

# Armando Caussade, GCSc, BS

Short Bio

Astronomer specializing in education and public outreach

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Armando is an astronomy educator leading two comprehensive university extension programs. His experience comprises all academic levels, from tertiary to primary, along with continuing education and teacher training. Being passionate about what he does has been the key to his success, which has been well documented through feedback by employers and audiences alike.



Because of his reputation as a talented communicator of science Armando is regularly requested as a speaker, having delivered hundreds of lectures to groups as large as 500. This is also a result of his broad and varied connections across academia, non-profits and government. His work is routinely reported by the media, with coverage spanning all seven continents.

## Career milestones

- PolarTREC participant (2015) who traveled to the Amundsen–Scott South Pole Station where he successfully conducted two weeks of maintenance and support work at the IceCube Neutrino Observatory.
- Recipient of the *Antarctica Service Medal of the United States of America* (2015) from the National Science Foundation (NSF), a federal agency of the United States.
- NASA Puerto Rico Space Grant Consortium affiliate representative for the Puerto Rico Astronomy Society, an organization he chaired for six years, and where he now serves as editor-in-chief and president emeritus.
- Member (2004 to 2006) of the Solar System Ambassadors Program from NASA / JPL, a public outreach initiative designed to work with motivated volunteers across the United States.

## Academic experience (current and past)

Instructor of astronomy @ University of Puerto Rico–Aguadilla.  
Instructor of astronomy @ Ana G. Méndez University System / Metropolitan University.  
Upward Bound summer instructor @ University of Wisconsin–River Falls.  
Specialist teacher of astronomy @ G Works (for the Puerto Rico Department of Education).  
Lecturer of astronomy and mathematics @ Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico.  
Teacher of computer science @ Academia del Perpetuo Socorro, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## Higher education

Graduate Certificate of Science (GCSc) in Astronomy — Swinburne University of Technology (Australia).  
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Science — Inter American University of Puerto Rico.