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## Education

- 2018, Ph.D. in Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US
- 2015, MA in Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US
- 2013, BS in Physics (double major), Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey
- 2012, BS in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, METU, Ankara, Turkey
- 2008, Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey

## Positions

- Since August 2023, Assistant Professor of Physics, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, US
- June 2022 - July 2023, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, US
- June 2021 - May 2022, Visiting Postdoctoral Associate, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, US
- June 2021 - May 2022, TESS Postdoctoral Associate, MIT, Cambridge, MA, US
- June 2018 - May 2021, Kavli Fellow, MIT, Cambridge, MA, US
- 2013-2018, Research/Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US
- 2011-2013, Teaching Assistant, METU, Ankara, Turkey

## Research Statement

I have had the exciting opportunity to make contributions in the fields of exoplanets and cosmology. My research footprint includes over 80 refereed publications, 3,700 citations, and an h-index of 33 and can be accessed via [NASA ADS](#), [Google Scholar](#), or [my ORCID](#). My Ph.D. thesis was A Transdimensional Perspective on Dark Matter (2018), advised by Douglas P. Finkbeiner.

## Select Research Achievements

- Led the discovery of four small exoplanets transiting a bright, Sun-like star, HD 108236 (Daylan et al. 2021a),
- Significantly contributed to the characterization of over 50 exoplanets (e.g., Daylan et al. 2021b),
- Co-developed the inference framework to model stars and exoplanets (Günther&Daylan2021),
- Led the group vetting of the NASA TESS mission, enabling the discovery of over 6,000 exoplanet candidates,
- Developed transdimensional gravitational imaging to probe the small-scale structure of dark matter (Daylan et al. 2018),
- Constructed a novel statistical method to perform transdimensional inference (Daylan et al. 2017),
- Revealed the consistency between the GeV excess in the inner Galaxy and WIMP annihilation (Daylan et al. 2016).

## Select Awards and Achievements

- Outstanding Achievement Award, WashU Physics, 2023
- Selected by NASA to participate in the ULTRASAT mission as a US PI, 2023
- Selected to participate in the NASA PI Launchpad at the University of Michigan, 2023
- LSST Discovery Alliance Catalyst Fellowship, John Templeton Foundation, 2022
- Selected into NASA FDL Research Team, 2020
- MIT Kavli Fellowship, Kavli Foundation, 2018
- MIT Translational Fellowship, 2018
- AAS Chambliss Competition Honorable Mention, 2015
- WorldQuant Fellowship, 2014
- Harvard Purcell Fellowship, 2013
- Undergraduate Physics Research Award, Bilkent University, 2013

- Selected among the young researchers to attend the Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting, 2012
- Featured by the Scientific American in the “30 under 30” list, 2012
- Bulent Kerim Altay Award, METU, 2008 and 2009
- Great Achievement Fellowship, Prime Ministry of the Turkish Republic, 2008
- Superior Success Fellowship, Turkish Education Foundation, 2008
- Higher Education Examination Achievement Award, Fen Bilimleri, 2008
- Ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among 1.5 million participants (99.999th percentile) in the Higher Education Examination, 2008

### Select awarded grants as PI

- \$299,966, **Preparing for a leap: Precursor Strong Lensing Science with Roman Towards Precision Cosmology**, 2023, 22-ROMAN22-0072, NASA Roman Research and Support Program
- \$93,544, **ExoCore: An open science curriculum for enhanced reproducibility and equity in exoplanet research**, 2023, NASA Transform to OPen Science Training (TOPST)
- \$69,970.71, **Hunting For Black Holes With TESS**, 2021, TESS Guest Investigator (GI) Program, Cycle 4, ID G04190.
- \$5K, **Robust Census of Long-Period Solar System and Interstellar Objects with LSST**, 2021, LSSTC ES
- \$5K, **A Cloud-accelerated hunt for black holes with TESS**, 2021, Azure cloud computing, Princeton University

### Select awarded observational resources as PI

- ULTRASAT US PI program. **Empowering ULTRASAT’s Legacy on Planetary Habitability: a survey of stellar flares and space weather beyond the Solar System**, 22-UTASPS22-0033
- 2-minute cadence targets. **Mapping Star Spots Using TESS**, TESS GI Program, Cycle 4, ID G04206.
- 2-minute cadence targets. **Searching For Compact Objects With Stellar Companions Using TESS**, TESS GI, Cycle 3, ID G03254.
- 1.5 nights. **Revealing the dynamical history of an exceptional multiplanetary system with small transiting planets and a bright host**, Magellan Clay/PFS, 2021A.
- 1 night. **Probing the spin-orbit alignment of a rich and compact multiplanetary system TOI-1233**, Magellan Clay/PFS, 2022A.

