESS." Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 505, 3 (2021).
13. Dong, J. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Warm Jupiters in TESS Full-Frame Images: A Catalog and Observed Eccentricity Distribution for Year 1." The Astrophysical Journal Supplement, 255, 1 (2021).
12. Guerrero, N. M. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "The TESS Objects of Interest Catalog from the TESS Prime Mission." The Astrophysical Journal Supplement, 254, 2 (2021).
11. Rodriguez, J. E. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "TESS Delivers Five New Hot Giant Planets Orbiting Bright Stars from the Full Frame Images." The Astronomical Journal, 161, 4 (2021).
10. Zhou, G. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Two Young Planetary Systems around Field Stars with Ages between 20 and 320 Myr from TESS." The Astronomical Journal, 161, 1 (2021).
9. Brahm, R. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "TOI-481 b and TOI-892 b: Two Long-period Hot Jupiters from the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite." The Astronomical Journal, 160, 5 (2020).
8. Beatty, T. G. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "The TESS Phase Curve of KELT-1b Suggests a High Dayside Albedo." The Astronomical Journal, 160, 211 (2020).
7. Ikwut-Ukwa, M. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "The K2 & TESS Synergy I: Updated Ephemerides and Parameters

for K2-114, K2-167, K2-237, & K2-261." The Astronomical Journal, 160, 209 (2020).

6. Wong, I. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Systematic Phase Curve Study of Known Transiting Systems from Year 1 of the TESS Mission." The Astronomical Journal, 160, 155 (2020).
5. Mireles, I. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "TOI 694 b and TIC 220568520 b: Two Low-Mass Companions Near the Hydrogen Burning Mass Limit Orbiting Sun-like Stars." The Astronomical Journal, 160, 133 (2020).
4. Wong, I., et al. **including Yahalomi, D. A.** "Exploring the atmospheric dynamics of the extreme ultra-hot Jupiter KELT-9b using TESS photometry." The Astronomical Journal, 160, 88 (2020).
3. Dragomir, D. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Securing the Legacy of TESS through the Care and Maintenance of TESS Planet Ephemerides." The Astronomical Journal, 159, 219 (2020).
2. Diaz, M. R. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "TOI-132 b: A short-period planet in the Neptune desert transiting a V=11.3 G-type star." Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 493, 973 (2020).
1. Rodriguez, J., et al. **including Yahalomi, D. A.** "An Eccentric Massive Jupiter Orbiting a Sub-Giant on a 9.5 Day Period Discovered in the TESS Full Frame Images." The Astronomical Journal, 157, 191 (2019).

Advising

As Primary Advisor

Undergraduate Students:

- Determining the Mass and Radius of the White Dwarfs in Four Kepler Self-Lensing Binaries, 2023 – .
  - **Yassine Abaakil,** Columbia University Undergraduate.

High School Students (through Harvard SRMP & Columbia STAR):

- Micrometeoroid Impact Rate Analysis for an Artemis-Era Lunar Base, 2024 – 2025.
  - **Nasiah Anderson,** CSS 12th Grade, Currently a Lafayette College Undergraduate
  - **Mark Driker,** CSS 11th Grade.
  - **Kokoro Onuma,** CSS 10th Grade.
- Identifying Transit Timing Variations in Planetary Hierarchical Triples, 2022 – 2023.
  - **Farai Sundai,** CRLS 10th Grade, Currently a Northwestern University Undergraduate.
  - **Jiajing Liu,** CRLS 12th Grade, Currently a University of Minnesota Undergraduate.
  - **Lila Valaskovic,** CRLS 12th Grade, Currently a Colgate Undergraduate.
- Modeling the Radial Velocities of Four Kepler Self-Lensing Binaries, 2020 – 2021.
  - **Mohammed Sakib,** CRLS 11th Grade. Currently a Harvard Undergraduate.
  - **Tsion Tedla,** CRLS 12th Grade, Currently a Boston University Undergraduate.
  - **Victoria Chen,** CRLS 10th Grade, Currently a University of Toronto Undergraduate.

As Co-Advisor

- "Democratically" Detrending TESS M-Dwarfs, Summer 2022.
  - **Andrew Zhang,** Columbia Undergraduate.
  - **Avishi Poddar,** Columbia Undergraduate.
  - **Madison Li,** Columbia Undergraduate.

Outreach

Columbia Student Training in Astronomy Research (STAR) Program *Cambridge, MA*
– **Founder & Director** (2024–) & **Research Project Mentor** (2024–). *2024 –*

Harvard-MIT Science Research Mentoring Program (SRMP) *Cambridge, MA*
– **Co-Director** (2021–2023), **Research Project Mentor:** (2022–2023, 2020–2021), *2018 – 2023*
Associate Director (2020-2021), & **Head of Observing** (2018–2020).

