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Current Position:

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Education:

Ph.D. (physics), University of Maryland, 1995

M.S. (physics), University of Maryland, 1992

B.S. (physics), University of New Hampshire, 1989

Professional Experience:

September 2005 to present - Member of the Professional Staff, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

September 2023 to present – Visiting Research Collaborator, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

September 2002 to 2005 - Senior Research Fellow, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

September 1999 to 2002 - Senior Postdoctoral Scholar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

September 1996 to 1999 - Postdoctoral Scholar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

May 1995 to May 1996 - Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Mission Experience:

- 2023-present: Deputy Principal Investigator for the Low Energy Telescope (LET) experiment on the Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (STEREO); Co-Investigator for the In-situ Measurements of Particles and CME Transients (IMPACT) Suite on STEREO
- 2022-present: Principal Investigator for the Solar Isotope Spectrometer (SIS) and Cosmic Ray Isotope Spectrometer (CRIS) on the Advanced Composition Explorer (ACE)
- 2021-present: Deputy Principal Investigator for the Integrated Science Investigation of the Sun (ISOIS) Suite on the Parker Solar Probe
- 2019-present: Co-Investigator for the Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE)
- 2018-present: Co-Investigator for High-energy Ion Telescope (HIT) on the Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP)
- 2016-present: Co-Investigator for the Energetic Particle Instrument High (EpiHi) on the Parker Solar Probe

- 2007-2023: Member of the Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory science team (Low Energy Telescope experiment)
- 1997-2022: Member of the Advanced Composition Explorer science team (Solar Isotope Spectrometer experiment)
- 1996-2003: Member of the Galileo science team (Heavy Ion Counter experiment)

Research Experience:

- 2023-present: Co-Investigator on 'Investigating the Origin of Solar Energetic Particles and Their Transport in the Inner Heliosphere', NASA-HTMS grant
- 2022-present: Co-Investigator on 'DYNAMCS: A DYNAmically evolving Model of CMEs and SEPs', NASA-LWS grant
- 2021-present: Member of International Expert Advisory Group of the European Solar Energetic Particle Analysis Platform for the Inner Heliosphere (SERPENTINE) Consortium
- 2020-present: Co-Investigator on 'Suprathermal Seeds for Solar Energetic Particles: Two-stage Acceleration from Flares to CME-Shocks', NASA-LWS grant
- 2020-present: Co-Investigator on 'A Multi-spacecraft Approach to Understand the Spectral and Temporal Evolution in Large Solar Energetic Particle Events', NASA-LWS grant
- 2020-present: Project Manager and Co-Investigator on 'Solar Flare Energy Release (SolFER), a NASA DRIVE Center grant
- 2019-present: Principal Investigator on 'New Insights into SEP Sources, Acceleration and Transport: An Integrated Observation-Modeling Approach', NASA-LWS grant
- 2018-2022: Co-Investigator on 'Understanding the Origin of Variable Properties of Solar Energetic Particle Events', NASA-HSR grant
- 2017-2022: Co-Investigator on 'Plasma and Energetic Particle Archive for Jovian Magnetospheric Interactions with the Galilean Moons', NASA-PDART grant
- 2016-2022: Principal Investigator on 'Characteristics of Solar Energetic Particle Events Resulting from Filament Eruptions', NSF-SHINE grant
- 2016-2020: Co-Investigator on 'What is Causing the Deficit of High-Energy Solar Particles in Cycle 24?', NSF-SHINE grant
- 2015-2016: Member of 'Energetic Ions: The Elusive Component of Solar Flares', International Space Science Institute team
- 2013-2014: Member 'First principles physics for charged particle transport in strong space and astrophysical magnetic turbulence', International Space Science Institute team
- 2012-2016: Principal Investigator on 'Observations and Modeling of the Longitudinal Extent and Variation of Multi-Spacecraft Solar Energetic Particle (SEP) Events', NSF-SHINE grant
- 2011-2016: Co-Investigator on 'Understanding the Variable Intensity and Evolution of CME-Shock-Accelerated Solar Energetic Particles', NASA-LWS grant

- 2010-2015: Principal Investigator on 'Using Impulsive SEP Events as Probes of Solar-Heliospheric Structures and the Coronal Origins of the Slow Solar Wind', NASA-LWS grant
- 2010-2014: Co-Investigator on 'The Near-Sun Origins of High Energy SEP Variability: Examining the Shock-Geometry Hypothesis with STEREO, ACE, and Wind', NASA-HGI grant
- 2009-2012: Co-Investigator on 'The Extreme Solar Minimum of Cycle 24: Consequences for Energetic Particle Populations', NASA-CCMSC grant
- 2009-2012: Co-Investigator on 'Solar Flares as a Source of Gradual Solar Energetic Particle Events', NASA-LWS grant
- 2007-2011: Co-Investigator on 'Understanding Propagation Characteristics of Heavy Ions to Access the Contribution of Solar Flares to Large SEP Events', NASA-LWS grant
- 2006-2010: Principal Investigator on 'Understanding Energetic Particle Responses to Local Interplanetary Shocks through Observations and Theory', NASA-LWS grant
- 2006-2010: Co-Investigator on 'Modeling and Observations of Solar Energetic Particle Spectral Breaks', NASA-LWS grant
- 2006-2009: Co-Investigator on Atmospheric Energy Deposition at Mars, Venus and Extrasolar Planets from Solar Energetic Particle Events
- 2007-2009: Co-Investigator on 'Ultra-Thin Silicon Detectors for Energetic Particle Studies n Planetary Environments', NASA-PIDDP grant
- 2005-2010: Principal Investigator on 'Heavy Ion Absorption Signatures near the inner Jovian Moons', NASA-OPR grant
- 2005-2009: Principal Investigator on 'Solar Longitude Dependence of Solar Energetic Particle Events', NSF-SHINE grant
- 2005-2009: Co-Investigator on 'Data Analysis and Modeling of Large Solar Energetic Particle Events', NASA-LWS grant
- 2004-2009: Co-Investigator on 'Solar Origin of Impulsive SEPs', NASA-SR&T grant
- 2003-2006: Principal Investigator on 'Forecasting Shocks and Energetic Particle Hazards Using L1 Monitors', NASA-LWS grant
- 2000-2001: Co-Investigator on 'Nonlinear Dynamics and Ion Transport in Jupiter's Magnetosphere', NASA-JSDAP grant
- 1999: Co-Investigator on 'Energetic Ion Interactions with the Galilean Satellites', NASA-JSDAP grant
- 1998-2002: Co-Investigator on 'Magnetospheric Irradiation of Io and Europa', NASA-JSDAP grant

