

third year. I loved the astronomy lab the most! That is why I am here!" That was very different from my experience.

In the end, I decided to go to UCLA for graduate school, mostly because I really enjoyed working with Mike. There were so many interesting projects to work on! I think that was one the best decisions I ever made in my life. Plus, Los Angeles had a lot of good Chinese restaurants in case I got homesick.

My main research topic was planetary systems beyond the main sequence stage, particularly around white dwarfs. For my PhD studies, I worked on data from a lot of telescopes, including the Keck Telescope, the Hubble Space Telescope, and the Spitzer Space Tele-

scope. Mike was a superb advisor and he trained me in many aspects of research, from writing proposals, planning the observations (always have a backup plan — or several!) and reducing the data, to publishing the results and presenting them at conferences. I still remember my very first paper: we kept revising the manuscript and the final submitted version ended up being version u (i.e., the 21st version). The accepted version was version z (26). I was seriously concerned about what would happen if we used up all 26 letters! I feel extremely grateful that I had a chance to work with Mike so closely. He is always a source of inspiration and a role model for me. Whenever I encountered a problem, I would ask myself "What would Mike do in this situation?"

I joined ESO in Garching as a fellow in September 2014. I very much enjoy the freedom that I have and the diversity of research done at ESO. There are interesting talks and discussions happening every day. On account of my passion for observational astronomy, I decided to work as a support astronomer at Paranal for my functional duty. So I have the chance to travel to Chile, meet many interesting people, and operate one of the world's best telescopes. The sky there is amazing! Looking into deep space, it constantly reminds me why I am here and why I decided to pursue astronomy in the first place. Most importantly, it has been a really fun journey. I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for me!

## Personnel Movements

### Arrivals (1 October–31 December 2016)

#### Europe

Augustin, Ramona (DE)	Student
Brucalassi, Anna (IT)	Astronomer/CRIRES+ Project Scientist
Chen, Chian-Chou (TW)	Fellow
Darré, Pascaline (FR)	Applied Physicist in Interferometry
Nedelchev, Borislav (BG)	Student
Querejeta, Miguel (ES)	Fellow
Seidel, Matthias (DE)	Electronic Engineer
Zanella, Anita (IT)	Fellow

#### Chile

Anderson, Joseph (UK)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Corral Santana, Jesus (ES)	Fellow
Jones, Matias (CL)	Fellow
Leftley, James (UK)	Student
Milli, Julien (FR)	Operation Staff Astronomer
Nurzia, Vittorio (IT)	Telescope System Engineer
Opitom, Cyrielle (BE)	Fellow
Santana Tschudi, Samuel (ES)	Instrumentation Engineer
Yang, Bin (CN)	Operation Staff Astronomer

### Departures (1 October–31 December 2016)

#### Europe

Béthermin, Matthieu (FR)	Fellow
Faran, Tamar (IL)	Student
Galametz, Maud Muriel (FR)	Fellow
Milligan, Samantha (UK)	Secretary/Assistant
Phan, Duc Thanh (BE)	Software Engineer

#### Chile

Colleoni, Franco (CL)	Electronics Engineer
Klement, Robert (CZ)	Student
Martins, Jorge (PT)	Student
Ober, Claudia (CL)	Contract Officer
Orrego, Ernesto (CL)	Administrative Assistant
Razmilic, Jasna (CL)	Executive Assistant