

Curriculum Vitae - Q. Daniel Wang

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Summary

Q. Daniel Wang is a professor in the Astronomy Department at University of Massachusetts Amherst. He received his Ph.D. in astronomy in 1990 from Columbia University and was awarded the 1992 ASP Robert J. Trumpler Award for Outstanding North American Ph.D. Dissertation Research in Astronomy. He was then a NASA Edwin P. Hubble Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Colorado and later a Lindheimer Fellow at Northwestern University. He was also a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and a Raymond and Beverley Sackler Distinguished Visiting Astronomer at University of Cambridge. He was honored first as the Siyuan Visiting Professor and later as the Yixing Visiting Chair Professor in the School of Astronomy and Space Science at Nanjing University, recently as a US Fulbright Scholar and a visiting professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and currently as a visiting professor at Tsung-Dao Lee Institute and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He was a Frontier Science Panel member for the US 2010 Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics and served on the executive committee of the High Energy Division of the American Astronomical Society.

His research is primarily on high energy astrophysics. He is recognized for his pioneering work on X-ray mapping and spectroscopy of diffuse hot plasma

in and around galaxies and for leading several major surveys of the Milky Way Galaxy center, using state-of-the-art telescopes. He was the principle investigator of many national and international research projects (with multi-million US dollar funding), including several large observing projects with the Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra X-ray Observatory, and XMM-Newton X-ray Observatory. He has (co-)authored about 200 research papers published in refereed journals (including four in *Nature* and one in *Science* as the lead author and one single author review paper in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences). His publication covers a broad range of topics: compact stars, supernova remnants, superbubbles, and hot circumgalactic and intergalactic media, as well as galactic nuclei and their environments. His current research focuses on the feedback and ecosystem of galaxies and galactic nuclear regions. He mainly uses radio, infrared, ultraviolet, and X-ray observations to conduct these studies. He also carries out theoretical and computational studies with his students and collaborators. He has mentored numerous students and postdocs, who are well-received by the community. His research was press-released by NASA in multiple occasions and was often covered by news media, nationally and internationally.

Professional Experience

2008 - present	Full Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2002 - 2008	Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
1999 - 2002	Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
1994 - 1999	Research Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, Evanston
1993 - 1994	Research Scientist at University of Colorado, Boulder
1990 - 1993	Hubble Fellow, Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics, Boulder

Professional Recognition

2018 - present	Visiting Professorship, Tsung-Dao Lee Institute and Shanghai Jiao Tong University
2018	Visiting Professorship, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
2018	U.S. Fulbright Scholar
2017 - 2018	Fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences President's International Fellowship Initiative
2013 - 2016	Yixing Visiting Chair Professorship, Nanjing University
2013	Raymond and Beverley Sackler Distinguished Visiting Astronomer, University of Cambridge
2006 - 2009	Siyuan Visiting Chair Professorship, Nanjing University
2005	Distinguished Visitor Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
1997	First-Class Award for the Science and Technology Advance from the National Education Committee of China

1994	Lindheimer Fellowship, Northwestern University
1992	Robert J. Trumpler Award for Outstanding North American Ph.D Dissertation Research in Astronomy from the Astronomical Society of Pacific
1990 - 1993	Hubble Postdoctoral Fellowship
1990	Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics Fellowship (declined)
1990	Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics Fellowship (declined)
1985	Nanjing University "New Star" Award

Professional Advisory Boards

2018 - present	Member of the NASA Great Observatory Science Analysis Group
2016 - 2017	Overseas Expert for Chinese Academy of Sciences
2015 - present	Academic Board of the Key Laboratory for Research in Galaxies and Cosmology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
2014 - 2017	Executive Committee Member of the High Energy Astrophysics Division of the American Astronomical Society
2009	Frontier Science Panel Member of US Astro 2010 - the Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Professional Associations

NASA approved Athena X-ray mission team member
 American Astronomical Society
 International Astronomical Union
 International Committee on Space Research
 International Astrostatistics Association

Major Current Research Projects

Galactic Nuclear Regions:

Systematic X-ray Study of the Galactic Supermassive Black Hole Sgr A*
 Variability Study of Stars in the Galactic Center
 Multi-band Infrared Mapping of the Galactic Nuclear Region
 Large Millimeter Telescope Survey of the Galactic Central Molecular Zone
 Chandra Mapping of the Galactic Center-Bulge Interface

Feedback and Ecosystem of Galaxies:

Chandra X-ray Visionary Program (3 Ms) of the 30 Dorado Nebula
 Multi-wavelength Study of M31 Nucleus and Bulge
 Multi-wavelength study of edge-on galaxies, including CHANG-ES (Continuum HALos in Nearby Galaxies – an EVLA Survey), as well as Chandra/XMM-Newton Surveys
 Multi-wavelength study of the Brightest Galaxies in the Universe: Gravitationally Lensed Submm Galaxies at High Redshifts

Ph.D. Dissertation

"An X-ray Image of the Large Magellanic Cloud and a Study of its Hot Interstellar Medium", under the supervision of Professor David J. Helfand (Columbia University, 1990)

Highlights of Research Achievements

The Universe is hot and energetic, as revealed by high-energy astrophysics – the main field of my research. At UMass Amherst, my high-energy astrophysics group has hosted 14 postdoctoral and long-term international visiting scholars, 8 PhD (completed) students, many other graduate and undergraduates, and a high-school intern. Collaborating with astronomers around the globe, we have researched a broad range of topics, via theoretical/computational studies, as well as observations across the electromagnetic spectrum, using best available facilities. The following highlights a few research areas where I have made most significant contributions.

