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Positions

Research Associate, Department of Astronomy & Astrophysics and Dunlap Institute,
University of Toronto, 2015–present

McWilliams Postdoctoral Fellow, McWilliams Center for Cosmology,
Carnegie Mellon University, 2012–2015

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Astrophysical Sciences
Princeton University, 2009–2012
Supervisor: Robert Lupton

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science
University of Toronto, 2009
Thesis: *Astrometry.net: Automatic recognition and calibration of astronomical images*
Supervisors: Sam Roweis and David Hogg

Master of Science, Computer Science
University of British Columbia, 2004
Thesis: *Fast methods for inference in graphical models*
Supervisor: Nando de Freitas

Bachelor of Science, Physics and Computer Science (Combined Honors)
University of British Columbia, 2002
Honors thesis: *Commissioning the DRAGON nuclear astrophysics facility*
Supervisors: John D’Auria and Phil Gregory

Research Roles

Imaging Software Scientist, Dark Energy Survey Instrument

Architect Status, Sloan Digital Sky Survey IV

Teaching and Work Experience

Lecturer, Canary Islands Winter School of Astrophysics, *Bayesian inference in Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2014.

Mentor, Google Summer of Code, 2011.

Assistant Lecturer, International Max Planck Research School, Heidelberg Summer School, *Statistical Inferences from Astrophysical Data*, 2009.

Head Teaching Assistant, Computer Science, University of Toronto, 2008.

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science, University of Toronto, 2007.

Software Designer, Ego Communications, 2004–2007.

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science, University of British Columbia, 2001–2003.

NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Assistant, Laboratory for Computational Intelligence, University of British Columbia, Summer 2002.

TRIUMF Summer Student, Tri-University Meson Facility, Summer 2001.

Intern, IBM Almaden Research Center, Summer 1999.

Research Assistant, Electronic Games for Education in Mathematics and Science, 1998.

Publications

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- (*) **Lang, D.**, Hogg, D. W., and Schlegel, D. J. (2014) WISE photometry for 400 million SDSS sources. *The Astronomical Journal*, submitted (21 pp). arXiv:1410.7397.
- * Regier, J. *et al.* (2015) Celeste: Variational inference for a generative model of astronomical images. *Proceedings of The 32nd International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2095–2103. arXiv:1506.01351.
- * DiPompeo, M., Bovy, J., Myers, A. and **Lang, D.** (2015) Quasar Probabilities and Redshifts from WISE mid-IR through GALEX UV photometry. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, accepted (15 pp). arXiv:1507.02884.
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- * Schneider, M. D. *et al.* (2014) Hierarchical probabilistic inference of cosmic shear. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 807, 87. arXiv:1411.2608.
- Regier, J. *et al.* (2014) Celeste: Scalable variational inference for a generative model of astronomical images. *Neural Information Processing Systems: Workshop on Variational Inference*, accepted (5 pp).
- * Williams, B. F., **Lang, D.**, *et al.* (2014) The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury X. Ultraviolet to Infrared Photometry of 117 Million Equidistant Stars. *The Astrophysical Journal Supplements*, 215, 9 (34 pp). arXiv:1409.0899.
- * Greene, J. *et al.* (2014) Near Infrared Spectra and Intrinsic Luminosities of Candidate Type II Quasars at $2 < z < 3.4$. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 788, 91 (18 pp). arXiv:1404.3760.
- * **Lang, D.** (2014) unWISE: unblurred coadds of the WISE imaging. *The Astronomical Journal*, 147, 108 (10 pp). arXiv:1405.0308.
- * **Lang, D.**, Hogg, D. W., and Schölkopf, B. (2014) Towards Building a Crowd-Sourced Sky Map. *JMLR Workshop and Conference Proceedings*, 33 (AI & Statistics 2014), 549 (9 pp). arXiv:1406.1528.
- Montet, B. T. *et al.* (2013) Maximizing Kepler science return per telemetered pixel: Searching the habitable zones of the brightest stars. Whitepaper (14 pp). arXiv:1309.0654.
- Hogg, D. W. *et al.* (2013) Maximizing Kepler science return per telemetered pixel: Detailed models of the focal plane in the two-wheel era. Whitepaper (24 pp). arXiv:1309.0653.
- * Ahn, C. P. *et al.* (2013) The Tenth Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: First Spectroscopic Data from the SDSS-III Apache Point Observatory Galactic Evolution Experiment. *The Astrophysical Journal Supplements*, 211, 17 (16 pp). arXiv:1307.7735.
- * Hogg, D. W. and **Lang, D.** (2012) Replacing standard galaxy profiles with mixtures of Gaussians. *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific* 125, 719 (12 pp). arXiv:1210.6563.
- * Foreman–Mackey, D., Hogg, D. W., **Lang, D.**, and Goodman, J. (2012) emcee: The MCMC Hammer. *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, 125, 306 (7 pp). arXiv:1202.3665.
- * Bundy, K. *et al.* (2012) SynMag Photometry: A Fast Tool for Catalog-Level Matched Colors of Extended Sources. *The Astronomical Journal* 144, 188 (11 pp). arXiv:1301.3164.

- * Weisz, D. R. *et al.* (2012) The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury IV: A Probabilistic Approach to Inferring the High Mass Stellar Initial Mass Function and Other Power-law Functions. *The Astrophysical Journal* 762, 123 (21 pp). arXiv:1211.6105.
 - * Johnson, L. C. *et al.* (2012) PHAT Stellar Cluster Survey I: Year 1 Catalog and Integrated Photometry. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 752, 95 (23 pp). arXiv:1204.3091.
 - * Dalcanton, J. J., Williams, B. F., **Lang, D.**, *et al.* (2012) The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury. *The Astrophysical Journal Supplements* 200, 18 (37 pp). arXiv:1204.0010.
 - * Dorman, C. E. *et al.* (2012) The Splash Survey: Kinematics of Andromeda's Inner Spheroid. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 752, 147 (19 pp). arXiv:1204.4455.
 - * **Lang, D.** and Hogg, D. W. (2011) Searching for comets on the World Wide Web: The orbit of 17P/Holmes from the behavior of photographers. *The Astronomical Journal*, 144, 46 (11 pp). arXiv:1103.6038.
 - * Rosenfield, P. *et al.* (2011) The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury I: Bright UV stars in the bulge of M31. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 755, 131 (13 pp). arXiv:1206.4045.
 - * Eisenstein, D. J. *et al.* (2011) SDSS-III: Massive Spectroscopic Surveys of the Distant Universe, the Milky Way Galaxy, and Extra-Solar Planetary Systems. *The Astronomical Journal* 142 (3), article 72 (24 pp). arXiv:1101.1529.
 - * Aihara, H. *et al.* (2011) The Eighth Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: First Data From SDSS-III *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement* 193 (2), article 29 (21 pp). arXiv:1101.1559.
- Lang, D.** and Hogg, D. W. (2010) Telescopes don't make catalogues! In *GAIA: At the Frontiers of Astrometry*, *EAS Publications Series* 45, 351 (7 pp). arXiv:1008.0738.
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- * de Freitas, N., Wang, Y., Mahdaviani, M. and **Lang, D.**. (2005) Fast Krylov Methods for N-Body Learning. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* 18, 251 (8 pp).
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