

## Laura Parker

I arrived at ESO in late 2005 after completing my Ph.D. work at the University of Waterloo in Canada. I am generally interested in all questions related to the formation and evolution of galaxies, as well as understanding the fundamental cosmological parameters which govern the evolution of the Universe. My research focusses on the link between luminous galaxies and the dark-matter halos in which they reside. I study the amount and distribution of dark matter using weak gravitational lensing, and to date my work has focussed mainly on galaxy and galaxy group sized structures.

Since arriving in Garching I have continued my work in weak lensing – which is a leading technique for understanding both

galaxy evolution and fundamental cosmology. I am enjoying working in such a stimulating scientific atmosphere, particularly the many seminars and the lively discussions at morning coffee. The diversity of research carried out by ESO researchers is something hard to match anywhere else. For my functional work I joined the ESO survey team which oversees the planning and execution of public surveys (for the VST and VISTA). My research makes use of large imaging surveys so this project is a perfect fit to my interests.

I will be sad to leave Garching (and the biergartens) behind but I am excited about moving onto the next chapter in my career. I will join the faculty at McMaster University as an assistant professor in late 2007.



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## Personnel Movements

### Arrivals (1 April–30 June 2007)

Europe	
Arbogast, Dina (F)	Secretary/Assistant
Austin-May, Samantha (GB)	Assistant Head of Personnel Department
Cikic, Zoran (F)	Senior Contract Officer
Clare, Richard (GB)	Physicist
Guerlet, Thibaut (F)	Student
Haimerl, Andreas (D)	Electronics Technician
Hussain, Gaitee (GB)	Astronomer
Laaksonen, Milla (FIN)	Administrative Assistant
Lombardi, Gianluca (I)	Student
Mazzoleni, Ruben (I)	Applied Scientist
Ngoumou Yewondo, Judith Savina (D)	Student
Penker, Thomas (D)	Assistant Facility Management
Tanaka, Masayuki (J)	Fellow
Testi, Leonardo (I)	ALMA European Project Scientist
Chile	
Ederoclite, Alessandro (I)	Operations Astronomer
Elliott, David (GB)	Student
Haguenauer, Pierre (F)	VLTI System Engineer

### Departures (1 April–30 June 2007)

Europe	
Bedin, Luigi (I)	Fellow
Foellmi, Cedric (CH)	Fellow
Huster, Gotthard (D)	Mechanical Engineer
Sadibekova, Tatyana (UZ)	Student
Vasisht, Gautam (IND)	Software Engineer
Chile	
Aguilera, Hugo Freddy (RCH)	Accounting Officer
Eschwey, Jörg (D)	Civil Engineer
Fischman, Nicolas (RCH)	Head of Contract and Procurement
Francois, Patrick (RCH)	Operations Astronomer
Garcia, Enrique (RCH)	Electronics Technician
Hartung, Markus (A)	Fellow
Jehin, Emmanuel (B)	Operations Astronomer
Mella, Juan Alberto (RCH)	Safety Engineer
Shen, Tzu Chiang (CN)	Software Engineer
Soto, Ruben (RCH)	Software Engineer
Vannier, Martin (F)	Fellow
Zagal, Juan (RCH)	Software Engineer