

# ADINA D. FEINSTEIN

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Chicago

September 2018 - Present

Master of Physical Sciences in Astrophysics

Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0

Master's Thesis: *eleanor: An open-source tool for extracting light curves from the TESS Full-Frame Images*

### Tufts University

September 2014 - May 2018

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics / Minor in English

Major GPA: 3.71/4.0

Senior Honors Thesis: *Exploring the Low and High Mass Extremes in the Distant Universe*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Research Assistant

July 2018 - Present

*Advisors: Professor Jacob Bean & Dr. Benjamin Montet*

*University of Chicago*

- Creating an open-source data analysis pipeline to produce light curves for roughly 25 million stars in the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) Full-Frame Images (FFIs)
- Only publicly available light curves that are tailored towards finding exoplanet transits; will be hosted on MAST servers at the Space Telescope Science Institute
- Updates on the open-source pipeline can be found here: [github.com/afeinstein20/eleanor](https://github.com/afeinstein20/eleanor)

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2015 - May 2018

*Advisor: Professor Danilo Marchesini*

*Tufts University*

- Constructed catalogs of gravitational lensing magnifications using publicly available lensing models for Hubble Frontier Fields cluster pointings; Completed a statistical analysis of systematic and random errors with publicly available magnification catalogs found here: [cosmos.phy.tufts.edu/~danilo/HFF/Home.html](https://cosmos.phy.tufts.edu/~danilo/HFF/Home.html)
- Conducted a brief study on the evolution of high mass ( $M/M_{\text{Sun}} \geq 10^{11}$ ) high redshift ( $2 \leq z \leq 6$ ) galaxies using the Ultra Deep Survey with the VISTA telescope (UltraVISTA) Survey

### Summer Research Assistant

June 2017 - August 2017

*Advisor: Dr. Joshua E. Schlieder*

*NASA Goddard Space Flight Center*

- Determined spectral types and ages of red dwarfs in the solar neighborhood using SpeX, a medium resolution 0.7-5.3  $\mu\text{m}$  spectrograph mounted on the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility
- Calculated basic planet parameters from stellar spectra and *Kepler/K2* light curve observations
- Post-summer Collaboration: Conducted planet confirmation follow-up analysis for a temperate 1.9R<sub>⊕</sub> planet identified by citizen scientists using the Exoplanet Explorers tool on the Zooniverse platform

### High School Research Assistant

Summers of 2013 & 2012

*Advisor: Professor Phil Arras*

*University of Virginia*

- Calculated the effect of planet mass, radius, and semi-major axis on planet rotation periods within the habitable zone of low-mass stars using FORTRAN

*Advisor: Professor Jonathan Lunine*

*Cornell University*

- Studied the effects of a low-mass host star on a carbon dioxide rich (Venus-like) atmosphere

## OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

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*Instrument: FIRE*

- Obtained low-resolution spectra for *TESS* exoplanet candidate follow-up

**NASA Infrared Telescope Facility, Mauna Kea, Hawaii**

July, 2017

*Instrument: SpeX*

- Completed 4 half nights (7/16, 7/17, 7/24, & 7/31) of remote observing using SpeX, a mid-resolution spectrograph, to characterize stars identified by the *Kepler/K2* missions and conduct follow-up confirmation of identified planet transits

**PUBLICATIONS**

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1. *eleanor: An open-source tool for extracting light curves from the TESS Full-Frame Images*  
**Feinstein, A. D.**, Montet, B. T., Foreman-Mackey, D. et al. 2019 submitted
  2. *K2-288Bb: A small temperate planet in a low-mass binary system discovered by citizen scientists*  
**Feinstein, A. D.**, Schlieder, J. E., Livingston, J. H., et al. 2019 AJ, 157, 2
  3. *K2-136: A binary system in the Hyades open cluster hosting a Neptune-sized planet*  
Ciardi, D. R., Crossfield, I. J. M., **Feinstein, A. D.**, et al. 2018, AJ, 155, 10
  4. *Planetary Candidates from K2 Campaign 16*  
Yu, L., Crossfield, I. J. M., Schlieder, J. E., et al. 2018 AJ, 156, 22
  5. *HFF-Deepspace photometric catalogs of the twelve Hubble Frontier Fields, clusters, and parallels: Photometry, photometric redshifts, and stellar masses*  
Shipley, H., Lange-Vagle, D., Marchesini, D., et al. 2018 ApJS, 235, 14
  6. *A TESS Dress Rehearsal: Planetary Candidates and Variables from K2 Campaign 17*  
Crossfield, I. J. M., Guerrero, N., David, T., et al. 2018 AJ, 239, 1

**TALKS & POSTERS**

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- Invited Talks
    1. 5<sup>th</sup> TESS Asteroseismic Science Consortium (TASC) Workshop, MIT (July, 2019)
    2. TESS Data Workshop, Space Telescope Science Institute (February, 2019)
  - Conferences
    1. 233<sup>rd</sup> AAS Meeting – *A Complete Survey of the Southern Sky with TESS Full-Frame Images*  
- Selected speaker for the TESS Special Session  
- Poster presentation (140.14)<sup>1</sup>
    2. 233<sup>rd</sup> AAS Meeting – *K2-288Bb: A Small Temperate Planet in a Low-Mass Binary System Discovered by Citizen Scientists*  
- Poster Presentation (467.04)
    3. 231<sup>st</sup> AAS Meeting – *K2-136: A binary system in the Hyades open cluster hosting a Neptune-sized planet*  
- Session 104. Detection of Extrasolar Planets I
    4. 2017 NASA Goddard Space Flight Center summer intern poster session (July, 2017)
    5. The 4<sup>th</sup> AstroCon DC Meeting, George Washington University (August, 2017)

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<sup>1</sup>Chambliss Medal for outstanding poster presentation

## PRESS

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1. *Discovery of K2-288Bb*  
Press release at 233<sup>rd</sup> AAS meeting; interview on WGN radio and with Corey Powell of NBC News

## OUTREACH

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1. Invited talk about how to find and characterize exoplanets at the Chicago Astronomical Society Monthly meeting (March 12, 2019)
2. *Letters to a Pre-Scientist*  
Scientist pen-pal
3. *Classroom assistant*  
Volunteer at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club after-care program called the Maker Lab, which combines science education and art
4. *Skype a Scientist*  
Volunteer to Skype with classrooms around the world to discuss what it's like to be a scientist
5. *@astrotweeps Twitter Guest Host*  
May 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018
6. *Heard Mentality (WMFO)*  
Invited guest on the Tufts University radio show