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CURRICULUM VITAE

I was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, but spent the majority of my childhood in The Hague. In the last two years at my secondary school, the Christelijk Gymnasium Sorghvliet, I also attended the Pre-University College in Leiden, where I participated in a wide variety of lectures and projects. Astronomy caught my interest, and my final-year project supervised by Dr. Ivo Labbé confirmed my choice.

Opting for extra adventure, I pursued an integrated master’s degree in physics and astronomy at the University of Edinburgh. There, I skipped plenty of lectures to instead build a radio telescope with my friends. I was also an active (committee) member of several student organisations: the local running club, Dutch Society and the Young Scientific Researchers Association. I graduated in May 2018 with First Class Honours, and was awarded for being the top student of my cohort.

My first encounter with scientific research was in 2015, during an exchange year at the University of California, Berkeley. With Dr. Ryan Trainor, I studied the sizes of Lyman- α emitters in *Hubble* imaging. The next summer I took part in the LEAPS programme organised by Leiden Observatory and ESA, where I analysed the extended UV emission in nearby galaxies with Dr. Meiert Grootes. Back in Edinburgh, I completed my Senior Honours project with Dr. Yan-Chuan Cai and Prof. Catherine Heymans, which resulted in the detection of some of the elusive warm-hot baryons in the cosmic web that had been labelled as “missing” for decades. The publication, written with the additional help of Prof. John Peacock, sparked a tumultuous response from the press and scientific community. For my MPhys project, I characterised high-redshift Lyman- α emitters and Lyman Break galaxies in large, ground-based imaging surveys with Prof. Ross McLure. Importantly, these mentors taught me the fundamentals of being a scientist: to ask the right questions, trust my own judgement, and communicate with others.

In September 2018 I started my doctoral research as a de Sitter fellow in Leiden, supervised by Prof. Marijn Franx. Given the freedom to pursue my own interests, I studied the structures of galaxies with state-of-the-art observations and simulations. I have worked with a large number and variety of collaborators, most notably the LEGA-C team. Although the pandemic cancelled many of the trips that I had planned and hoped for, I was fortunate to be able to visit Dr. Rachel Bezanson and Prof. Pieter van Dokkum in early 2020. I have also presented my work at many different conferences and team meetings, both in person and virtually.

In October 2022 I will join the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Heidelberg as a postdoctoral fellow, and continue my work at the interface of observations and theory. In particular, as a member of the NIRSpec GTO team since 2018, I look forward to exploring the new data from the *James Webb Space Telescope*.

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