### Select awarded grants as non-PI

- \$492,467 **Planet Formation Revealed by a Uniform Analysis of all Giant Planets**, 2021, NASA XRP, 21-XRP21-0135, PI: Quinn
- \$67,000, **Disintegrating Rocky Bodies Transiting White Dwarfs: The Key To Understanding Exoplanet Compositions**, 2021, TESS GI Program, Cycle 4, ID G04200, PI: Vanderburg.
- \$50,000, **A Systematic Study To Characterize Rapid Optical Variability Of Agn And Search For Quasi-Periodic Oscillations**, 2021, TESS GI Program, Cycle 4, ID G04215, PI: Pasham.
- \$50,000, **A Systematic Study Of Tess Orbital Phase Curves**, 2021, TESS GI Program, Cycle 4, ID G04096, PI: Shporer.
- **Thermal Emission from the First Planet Transiting a White Dwarf**, 2021, JWST Proposal, Cycle 1, ID 2507, PI: Vanderburg.
- **Leveraging The Synergy Between TESS And Speculoos: Hunting For Exoplanets Around The Nearest Late M Dwarfs**, 2020, TESS GI Program, Cycle 3, ID G03279, PI: Guenther.
- \$44,999.55, **Disintegrating Rocky Bodies Transiting White Dwarfs: The Key To Understanding Exoplanet Compositions**, 2020, TESS GI Program, Cycle 3, ID G03207, PI: Vanderburg.
- \$50,000, **A Systematic Study Of TESS Orbital Phase Curves**, 2020, TESS GI Program, Cycle 3, ID G03232, PI: Shporer.
- \$43,000, **Disintegrating Rocky Bodies Transiting White Dwarfs: The Key To Understanding Exoplanet Compositions**, 2019, TESS GI Program, Cycle 2, ID G022077, PI: Vanderburg.
- \$89,000, **Atmospheric characterization of two temperate mini-Neptunes formed in the same protoplanetary nebula**, 2019, HST Proposal, Cycle 27, ID 15814, PI: Mikal-Evans.

## Publications

### First author

#### Peer-reviewed

1. Daylan, **TESS'in Mirası: Gökada Muhitimizde Geçiş Yapan Ötegezegen Sayımı [The legacy of TESS: a census of transiting exoplanets in our galactic neighborhood]**  
TJAA, 4:79-82, 2023, doi:10.55064/tjaa.1203862
2. Daylan et al., **TESS discovery of a super-Earth and three sub-Neptunes hosted by the bright, Sun-like star HD 108236**  
AJ, 161:85, February 2021, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/abd73e, arXiv:2004.11314
3. Daylan et al., **TESS observations of the WASP-121 b phase curve**  
AJ, 161:131, March 2021, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/abd8d2, arXiv:1909.03000
4. Daylan et al., **The Small-scale Structure in Strongly Lensed Systems via Transdimensional Inference**  
ApJ, 854:141, February 2018, doi:10.3847/1538-4357/aaaa1e, arXiv:1706.06111
5. Daylan et al., **Inference of Unresolved Point Sources at High Galactic Latitudes Using Probabilistic Catalogs**  
ApJ, 839:4, April 2017, doi:10.3847/1538-4357/aa679e, arXiv:1607.04637
6. Daylan et al., **The characterization of the gamma-ray signal from the central Milky Way: A case for annihilating dark matter**  
Physics of the Dark Universe, 12:1-23, June 2016, doi:10.1016/j.dark.2015.12.005, arXiv:1402.6703

