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EDUCATION

- 2015 University of California at Santa Cruz
 Ph.D. (anticipated), Astronomy & Astrophysics
 Adviser: Professor Puragra Guhathakurta
- 2012 University of California at Santa Cruz
 M.S., Astronomy & Astrophysics
- 2009 University of California at Berkeley
 B.A., Physics, 4.00 GPA
- 2007 Ohlone College
 A.S., Physics, 4.00 GPA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2009-present Graduate Student Researcher (Adviser: Puragra Guhathakurta), UC Santa Cruz Department of Astronomy & Astrophysics (A & A)
 Characterizing the structure of the Andromeda Galaxy via resolved stellar population photometry and kinematics
- 2008 Undergraduate Researcher (Adviser: Carl Haber), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
 Designed software for the Library of Congress to digitize the audio data in wax cylinders
- 2008 NSF REU Intern (Advisers: Andrea Ghez and Sylvana Yelda), UCLA Dept. of Astronomy
 Searched for hypervelocity stars near their suspected birthplace at the Galactic Center

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient in Python (including Numpy, Scipy, scikit-learn, Matplotlib), IDL, Unix, and LaTeX
Working knowledge of LabView, HTML, MATLAB, R, C++, SQL
Coursework in machine learning, data mining, algorithms, and statistical modeling

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Workshop Leader, Science Internship Program
 Designed and led workshops on the research process and science communication for high-school students conducting summer research at UC Santa Cruz
- 2013-14 Instructor, Castilleja School
 Designed and co-instructed two inquiry-based seminars on astronomical research
- 2012 Instructor, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
 Designed and instructed an Introduction to the Universe course for non-science majors

- 2010 Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
Ran discussion sections, wrote homeworks and grades, and lectured occasionally for Astronomy 5 (cosmology for non-science majors)
- 2009 Instructor, Elite Educational Institute
Taught Geometry, Algebra II, and SAT Math courses to 7 classes of 20 students each
- 2009 Course grader, UC Berkeley Dept. of Physics
Graded weekly problem sets of 50 students taking second-semester Quantum Mechanics
- 2008 Undergraduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Dept. of Physics
Led four hours of discussion section each week for Physics 8A (mechanics for biology and pre-med students); held weekly office hours; graded exams
- 2008 Volunteer Teaching Assistant, Castlemont High School
Helped inner-city students learn to read their textbook in a remedial afterschool biology class
- 2006-2007 Teaching Assistant, Ohlone College
Designed and taught discussion sections for Algebra I and Introductory Chemistry courses, as one of the school's first three teaching assistants
- 2006-2007 Tutor, Ohlone College Tutorial Center
Worked one-on-one with students failing algebra, chemistry, or calculus courses

ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2014 Undergraduate senior thesis adviser, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
Students: Christopher Powers, Mykhaylo Shumko, and Amanda Ausman
- 2010-2013 Science Internship Program mentor, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
Mentored high school students Amy Cohn, Sanika Kulkarni, and Christina Jansen as they completed research projects through a full time summer internship program.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011-14 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
Tuition and stipend for three years
- 2009-15 Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz
Tuition and stipend for three years
- 2008 Ruth-Mary Larimer Scholarship, UC Berkeley Dept. of Physics
Awarded to top student in the junior class

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2012 Student Award for Excellence in Mentoring, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
Awarded annually to a graduate student for outstanding work mentoring undergraduate research
- 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A

Awarded annually to a graduate student for outstanding work as a teaching assistant

- 2009 Department Citation, UC Berkeley Dept. of Physics
Top graduating senior in the Physics department
- 2009 Commencement Speaker, UC Berkeley Dept. of Physics
Invited to speak at the Physics, Astronomy, & Engineering Physics commencement ceremony
- 2007, 2008 Dean's Honor List, UC Berkeley College of Letters & Science
Top 4% of full-time students in the College
- 2007 Valedictorian and Commencement Student Speaker, Ohlone College
Top graduating student
- 2007 Outstanding Student in Mathematics, Ohlone College
Awarded annually to two students for outstanding performance in mathematics courses

