

# Allen Christopher Marquez

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Machine Learning(GANs & NLP), Differential Privacy, Blockchain, High Performance Computing*

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## EDUCATION

**B. S. Computer Science, California State University, Los Angeles**      Fall 2019-Spring 2022

Current GPA: 3.83

**East Los Angeles College(ELAC), Monterey Park, CA**      Fall 2016-Spring 2019

Transferred to California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Undergraduate Research Intern, Carnegie Mellon University**      June 2021-October 2021

**Advisor:** *Dr. Zhiwei Steven Wu*

There exists a need for a standardized and comprehensive platform for testing and deploying differentially private algorithms. I worked to create and implement a modular bench-marking platform for differentially private algorithms using python through github. I integrated existing state of the art differentially private algorithms and added new datasets to test algorithms. This work was presented to the sponsors of the REU (National Security Agency / National Counterintelligence and Security Center) and at a poster presentation held by the Institute for Software Research.

**CREST-CEaS Fellow, California State University, Los Angeles(CSULA)**      December 2019-Present

**Advisor:** *Dr. RADI Jishi*

I am modeling the optical properties of hyperbolic metamaterials using linux-based software WIEN2k. I am taking the data from these calculations and plotting the . An abstract for this work was accepted for the Emerging Researchers National Conference 2022. and I will present a scientific poster at this conference. I also managed a budget to purchase two high-end workstations to help boost the computational bottleneck we face when modeling our crystal structures; I manage the installation of new software and work to optimize all the libraries required for our software.

**Undergraduate Research Intern, Carnegie Observatories**      June 2020-May 2021

**Advisor:** *Dr. Alexander Ji*

I implemented a new method in python to aid astronomers in automatically analyzing stellar properties from telescope data. The method, called "The Payne", is a neural network that emulates a physical model of stellar spectra. I also strengthened my scientific communication through bi-weekly oral presentations to other research interns, a final presentation to the research scientist at Carnegie, and a scientific poster presented at the American Astronomical Society conference.

**Undergraduate Research, Carnegie Observatories & ELAC**      June 2018-December 2018

**Advisor:** *Dr. Alexander Ji*

I measured the elemental composition of five stars by using high resolution stellar spectra. Our goal was to determine where these stars that were classified as "hypervelocity stars" came from. Using optical spectroscopy we determined their chemical abundances and stellar parameters. I presented a scientific poster at the 2018 Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) at ELAC. I also created a collaboration between my advisor Dr. Alexander Ji from Carnegie

Observatories and Director of MESA Dr. Djuradj Babic to extend research by providing two undergraduate students at ELAC the opportunity, funding, and mentorship.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Supplemental Instructor Leader**, East Los Angeles College (ELAC) February 2019-June 2021  
I was the lead teaching assistant at ELAC's physics department. I managed communication between departments to help choose TA's for the department. I TA'd for calculus-based physics courses: classical mechanics, thermodynamics, and electricity and magnetism. Led recitation sections that teach problem solving skills and collaboration amongst students. Attended weekly meetings with faculty to prepare material for recitation.

## ABSTRACTS

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2. Marquez, A., Jishi, R. (2021). Optical Properties of Hyperbolic Metamaterials Using Density Functional Theory. (*Submitted and Accepted to Emerging Researchers National Conference 2022*)
1. Marquez, A., Ji, A., Ting, Y., & Hansen, T. (2021). Inferring Stellar Labels from Optical High-Resolution Spectra with The Payne. *Bulletin of the AAS*, 53.(1)

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

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<b>Emerging Researchers National Conference 2022</b> , Washington, D.C.	February 2022
<b>Institute for Software Research Symposium</b> , Carnegie Mellon University	August 2021
<b>American Astronomical Society 237</b> , Virtual	January 2021
<b>Carnegie Observatories Summer Student Research Symposium</b> , Virtual	August 2020
<b>27th Annual Research Symposium</b> , CSULA	January 2020
<b>MESA Symposium</b> , ELAC	September 2019

## MENTORSHIP

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<b>CASSI Alumni Mentor</b> , Carnegie Observatories	June 2021-August 2021
<b>MESA Peer Mentorship Program</b> , ELAC	August 2020-June 2021
<b>Supplemental Instructor Mentor</b> , ELAC	Fall 2019-June 2020

## CLUBS

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<b>Association of Computing Machinery</b> , Cal State LA Chapter	August 2019-June 2020
<b>Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement</b> , ELAC	August 2018-June 2019
<b>Physics and Astronomy Club</b> , ELAC	August 2018-December 2018

## AWARDS

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<b>Edison STEM Scholarship</b> , CSULA	August 2020-Present
<b>Deans Honor List</b> , CSULA	December 2019-Present
<b>Best Oral Presentation 2nd place</b> , CSULA	August December 2019