#### Non-peer-reviewed

7. Daylan & Birrer, **Searching for dark matter substructure: a deeper wide-area community survey for Roman**  
Roman Core Community Survey White Paper, June 2023, arXiv:2306.12864

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### Second or third author

#### Peer-reviewed

8. Feder, Butler, Daylan, et al., **PCAT-DE: Reconstructing point-like and diffuse signals in astronomical images using spatial and spectral information**  
AJ, 166:98, September 2023, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ace69b, arXiv:2307.10385
9. Butler, Feder, Daylan, et al., **Measurement of the Relativistic Sunyaev-Zeldovich Corrections in RX J1347.5-1145**  
ApJ, 932:55, June 2022, doi:10.3847/1538-4357/ac6c04 arXiv:2110.13932
10. Kunimoto, Daylan, et al., **The TESS Faint Star Search: 1,617 TOIs from the TESS Primary Mission**  
ApJS, 259:33, April 2022, doi:10.3847/1538-4365/ac5688 arXiv:2112.02176
11. Günther and Daylan. **Allesfitter: Flexible Star and Exoplanet Inference From Photometry and Radial Velocity**  
ApJS, 254:13, May 2021, doi:10.3847/1538-4365/abe70e, arXiv:2003.14371
12. Wong, Shporer, Daylan, et al., **Systematic Phase Curve Study of Known Transiting Systems from Year 1 of the TESS Mission**  
AJ, 160:155, October 2020, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ababad, arXiv:2003.06407
13. Badenas-Agusti, Günther, Daylan, et al., **HD 191939: Three Sub-Neptunes Transiting a Sun-like Star Only 54 pc Away**  
AJ, 160 113, September 2020, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/aba0b5, arXiv:2002.03958
14. Feder, Portillo, Daylan, et al., **Multiband Probabilistic Cataloging: A Joint Fitting Approach to Point Source Detection and Deblending**

15. Portillo, Lee, Daylan, et al., **Improved Point-source Detection in Crowded Fields Using Probabilistic Cataloging**

AJ, 154:132, October 2017, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/aa8565, arXiv:1703.01303

**Non-peer-reviewed**

16. Kunimoto, Bryson, Daylan, et al., **False Alarms Revealed in a Planet Search of TESS Light Curves**  
RNAAS, 7:7, January 2023, doi:10.3847/2515-5172/acb149 arXiv:2301.01900

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17. Reynolds et al., **Overview of the Advanced X-ray Imaging Satellite (AXIS)**  
SPIE OEA, 126781E, October 2023, doi:10.1117/12.2677468, arXiv.org:2311.00780
18. Esparza-Borges et al., **Detection of Carbon Monoxide in the Atmosphere of WASP-39b Applying Standard Cross-correlation Techniques to JWST NIRSpec G395H Data**  
ApJL, 955:L19, September 2023, doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acf27b, arXiv:2309.00036
19. Hord et al., **Identification of the Top TESS Objects of Interest for Atmospheric Characterization of Transiting Exoplanets with JWST**  
Submitted to AJ, arXiv:2308.09617
20. Rojas et al., **The impact of human expert visual inspection on the discovery of strong gravitational lenses**  
MNRAS, 523, 4413-4430, August 2023, doi:10.1093/mnras/stad1680, arXiv:2301.03670
21. Fausnaugh et al., **Four years of Type Ia Supernovae Observed by TESS: Early Time Light Curve Shapes and Constraints on Companion Interaction Models**  
ApJ, 956:108, October 2023, arXiv:2307.11815
22. Schwamb et al., **Tuning the Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) Observing Strategy for Solar System Science**  
ApJS, 266:22, June 2023, doi:10.3847/1538-4365/acc173 arXiv:2303.02355
23. Tsai et al., **Photochemically produced SO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere of WASP-39b**  
Nature, 617:483-487, May 2023, doi:10.1038/s41586-023-05902-2 arXiv:2211.10490
24. Grant et al., **Detection of Carbon Monoxide's 4.6 Micron Fundamental Band Structure in WASP-39 b's Atmosphere with JWST NIRSpec G395H**  
ApJL, 949:L15, May 2023, doi:10.3847/2041-8213/acd544 arXiv:2304.11994
25. Yee et al., **The TESS Grand Unified Hot Jupiter Survey. II. Twenty New Giant Planets**  
ApJS, 265:1, March 2023, doi:10.3847/1538-4365/aca286 arXiv:2210.15473
26. Tey et al., **Identifying Exoplanets with Deep Learning. V. Improved Light-curve Classification for TESS Full-frame Image Observations**  
AJ, 165:95, March 2023, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/acad85 arXiv:2301.01371
27. Mikal-Evans et al., **Hubble Space Telescope Transmission Spectroscopy for the Temperate Sub-Neptune TOI-270 d: A Possible Hydrogen-rich Atmosphere Containing Water Vapor**  
AJ, 165:84, March 2023, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/aca90b arXiv:2211.15576
28. Anderson et al., **Early Release Science of the exoplanet WASP-39b with JWST NIRSpec G395H**  
Nature, 614:664-669, February 2023, doi:10.1038/s41586-022-05591-3 arXiv:2211.10488