Committee/Leadership Positions

- Co-chair of Space Weather Science and Applications Panel of the Decadal Survey for Solar and Space Physics, 2022-present
- Dean of NASA's Heliophysics Summer School, 2022-present
- Secretary of Commission on Astroparticle Physics for the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, 2022-present
- Chair of LWS Architecture Committee, 2021-2022

Co-chair of National Academies Committee for Space Weather Operations and Research Infrastructure Workshop: Phase II, 2021-2022

AGU SPA Past President, 2021 - 2022

AGU SPA President, 2019 - 2020

Leader of NASA/LWS Focused Science Topic Team, 2019 - present

EOS Science Advisor, 2019-2021

Member of National Academies Committee on Solar and Space Physics, 2019 - 2022

Member of Commission on Astroparticle Physics for the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, 2018 - 2022

Member of National Academies U.S. Liaison Committee for the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, 2018 - present

Reviewer for National Academies NRC Research Associateship Programs, 2018 - present

Member of Next Step Space Weather Benchmarks Committee; Ionization Radiation Chair, 2019

Member of International Scientific Program Committee for International Cosmic Ray Conference; Solar and Heliospheric Committee Chair, 2019

AGU SPA President-Elect, 2017 - 2018

EOS editor for space physics, 2010 - 2019

Member of the Shakti P. Duggal Award Committee, 2017

Member of International Scientific Program Committee for International Cosmic Ray Conference; Solar and Heliospheric Committee Chair, 2017

Member of the NSF Geospace Section Portfolio Review Committee, 2015-2016 Lecturer for BU summer school 2014

Chair of AGU SPA Section Fellows Committee, 2013 - 2014

Co-Leader of 'Understanding the CME/SEP connection' working group for Extreme Space Weather Events (ESWE) Workshops, 2012 - 2014

Co-Leader for SEP working group for In-Situ Heliospheric Science Symposium, 2012

Member of Committee of Visitors panel for reviewing NSF Geospace division, 2011

Co-Leader of Interplanetary Working Group for Advanced Computational Capabilities for Exploration in Heliophysical Science (ACCEHS), 2010

Member of Living With a Star (LWS) Steering Committee, 2009 - 2010

Chair of steering committee for Solar, Heliospheric, and Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop, 2007 - 2010

Member of the scientific organizing committee for the SOHO 20 workshop, 2007

Lecturer for SPD Summer School on High Energy Solar Physics, UNH, 2006

Guest Editor for Advances in Space Research, Proceedings of COSPAR 2004, Session D2.5

Member of steering committee for Solar, Heliospheric, and Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop, 2003 - 2006

Member of NASA's Solar & Heliospheric Management Operations Working Group (MOWG), 2002 - 2005

- Co-Leader of SEP working group for Solar, Heliospheric, and Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) Workshop, 2001-2003
- Co-Leader of SEP-science working group for Living With a Star Coordinated Data Analysis Workshop (LWS CDAW), 2002
- Co-Leader of SEP working group for Ulysses/Voyager/ACE Heliospheric Workshop, 2001

Outreach/Mentor Activities

AGU Mentoring 365 Mentor, 2021 – present

Europlanet Mentoring Mentor, 2021 - present

Ask a Scientist for Solar Week, 2004 - present

Radio interview on KVMR, January 2022

Public lecture at Villa Gardens, Pasadena, CA, October 2018

Public lecture at California State University Northridge Planetarium, April 2018

Weizmann Day School Science Fair judge, Spring 2018

Public lecture at the Converse County Library, Douglas WY, August 2017

Scientific writing mentor for Caltech undergraduate student, Spring 2017

Public lecture at Villa Gardens, Pasadena, CA, June 2013

Lecture for 8th graders at Flintridge Preparatory School, La Canada Flintridge, CA, April 2013

Advisor for Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) student, Caltech, 2013

Advisor for summer high school students, Caltech, 2012-2014

Lecture for 8th graders at High Point Academy, Pasadena, CA, May 2010

Presenter at Sally Ride Science Festival, UCLA, November 2003

Honors and Awards:

Elected AGU Fellow, December 2023

received NASA Silver Achievement Medal for contributions to the Parker Solar Probe Mission, November 2019

received NASA Group Achievement Award for design, development and launch of the Advanced Composition Explorer (ACE), June 1998

received NASA Group Achievement Award for contributions to the Wind SMS Team, June 1998

received NASA Group Achievement Award for work during Ulysses' Jupiter flyby, February 1993

received NASA Group Achievement Award for design, development and testing of SWICS, June 1992

received Graduate Student Research Fellowship from NASA, August 1992 (a three year fellowship)

graduated Suma Cum Laude from University of New Hampshire, May 1989

Affiliations:

member of American Geophysical Union member of the European Geophysical Union member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society member of Sigma Pi Sigma honor society