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Completed the Summer Schools in Statistics for Astronomers, Statistical Modeling of Cosmic Populations, and Bayesian Computing for Astronomical Data Analysis at the Pennsylvania State University
- 2012-2014 Elected liaison between faculty and graduate students, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
- 2010-2014 Head Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
Design and run support program for Department teaching assistants
- 2013 Mentorship Training Workshop participant, Monterey Bay Regional Mentorship Alliance
- 2012 Classroom Diversity Workshop participant, Center for Astronomy Excellence
- 2011 Professional Development Program participant, Institute for Scientist and Engineer Educators
- 2011 Teaching Astro 101 Workshop participant, Center for Astronomy Excellence
- 2010 Organized prospective graduate student visit, UC Santa Cruz Dept. of A & A
- 2006 Certified Level 2 Tutor, College Reading and Learning Association

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 **Dorman, Claire E.,** Guhathakurta, P., Seth, A., et al. "*A clear age-velocity dispersion relation in Andromeda's stellar disk.*" *ApJ*, submitted.
- 2013 **Dorman, Claire E.,** Widrow, L. M., Guhathakurta, P., et al. "*A new approach to detailed structural decomposition from the PHAT and SPLASH surveys: Kicked-up disk stars in the Andromeda galaxy?*" [*ApJ*, 779, 103](#)

- 2013 Boyer, M. L, Girardi, L, Marigo, P, incl. **Dorman, Claire E.** “*Is There a Metallicity Ceiling to Form Carbon Stars? -- A Novel Technique Reveals a Scarcity of C stars in the Inner M31 Disk.*” [ApJ, 774, 83](#)
- 2012 **Dorman, Claire E.**, Guhathakurta, P., Fardal, M., et al. “*Kinematics of Andromeda’s Inner Spheroid.*” [ApJ, 752, 147](#)
- 2012 Rosenfield, Philip; Johnson, L. C.; Girardi, Léo, incl. **Dorman, Claire E.** “*The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury. I. Bright UV Stars in the Bulge of M31.*” [ApJ, 755, 131](#)
- 2012 Dalcanton, Julianne J.; Williams, Benjamin F.; Lang, Dustin; incl. **Dorman, Claire E.** “*The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury.*” [ApJS, 200, 18](#)
- 2012 Tollerud, Erik J.; Beaton, Rachael L.; Geha, Marla C.; incl. **Dorman, Claire E.** “*The SPLASH Survey: Spectroscopy of 15 M31 Dwarf Spheroidal Satellite Galaxies.*” [ApJ, 752, 45](#)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 **Dorman, C.**, Widrow, L., and Guhathakurta, P. “*Detailed Structural Decomposition of M31: Kicked-up Disk Stars in Andromeda’s Halo?*” Submitted to PASP
- 2013 **Dorman, C.**, et al. [Talk](#), Structure and Dynamics of Disk Galaxies conference, Little Rock, AR
- 2013 **Dorman, C.**, et al. [Talk](#), The Physical Link Between Galaxies and their Halos conference, Garching, Germany
- 2013 **Dorman, C.** Talk, Graduate Research Symposium, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2013 **Dorman, C.**, Guhathakurta, P., Seth, A. Special Session Talk, 22 1st AAS Meeting, Long Beach, CA ([2013AAS...22131106D](#))
- 2013 **Dorman, C.**, Guhathakurta, P., Widrow, L., et al. Poster, 221st AAS Meeting, Long Beach, CA ([2013AAS...22114609D](#))
- 2012 **Dorman, C.**, Guhathakurta, P., Widrow, L., Foreman-Mackey, D. & Gilbert, K. Poster, The Great Andromeda Galaxy conference, Princeton, NJ
- 2012 **Dorman, C.**, Guhathakurta, P., Fardal, M., et al. Poster, 219th AAS Meeting, Austin, TX ([2012AAS...21934608D](#))
- 2011 **Dorman, C.**, Guhathakurta, P., Howley, K., et al. Friday Lunch Astrophysics Seminar Hour (FLASH) talk, UCSC
- 2011 **Dorman, C.**, Howley, K., Guhathakurta, P., et al. Talk, 217th AAS Meeting, Seattle, WA ([2011AAS...21720703D](#))
- 2010 **Dorman, C.**, Howley, K., Guhathakurta, P., et al. Space Telescope Science Institute May Symposium, Baltimore, MD
- 2008 **Dorman, C.**, Ghez, A., Yelda, S. Poster, 213th AAS Meeting, Long Beach, CA ([2009AAS...21341505D](#))