29. Rustamkulov et al., **Early Release Science of the exoplanet WASP-39b with JWST NIRSpec PRISM**  
Nature, 614:659-663, February 2023, doi:10.1038/s41586-022-05677-y arXiv:2211.10487
30. Ahrer et al., **Early Release Science of the exoplanet WASP-39b with JWST NIRCам**  
Nature, 614:653-658, February 2023, doi:10.1038/s41586-022-05590-4 arXiv:2211.10489
31. JTEC ERS Team, **Identification of carbon dioxide in an exoplanet atmosphere**  
Nature, 614:649-652, February 2023, doi:10.1038/s41586-022-05269-w arXiv:2208.11692
32. Saydjari et al., **The Dark Energy Camera Plane Survey 2 (DECaPS2): More Sky, Less Bias, and Better Uncertainties**  
ApJS, 264:28, February 2023, doi:10.3847/1538-4365/aca594 arXiv:2206.11909
33. Günther et al., **Complex Modulation of Rapidly Rotating Young M Dwarfs: Adding Pieces to the Puzzle**  
AJ, 163:144, April 2022, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ac503c arXiv:2008.11681
34. Kaye et al., **Transit timings variations in the three-planet system: TOI-270**  
MNRAS 510:5464-5485, March 2022, doi:10.1093/mnras/stab3483
35. Mikal-Evans et al., **Diurnal variations in the stratosphere of the ultrahot giant exoplanet WASP-121b**  
Nature Astronomy, 6:471-479, February 2022, doi:10.1038/s41550-021-01592-w arXiv:2202.09884
36. Krishnamurthy et al., **Transit Search for Exoplanets around Alpha Centauri A and B with ASTERIA**  
AJ, 161:275, June 2021, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/abf2c0
37. Guerrero et al., **The TESS Objects of Interest Catalog from the TESS Prime Mission**  
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38. Smith et al., **GRB 191016A: A Long Gamma-Ray Burst Detected by TESS**  
ApJ, 911:1, April 2021, doi:10.3847/1538-4357/abef6a2, arXiv:2102.11295
39. Fausnaugh et al., **Early-time Light Curves of Type Ia Supernovae Observed with TESS**  
ApJ, 908:51, February 2021, doi: 10.3847/1538-4357/abcd42, arXiv:1904.02171
40. Crossfield et al., **Phase Curves of Hot Neptune LTT 9779b Suggest a High-Metallicity Atmosphere**  
ApJL, 903:L7, November 2020, doi:10.3847/2041-8213/abbc71, arXiv:2010.12745
41. Dragomir et al., **Spitzer Reveals Evidence of Molecular Absorption in the Atmosphere of the Hot Neptune LTT 9779b**  
ApJL, 903:L6, November 2020, doi:10.3847/2041-8213/abbc70, arXiv:2010.12744
42. Vanderburg et al., **A giant planet candidate transiting a white dwarf**  
Nature, 585, 363-367, September 2020, doi:10.1038/s41586-020-2713-y, arXiv:2009.07282
43. Kane et al., **Transits of Known Planets Orbiting a Naked-Eye Star**  
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44. Basturk et al., **A holistic and probabilistic approach to the ground-based and spaceborne data of HAT-P-19 system**  
MNRAS, 496:4174, August 2020, doi:10.1093/mnras/staa1758, arXiv:1911.07903
45. Wong et al., **Exploring the atmospheric dynamics of the extreme ultra-hot Jupiter KELT-9b using TESS photometry**  
AJ, 160:88, August 2020, doi:10.3847/1538-3881/aba2cb, arXiv:1910.01607
46. Pepper et al., **TESS Reveals HD 118203b to be a Transiting Planet**