Professional Activities

- **Journal Referee**, The Astrophysical Journal (2023 – present), Universe (2023 – present).
- **Graduate Student Representative**, Columbia Astronomy Faculty Meeting: 2024-2025.
- **Graduate Student Representative**, Columbia Astronomy Faculty Search Committee: 2024.
- **Graduate Student Faculty Liaison**, Columbia Astronomy Department: 2022-2024.
- **Graduate Student Representative**, Columbia Astronomy Faculty Search Committee: 2022.
- **Member**, American Astronomical Society (2018 – present.)
- **Member**, TESS Follow-up Observing Program (2018 – present.)
- **Associate Member**, Sigma Xi (2020 – present.)
- **Science Alliance Member**, New York Academy of Sciences (2020 – present.)

Observing Proposals

As PI

3. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "Photometric Confirmation and Ephemeris Refinement of TESS Planet Candidates.", MDM McGraw-Hill 1.3m Telescope 2023b, 8 nights.
2. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "Photometric Confirmation and Ephemeris Refinement of TESS Planet Candidates.", MDM McGraw-Hill 1.3m Telescope 2022a, 4 nights.
1. **Yahalomi, D. A.** et al. "Photometric Confirmation and Ephemeris Refinement of TESS Planet Candidates.", MDM McGraw-Hill 1.3m Telescope 2022b, 5 nights.

As Co-I or Collaborator

5. Pooley, D. A. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Nano-arcsecond Tomography of the Central Regions of the Quasar in SDSS J0924+0219.", Chandra Cycle 26, Large Target of Opportunity Proposal.
4. Cassese, B. and **Yahalomi, D. A.**. "Attempted Recovery of a Distant Trans-Neptunian Object." MDM Hiltner 2.4m Telescope 2022b, 5 nights.
3. Pooley, D. A. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Nano-arcsecond Tomography of the Central Regions of the Quasar in SDSS J0924+0219.", Chandra Cycle 24, Large Target of Opportunity Proposal.
2. Pooley, D. A. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Nano-arcsecond Tomography of the Central Regions of the Quasar in SDSS J0924+0219.", Chandra Cycle 23, Large Target of Opportunity Proposal.
1. Angus, R. et al. **including Yahalomi D. A.** "Measuring long rotation periods from TESS light curves.", NASA TESS Guest Investigator program, Cycle 3, large program.

Selected Talks

- **New York Area Exoplanets Meeting** (*New York, NY*), May 2025.
- **Machine Learning in Planetary System Dynamics CCA Workshop** (*New York, NY*), April 2025.
- **Weizmann Institute of Science Seminar** (*Rehovot, Israel*), February 2025.

- **Circumplanetary Disks and Satellite Formation III** (*Kyoto, Japan*), January 2025.
- **AAS 245th Meeting** (*National Harbor, MD*), January 2025.
- **Yale Exoplanet & Stars Seminar** (*New Haven, CT*), November 2024.
- **New York Area Exoplanets Meeting** (*New York, NY*), May 2024.
- **Princeton Exoplanet Lunch Talk** (*Princeton, NJ*), May 2024.
- **Bard College Physics Colloquium** (*Annandale-On-Hudson, NY*), April 2024.
- **Columbia Astronomy Public Talk** (*New York, NY*), April 2024.
- **NASA ExoExplorers Talk** (*Zoom*), April 2024.
- **MIT TESS Science Talk** (*Cambridge, MA*), April 2024.
- **Harvard CfA Exoplanet Pizza Lunch** (*Cambridge, MA*), April 2024.
- **Extreme Solar Systems V** (*Christchurch, New Zealand*), February 2024.
- **Weizmann Institute of Science Seminar** (*virtual*), February 2024.
- **University of Colorado APS Seminar** (*Boulder, CO*), January 2024.
- **AAS 243rd Meeting** (*New Orleans, LA*), January 2024.
- **SwRI Boulder Colloquium** (*Boulder, CO*), January 2023.
- **Harvard CfA Stars and Planets Seminar** (*Cambridge, MA*), May 2021.
- **AAS 237th Meeting** (*virtual*), January 2021
- **Princeton Exoplanet Lunch Meeting** (*Princeton, NJ*), November 2019.
- **Harvard CfA Exoplanet Pizza Lunch** (*Cambridge, MA*), November 2019.
- **AAS 233rd Meeting** (*Seattle, WA*), January 2019.
- **MIT Cosmology Undergraduate Workshop** (*Cambridge, MA*)„ August 2017.
- **Columbia Nevis Laboratory Talk** (*New York, NY*), June 2017.
- **Manhattan Microlensing Conference** (*New York, NY*), June 2017.

Teaching

Columbia Astronomy Department — *New York, NY*

- **Teaching Assistant:** Astrostatistics ... Graduate & Undergraduate Course — *Spring 2023*
- **Instructor:** Observing TA ... Undergraduate Course — *2021 – 2022*
- **Teaching Assistant:** Earth, Moon, and Planets ... Undergraduate Course — *Summer 2021*
- **Teaching Assistant:** Stars and Atoms ... Undergraduate Course — *Spring 2021*
- **Teaching Assistant:** Another Earth ... Undergraduate Course — *Fall 2020*

MIT Physics Department — *Cambridge, MA*

- **Teaching Assistant:** Intro to Mechanics Review (8.01R) — *Jan 2015*