

# AARON T. LEE

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL DATA

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LANGUAGES: American English (native), French (conversational)

### EDUCATION

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- 2016 Ph.D. Astronomy  
Department of Astronomy, The University of California Berkeley  
Dissertation Title: “Star and Planet Formation Throughout Cosmic History”  
Advisers: Christopher McKee & Richard Klein
- 2010 M.A. Astronomy  
Department of Astronomy, The University of California Berkeley
- 2008 Master of Advanced Study (*awarded with honors*)  
Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics,  
Cambridge University
- 2007 B.A. Physics (*Summa Cum Laude*)  
Department of Physics, Northwestern University
- 2007 B.A. Mathematics (*Summa Cum Laude*)  
Department of Mathematics, Northwestern University

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- A. Stacy, V. Bromm, A. T. Lee. Building up the Population III initial mass function from cosmological initial conditions. *MNRAS*. *Volume and page numbers not yet assigned* (2016).
- A. T. Lee, A. J. Cunningham, C. F. McKee, R. I. Klein. Bondi-Hoyle Accretion in a Magnetized Plasma, *ApJ*, 783, 50 (2014).
- A. T. Lee, S. W. Stahler. Dynamical Friction in a Gas: The Supersonic Case, *A&A*, 561, 84 (2014).

A. T. Lee, S. W. Stahler. Dynamical Friction in a Gas: The Subsonic Case, MNRAS, 416, 3177 (2011).

A. T. Lee, E. Chiang, X. Asay-Davis, J. Barranco. Forming Planetesimals by Gravitational Instability. II. How Dust Settles to its Marginally Stable State, ApJ, 725, 1938 (2010).

A. T. Lee, E. Chiang, X. Asay-Davis, J. Barranco. Forming Planetesimals by Gravitational Instability. I. The Role of the Richardson Number in Triggering the Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability, ApJ, 725, 1938 (2010).

A. T. Lee, E. W. Thommes, F. E. Rasio. Resonance Trapping in Protoplanetary Disks. I. Coplanar Systems, ApJ, 691, 1684 (2009).

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

A.L. Rosen, M.R. Krumholz, J.S. Oishi, A. T. Lee, R.I. Klein. Hybrid Adaptive Ray-Moment Method (HARM<sup>2</sup>): A Highly Parallel Method for Radiation Hydrodynamics on Adaptive Grids. Journal of Computational Physics. *In peer-review process* (2016).

K. Burleigh, C. F. McKee, R. I Klein, A. T. Lee, A. J. Cunningham . Bondi-Hoyle Accretion in Magnetized Supersonic Turbulence. *In prep* (2016).

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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since 2016 Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
2015 – 2016 Berkeley Dissertation Fellow, University of California Berkeley  
2012 – 2015 Graduate Student, University of California Berkeley  
2009 – 2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, University of California Berkeley  
2008 – 2009 Graduate Student, University of California Berkeley

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### UC BERKELEY

Introduction to Astronomy (undergraduate course)

Instructor on Record: 2015

Teaching Assistant: 2015, 2014, 2011, 2009, 2008.

Pedagogy and Instructional Methods in Astronomy (graduate course)

Instructor on Record: 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010.

## SELECT PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH

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- 2015 “Ending the Dark Ages: Forming the Universe’s First Stars,” San Francisco Amateur Astronomy Society, San Francisco, California
- 2014 “The Formation of Stars,” Eastbay Astronomical Society Talk, Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland, California
- 2013 “Comets and Conic Sections,” popular science article written for *Girls’ Angle Magazine*, a magazine for high school girls interested in math.
- 2012–2015 Undergraduate Mentor, The Berkeley COMPASS Project, UC Berkeley
- 2011–2012 Project ASTRO participant, Coronado Elementary School, Richmond, California
- since 2008 Cal Day department organizer and participant, UC Berkeley

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 2015 Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley
- 2010 Award for Teaching Effectiveness, UC Berkeley
- 2010 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UC Berkeley
- 2008 Alex Mischenko Poster Prize, Cambridge University
- 2007 Lee Corbin Prize for Arts & Sciences, Northwestern University
- 2007 Department award for best thesis in physics, Northwestern University
- 2007 USA Today All-USA College Academic Team, USA Today News

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2015 Final-Year Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2014 Course Improvement Grant, PI, UC Berkeley
- 2009 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2008 Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholarship, Cambridge University

## COMPUTING PROPOSALS

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- since 2010 Progress towards a comprehensive theory of star formation – from Brown Dwarfs to high mass stars, clusters, and on to giant molecular clouds. XSEDE Computing Proposal (group member), National Science Foundation (+10 million hours / year)
- 2009 Understanding the role of the Richardson Number in protoplanetary disks. Aaron Lee & Eugene Chiang, Teragrid Starter Computing Proposal, National Science Foundation (50,000 hours)

## CONFERENCES & SCHOOLS

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### TALKS

- 2011 “Bondi and Bondi-Hoyle Accretion in a Magnetized Plasma.” Star Formation through Spectroimaging at High Angular Resolution, ASIAA, Taipei, Taiwan

### POSTERS

- 2016 “Professional Development: Practice Makes Perfect.” AAPT Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2012 “Bondi and Bondi-Hoyle Accretion in a Magnetized Plasma.” Star Formation and the Interstellar Medium, Thirty-Five Years Later, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California

### WORKSHOPS & SCHOOLS

- 2015 Using Javascript in the classroom, Astronomical inquiry in Astro101. AAPT, San Diego, California
- 2014 Science Communication Summer School, University of Chicago and Alan Alda Center for Science Communication, Chicago, Illinois

## STUDENTS (CO-) SUPERVISED

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### Undergraduate Students

**Doris Lee** (2013–2016), with Steven Stahler. Now a graduate student in computer science at the University of Illinois.

## DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- 2016 Panelist for “Teaching and the Academic Job Market,” UC Berkeley
- since 2010 Workshop leader for “Pedagogy and Instruction in Physical Sciences” (workshop runs every Fall and Spring semester), UC Berkeley
- 2008 – 2015 Public liaison for the astronomy department, UC Berkeley

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Astronomical Society (AAS)  
American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)  
Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Pi Sigma, Pi Mu Epsilon

## REFERENCES

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Steven Stahler, research astronomer at UC Berkeley  
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