AJ, 159:243, June 2020, [doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ab84f2](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/ab84f2), [arXiv:1911.05150](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.05150)

47. Günther et al., **Stellar Flares from the First TESS Data Release: Exploring a New Sample of M-dwarfs**

AJ, 159:60, February 2020, [doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ab5d3a](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/ab5d3a), [arXiv:1901.00443](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.00443)

48. Yu et al., **Identifying Exoplanets with Deep Learning III: Automated Triage and Vetting of TESS Candidates**

AJ, 158:25, July 2019, [doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ab21d6](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/ab21d6), [arXiv:1904.02726](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.02726)

49. Günther et al., **A Super-Earth and two sub-Neptunes transiting the bright, nearby, and quiet M-dwarf TOI-270**

Nature Astronomy, 3:1099-1108, July 2019, [doi:10.1038/s41550-019-0845-5](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41550-019-0845-5), [arXiv:1903.06107](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.06107)

50. Bouma et al., **WASP-4b Arrived Early for the TESS Mission.**

AJ, 157:217, June 2019, [doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ab189f](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-3881/ab189f) [arXiv:1903.02573](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.02573)

51. Shporer et al., **TESS Full Orbital Phase Curve of the WASP-18b System**

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52. Schlafly et al., **The DECam Plane Survey: Optical Photometry of Two Billion Objects in the Southern Galactic Plane**

ApJS, 234:39, February 2018, [doi:10.3847/1538-4365/aaa3e2](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4365/aaa3e2), [arXiv:1710.01309](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.01309)

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54. de Wit et al., **A roadmap to the efficient and robust characterization of temperate terrestrial planet atmospheres with JWST**

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62. Guy et al., **Rubin-Euclid Derived Data Products: Initial Recommendations**

## Collaborating author

### Peer-reviewed papers based on my work on the TOI process

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65. Psaridi et al., **Three Saturn-mass planets transiting F-type stars revealed with TESS and HARPS. TOI-615b, TOI-622b, and TOI-2641b**  
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66. Brahm et al., **Three Long-period Transiting Giant Planets from TESS**  
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67. Heitzmann et al., **TOI-4562b: A Highly Eccentric Temperate Jupiter Analog Orbiting a Young Field Star**  
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## Select Professional activities

- Colloquium Committee Chair and Student Recruitment Committee Chair in the Physics Department at Washington University (since 2023)
- SOC member for the Workshop on Internal Structure and Evolution of Planets (GIYE), November 28-29, 2023
- President (2020-2021) and Human Affairs Chair (2019-2020) of the MIT Postdoctoral Association
- TESS Science Office exoplanet vetting co-lead (2018-2023)
- NOIRLab Telescope Allocation Committee member 2020A, 2020B, 2021A, 2021B, and 2022A
- Reviewer for NASA XRP, HST GO, NASA FDL, and NASA FINESST proposals
- Referee for the AAS journals AJ, ApJ, and ApJS
- Member of the MAST User Group (MUG) 2022
- Session Chair and/or Organizer in AAS235, AAS237, and TESS Science Conference II
- Organizer for the TESS Science Conference Atmospheric Characterization Splinter Session, 2021
- Editorial board member for the Turkish Journal of Physics (since 2019)
- LOC member for TESS Science Conference I and "Gravitational Waves: New Challenges and Opportunities" (2019)
- Organizer of the MIT Exoplanet Journal Club (2018-2020)
- Member of the Science Council for the East Anatolian Observatory (since 2019)

