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CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS: Evolution of black holes and galaxies, multiwavelength surveys, accretion, jets, unification of active galactic nuclei, blazars

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University Ph.D., Physics, 1984, M.S., Physics, 1979
Tufts University B.S., Physics & Mathematics, 1977 *summa cum laude*

POSITIONS HELD

2001-present Yale University: Israel Munson Professor of Physics & Astronomy; Director, Yale Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics
2007-2013 Yale University: Chair, Department of Physics
1987-2001 Space Telescope Science Institute: Astronomer and Head, Science Program Selection Office (1996-2001); Associate Astronomer with tenure (1995-1999); Assistant Astronomer and Chief, Research Support Branch (1990-1995); Institute Postdoctoral Fellow (1987-1990)
1984-1987 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Center for Space Research, Postdoctoral Fellow (with Claude Canizares)
1977-1984 Johns Hopkins University Graduate Student, Physics Department; NASA Graduate Research Fellow, X-ray group, Goddard Space Flight Center; Physics Instructor, University of Maryland Overseas College (1979); Teaching Assistant and Senior TA for General Physics
1977 Scientific data aide, X-ray group, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
1976 Summer student, National Radio Astronomy Observatory

PUBLICATIONS (see bibliography for details)

Over 260 publications in refereed journals (Astrophysical Journal, Astrophysical Journal Letters, Astrophysical Journal Supplement, Nature, Science, Annual Reviews of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Publications of the Astronomical Society of Japan, Advances in Space Research, Astroparticle Physics)

39 book chapters and invited review papers

4 books edited

Over 480 abstracts and contributed papers

Over 320 colloquia and invited review talks

Over 115 talks and papers on women in science

Over 40 articles in the popular press (Parade magazine, CNN.com, Huffington Post)

RECENT STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS SUPERVISED

Current Postdocs: Nico Cappelluti (2015-present), Grant Tremblay (2014-present), Allison Kirkpatrick (2016-)

Former Postdocs: Francesca Civano, Stephanie LaMassa, Eilat Glikman, Kevin Schawinski, Erin Bonning, Ritaban Chatterjee, Yasunobu Uchiyama, Eleni Chatzichristou, Riccardo Scarpa, Joe Pesce, Rita Sambruna, Elena Pian, Paola Grandi, Paolo Padovani

YCAA Postdocs: Nico Cappelluti, Andrew Hearin, Pascal Oesch, Jonathan Foster, Stella Offner, Nikku Madhusudhan, Megan Schwamb, Nitya Kallivayalil, Jason Tumlinson, Kyoungsoo Lee, Eric Gawiser, Ken Rines, Nick Morgan

Current graduate students: Peiyuan Mao, Tonima Tasnim Ananna, Meredith Powell

Former graduate students: Jedidah Isler, Brooke Simmons, Carie Cardamone, Jeffrey van Duyne, Ben Elder, Shanil Virani, Ezequiel Treister, Jong-Hak Woo, Zachary Harris, Matthew O'Dowd, Rita Sambruna, Elena Pian, Paola Grandi, Amanda Marlowe (Subba Rao)

Senior theses: (2015) Anna Han, Connor Hoge; (2012) Margaret Lazzarini; (2011) James Kim; (2009) Elissa Berwick, Taylor Giffen, Allison Kaptur, Severin Knudsen; (2008) Iara Cury, Bronika Kushkuley; (2007) Hannah Krug, Justin Presant, Alex Richardson; (2006) Tim Brandt, Zach Dennett; (2005) Brendan Cohen; (2004) Alison Duffy, Rob Hyde; (2003) Karen Peterson; (2002) Olivia Billett, Belina Mizrahi