## Mentoring

Ph.D. advisor and committee chair for Bryce Wedig (WashU), Nathan Whitsett (WashU),  
Ph.D. thesis committee member for Ao Zhang (WashU), Sophia Kay Vlahakis (MIT),  
Undergraduate senior thesis committee member for Emily Murray (Princeton), Siegfried Gawenda (Princeton), Emma Chickles (Wellesley→MIT), Lindsey Gordon(Wellesley→ UMinnesota)

Other research mentees:

- Graduate students: Mariona Badenas-Agusti (MIT), Yadira Gaibor (MIT),
- Undergraduates: Richard Feder (Harvard→Caltech), Vikram Bhamre (UC Berkeley), Aman Burman (Caltech), Wolf Cukier (Princeton University)
- High school research interns: Ashley Davidson (→ Stanford), Rohan Subramani (→ Columbia), Kartik Pinglé (→ MIT), Jasmine Wright (→ UC Boulder), Rom Fradkin (→ MIT), Deniz Arıkan (→ Stanford)

I am a Level 1 Trained Facilitator Mentor, having participated in the full-day CIMER workshop on October 27, 2023, at WashU. Other select initiatives to which I committed significant mentoring time have been:

- APS National Mentoring Community Mentorship Program (one mentee during the 2023-2024 AY)
- LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration Mentorship Program (two mentees during the 2023-2024 AY)
- Princeton University ReMatch Program (four mentees during the 2021-2022 AY)
- Harvard-MIT Science Research Mentoring Program (two mentees during the 2019-2020 AY)
- MIT Mentor Advocate Partnership (one mentee during the 2018-2019 AY)

## Select teaching experience

- Fall 2023, Planets and Life in the Universe, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, US
- Spring 2021, MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT, Cambridge, MA, US
- Spring 2021, Guest Lecturer, Spec Seminar: Planetary Science, MIT, Cambridge, MA, US
- Fall 2020, Guest Lecturer, Selected Topics in Graduate Physics, 8.398, MIT, Cambridge, MA, US
- Summer 2019, Lecturer, "Quantum to Cosmos: Ideas and Applications", Research summer school, Istanbul, Turkey
- Spring 2019, Guest Lecturer, Artificial Intelligence for TESS Applications, 12.S680, MIT, Cambridge, MA, US
- Spring 2019, Guest Lecturer, Undergraduate Cosmology, Astro 130, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US
- Fall 2016, Teaching Fellow, Graduate Cosmology, Physics 212, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US
- Spring 2015, Teaching Fellow, The Energetic Universe, SPU 19, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, US
- Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Teaching Assistant, Modern Physics, PHYS207, METU, Ankara, Turkey