Summer students: (2016) Zoe Aridor, Rachel Cooper, Keilah Davis, Dominic Eggerman, Joyce Guo, Nat Kerman, (2015) Dominic Eggerman, Nat Kerman, Sydney Young; (2014) Matthew Brady, Mark Hamilton, Connor Hoge, Mari Kawakatsu, Kate Miller, Field Rogers, Sonya Vohra; (2013) Brooke Lamell, Nailen Matschke, Robert Pecoraro, Alec Solder; (2012) Arifin, Miranda Kephart, Anna Han, Michael Albergo, Hunter Francis, Lily Hoffman, Nailen Matschke; (2011), Roger Lo, Will Vranos, Lucian Wang; (2010) Jenna Freudenberg, Henry Wilkin, Matt Caraway, Nick Ferreri, Claire Stepanek, Lucian Wang; (2008) Elissa Berwick, Michele Dufault, Severin Knudsen, Laura Kreidberg; (2006) Iara Cury, Kevin Greene, Allison Kaptur, Antonella Lisanti; (2004) Ruth Toner; (2003) Tim Brandt, Santanov Chaudhuri, Philip Levin, David Moore; (2002) Meredith Hughes; (STScI) Chiharu Tanihata, Teddy Cheung, Jessica Kim, Abby Paske, Laura Wickless; (MIT) Jennifer Sokoloski, Christopher Papineau, Marilyn Oberhardt, Michael Rohan

TEACHING

Yale Science 198-199 *Perspectives on Science and Engineering (freshman seminar)*

Yale Physics 471-472 *Independent Research*

Yale Physics 205, 206, 165 *Introductory Labs*

Yale Physics 343 *Astrophysics, Gravity, and Cosmology (course creation)*

Yale Physics 180-181 *Advanced Introductory Physics (interactive, peer learning, with clickers, course creation)*

MIT 8.01 *Introductory Physics (Recitation section)*

University of Maryland Overseas College *Introductory Physics*

Johns Hopkins *Introductory Physics (Recitation sections, Head Teaching Assistant)*

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Academy of Sciences, elected 2016

American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow 2013

Van Biesbroeck Prize, American Astronomical Society 2012

Woman in Space Science Award, Adler Planetarium 2010

Honorary Degree of Science, Tufts University 2009

American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow 2008

Connecticut Academy of Science & Engineering Fellow 2007

Association of Women in Science Fellow 2006

American Physical Society Fellow 1999 NASA/GSFC

Productivity Group Award 1996

Annie Jump Cannon Award in Astronomy 1990

N. Hobbs Knight Award for Physics, Tufts University 1976, 1977

Phi Beta Kappa 1976

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association of University Women

American Astronomical Society (HEAD Division Member)

American Physical Society, Fellow (Division of Astrophysics Member)

American Women in Science (Fellow)

Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering

International Astronomical Union

National Academy of Sciences

SCIENCE POLICY COMMITTEES

NASA Science Advisory Committee, Member 2012-2014

US Liaison Committee for the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, Member-at-Large, 2012-2014

Public Policy Committee of the American Physical Society, 2011-2014

American Association of Universities, NASA Presidential Working Group, 2007-2014
Astronomy Section Head, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2010-2012
Committee on Public Policy of the American Astronomical Society, 2006-2011
Council of the American Astronomical Society (& Appointments Committee), 2008-2011
Space Telescope Science Institute Committee on Diversity (Chair 2007-2009), 2007-2010
Astro2010 (Astronomy and Astrophysics Decadal Survey) Science Frontier Panel Chair (“Galaxies Across Cosmic Time”), 2009-2010
Gemini Telescopes Board Member, 2008-2009
National Academies of Science/National Research Council Committee on Astronomy and Astrophysics, Co-Chair 2004-2007
National Academies of Science/National Research Council Board on Physics & Astronomy 2003-2007
National Academies of Science/National Research Council Ad Hoc Committee to Assess Progress toward the Decadal Vision in Astronomy and Astrophysics, Chair 2004-2005
National Academies of Science/National Research Council Space Studies Board 2000-2004; Executive Committee 2001, 2003
National Virtual Observatory Science Definition Team 2001 NASA
Space Science Advisory Committee 1997-2000
NASA Space Science Advisory Committee Task Group on Mission Operations and Data Analysis 1998
American Astronomical Society Committee on the Status of Women in Astronomy Chair, 2000-2003; 1998-2000, 1994-1996
American Physical Society Committee on the Status of Women in Physics (CSWP) 2000-2002
American Physical Society Astrophysics Division Executive Committee 1995-1997 & 1999-2001 AGILE (Italian Gamma-Ray Satellite) Science Support Team 1998
American Astronomical Society Nominating Committee 1996-1998 & 2001-2004 (Chair 1997-1998) Maria Mitchell Award Advisory Committee 1997-1998
National Academies of Science/National Research Council Task Group on Space Astronomy and Astrophysics 1996
NASA Advisory Committees