## Select Invited Talks, Seminars, and Colloquia

- *From LSST Light Curves to Transiting Worlds*, **LSST Discovery Alliance Symposium, Tucson, AZ**, In-person meeting, presenting remotely, October 23, 2023
- *The AXIS Perspective on Atmospheric Escape from Exoplanets*, **AXIS Science Talk Series**, Remote meeting, October 13, 2023
- *The Universe is teeming with planets, but where does the Earth stand among them?*, **Astronomy Festival, St. Louis, MO**, September 30, 2023
- *SLSC Status Report*, **Rubin Observatory PCW 2023, Tucson, AZ**, August 09, 2023
- *A multi-wavelength survey of space weather beyond the Solar System*, **ULTRASAT Collaboration Meeting, Rehovot, Israel**, In-person meeting, presenting remotely, July 12, 2023
- *The legacy of TESS: a census of transiting exoplanets in our galactic neighborhood*, **Istanbul University Astrophysics Seminar, Istanbul, Turkey**, May 12, 2023
- *Exoplanetology with allesfitter in the next decade*, **NASA/GSFC EMAC Workshop**, Remote meeting, February 9, 2023
- *Mining faint targets in the TESS Full Frame Images for transiting exoplanets*, **Carnegie Institution of Science Earth and Planetary Laboratory (EPL) Astronomy Seminar**, Remote meeting, December 03, 2021
- *Exoplanets Transiting Faint Stars in the TESS Full Frame Images*, **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton (AAAP) Meeting**, Remote meeting, October 12, 2021
- *A Compute-Intensive Exploration and Characterization of Our Celestial Wonders: Dark Matter and Exoplanets*, **Washington University, St. Louis, MO**, Remote meeting, April 27, 2021
- *Discovery of the HD 108236 multiplanetary system with a bright Sun-like star*, **Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**, Remote meeting, January 26, 2021
- *Taking a census of dark matter substructure via transdimensional gravitational imaging*, **Stanford University, Stanford, CA**, Remote meeting, December 15, 2020
- *Recharacterization of the atmosphere of WASP-121b*, **University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**, Remote meeting, April 09, 2020
- *Detection and characterization of worlds beyond our Solar System with TESS*, **Museum of Science, Cambridge, MA**, February 21, 2020
- *Hot Jupiters and the TESS phase curve of WASP-121b*, **Yale University, New Haven CT**, November 19, 2019
- *TESS phase curve of WASP-121b*, **University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**, October 30, 2019
- *Hunting for exoplanets with TESS*, **Sabancı University, İstanbul, Turkey**, 17 April 2019
- *A transdimensional perspective on dark matter*, **Weekly Physics Seminar, METU, Ankara, Turkey**, 16 April 2019
- *Hunting for exoplanets with TESS*, **Astronomy Seminar, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey**, April 15, 2019
- *Probing the small-scale structure in strong lenses with PCAT*, **JPL, Pasadena, CA**, March 04, 2019
- *Probing the Small-scale Structure in Strongly Lensed Systems via Transdimensional Inference*, **Pheno and vino seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ**, April 24, 2018
- *Probing the small-scale structure in strong lenses with PCAT*, **ITC Seminar, Harvard, Cambridge MA**, April 12, 2018
- *Probing the small-scale structure in strong lenses with PCAT*, **Particle Physics Seminar, MIT, Cambridge MA**, September 28, 2018
- *Inner Milky Way Gamma Ray Excess*, **Cape Cod Astronomical Society Meeting, South Yarmouth MA**, January 05, 2017

## Select Software Developed

- **Probabilistic Cataloger (PCAT)**, Daylan et al. 2017, Daylan et al. 2018, a transdimensional, hierarchical, and Bayesian framework to sample from the posterior probability distribution of a metamodel, i.e., the union of models with different dimensionality, <https://github.com/daylan/pcat>
- **Allesfitter**, Günther & Daylan, 2019, widely used software to model exoplanets and stars in time-series data, <https://www.allesfitter.com>

## Technical experience

- High-performance computing, data analysis, machine learning, and Bayesian inference using astronomical data collected by space and ground-based missions such as Fermi-LAT, Chandra, JWST, HST, SDSS, TESS, Kepler, and AMS-02.
- Observing with DECam on the 4m Blanco Telescope at CTIO and PFS on the 6.5m Clay (Magellan II) Telescope at LCO.

## Select Science Outreach

- Over 50 invited talks and interviews on science outreach platforms on the web with over 2,000,000 views
- Lecturer, The Project Science Voyagers, 2016-2018, addressed ~30,000 high school students
- Lecturer, Turkish Ministry of Education e-conference series, 2018, addressed ~9,000 high school students)
- Contributor, Cambridge Explores the Universe, CfA, Cambridge, April 2016
- Contributor, Ask a Scientist, Sky & Space Day, Cambridge Science Festival, Cambridge, April 2015-2016
- Lecturer, Beacon Hill Seminars, Science In The News Public Science Lectures, Cambridge, MA, (2014-2016)
- Author, Harvard Science In The News, 2014
- Lecturer, "There is a Scientist In My Classroom" Project, Cambridge, MA, 2013
- Organizer, Mobile CERN exhibition, METU, Ankara, Turkey, 2012

## Affiliations

- American Physical Society, American Astronomical Society, International Astronomical Union (IAU)
- TESS Atmospheric Characterization, Follow-up, and Objects of Interest Working Groups
- LSST Science Collaborations: Dark Energy (DESC), Transients and Variable Stars (TVS), Solar System (SSSC), and Strong Lensing (SLSC)
- Associate member of CERN and AMS-02 Collaboration, 2011-2013