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND PEER REVIEW PANELS

External Evaluation Committee of ISAS (Co-Chair), Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, 2012
Argonne National Laboratory CSWP Visiting Committee (Chair), 2012
Harvard Physics Visiting Committee (Chair), 2011-present
ASTRON (Netherlands Radio Astronomy) Visiting Committee, 2011
Harvard Astronomy Visiting Committee, 2011
Chandra Time Allocation Committee (Chair), 2010
Massachusetts Institute of Technology APS/CSWP Site Visit Committee (Chair), 2009
Radcliffe Science Advisory Committee, 2007-2009
HST Proposal Review Time Allocation Committee (Chair), 2007
Spitzer Time Allocation Committee (Chair), 2006
University of Michigan APS/CSWP Site Visit Committee (Chair), 2005
Chandra Fellowship Review Committees (Chair), 2005
University of Wisconsin APS/CSWP Site Visit Committee, 2002
Peer Review Panels for NASA facilities (Chandra, Hubble, Spitzer, RXTE, ASCA, IUE)

YALE COMMITTEES

Yale Center for Astronomy & Astrophysics Postdoctoral Search Committee 2002-present
Dufault Fund Committee, 2016-present
Conflict of Interest Committee, 2015-2016
Science Council, 2015-2016

Silliman Lectureship Committee, 2015-2016, 2011-2012
Committee on Undergraduate Physics Education, 2014-present
Jonathan Edwards College Freshman Advisor, 2002-present
Pre-College Science Outreach Steering Committee, 2011-present
Women Faculty Forum Council 2001-present, Steering 2002-present, Co-Chair 2007-2008
FAS Senate Implementation Committee, 2014-2015
Yale group to review STEM Teaching, 2011-2014
Postdoctoral Advisory Committee, 2011-2013
Committee to Review the Yale-Peking University Cooperative Program 2008-2009
Committee to Recommend New Master of Jonathan Edwards College Chair, 2007-2008
Faculty Arts & Sciences Tenure and Appointments Policy Review Committee 2005-2007
Tenure Appointments Comm., Division of Physical Sciences and Engineering 2003-2007
Advisory Committee of the Division of Physical Sciences and Engineering 2003-2007
University Budget Committee 2004-2006
Yale University Advisory Council of the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute 2003-2008
Department of Physics Astrophysics Search Committee Chair, 2003-2008, 2006-2007
Department of Physics Particle Experiment Search Committee 2005-2006
Physics Laboratory Demonstration Committee 2004-2005
Physics Appointments Review Committees: Richard Easther (Chair, 2005), Homer Neal (2003), Jeffrey Snyder (2003)
Marie Curie Centennial Symposium on Women in Science Organizing Committee 2002-2003
Physics Long-Range Planning Committee 2002-2003
Physics Committee on Undergraduate Physics 2001-2003

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

President, American Astronomical Society, 2013-2017
Editor of STATUS (CSWA Newsletter) 1998-2005, Contributing editor 2005-present
Team Lead, U.S. Delegation, 1st & 4th IUPAP Intl. Conf. on Women in Physics, Paris 2002, Cape Town 2011
Advisory Committee, Astronomical Society of the Pacific Conference Series 1999-2000; Publications Board, Astronomical Society of the Pacific 1997-1999
Proposal Review for NSF, NASA, International Research Councils
Manuscript Review for Nature, ApJ, ApJ Letters, AJ, A&A, MNRAS, Pub. Astr. Soc. Japan
Member, Scientific Organizing Committees (~30 conferences 1998-present)
Public Talks (3-10 times per year)