1) Astrophysical phenomena and processes in extreme environments:

My research career started with the first calculation of quark matter viscosity and its application to the damping process of quark star vibration (Wang & Lu 1984, *Physics Letters B*; Wang et al. 1989, *Nature*). My interest in extreme astrophysics continued with my participation in the discovery and follow-up study of the fastest rotating young pulsar and its uniquely regular star quake pattern (e.g., Marshall et al. 1998, Wang et al. 1998, Middleditch et al. 2006, all in *ApJ*), as well as the pulsar in the supernova remnant G54.1+0.3 – a close cousin of the Crab Nebula (Camilo et al., Lu et al. 2002 *ApJ*). Later, as the lead author of a landmark paper, I presented the first evidence for the substantial mass loss from the accretion flow onto our Galaxy’s central massive black hole, known as Sgr A* (Wang et al. 2013, *Science*). This work represents a major breakthrough in understanding the silent majority of galactic nuclei. Recently, we have extended the work on the accretion flow to include numeric hydrodynamic simulations, which has led to the first estimations of both the flow’s angular momentum (Roberts et al. 2017, *MNRAS*) and the quiescent X-ray emission from the immediate vicinity of the black hole (Ma et al. 2018). I was also part of the international team that detected the radio to sub-millimeter emission from the nearest tidal disruption event – the disruption of a Jupiter-sized planet by the central massive black hole – in the Virgo cluster galaxy NGC 4845 (Irwin et al. 2015, Yuan et al. 2016, *MNRAS*). This, together with our follow-up observations with VLBA, ALMA, and SWIFT, has provided a so far unique opportunity to conduct a spatially resolved study of evolving jets from such an event (Perlman et al. 2017, 2019, *ApJ*).

2) Galactic circumnuclear environment:

Lines of evidence show that galactic nuclear regions play a central role in galaxy evolution, so it is important to know how such regions work. I led several large observational campaigns to explore the nuclear region of our own Galaxy. We were the first to use the Chandra X-ray Observatory to survey the central molecular zone of our Galaxy, and also actively participated in subsequent deeper surveys, providing an unprecedented high-resolution view of numerous discrete energetic objects and diffuse hot plasma, as well as Sgr A* (Wang, Gotthelf, & Lang 2002, *Nature*; Muno et al. 2006, *ApJ*; Wang et al. 2013, *Science*). I also organized an ambitious multi-institution effort to map the near-infrared emission from ionized gas in the central zone, using the Hubble Space Telescope (Wang et al. 2010, *MNRAS*). I oversaw the challenging data analysis for that project, which has resulted in numerous publications and established an invaluable legacy data set that will continue to be of enormous value to future researchers. Results from the project itself include the discovery of many evolved massive stars, a large fraction of which are unexpectedly located outside known stellar clusters, and the detailed mapping of diffuse photo-ionized gas, providing a glimpse of various star formation modes. Recently, I formed a team to complete a large-scale, high-resolution survey of millimeter emission from the zone with the Large Millimeter Telescope (Wang et al. 2019). Combined with complementary far-infrared data from the Herschel Space Observatory, this survey allows us to map the projected dust mass distribution (Tang et al. 2019). Furthermore, a joint analysis of the dust emission and extinction data is enabling us to construct the first 3-D global distributions of stars and gas in the nuclear region of our Galaxy. These surveys offer important insights into the interplay among various components of the region and a glimpse of what may occur in distant galaxies under similar extreme conditions.

3) Stellar feedback and galactic ecosystem:

In galaxies, feedback from stars, plus occasional active galactic nuclei, is manifested by the presence of chemically enriched hot galactic coronae. They can dominate the energetics of the interstellar medium, drive outflows into galactic halos, and regulate galaxy evolution (Tang et al. 2009, *MNRAS*; Tang & Wang 2010, *MNRAS*). My research has played a pioneering and leading role in the study of galactic coronae. As a graduate student, I conducted the first systematic X-ray study of diffuse hot plasma in the nearby Large Magellanic Cloud galaxy. Later I made the first detection of the corona around a spiral galaxy (Wang et al. 1995, 2001, *ApJL*) and then initiated a systematic X-ray survey of galactic coronae around large samples of disk galaxies, using Chandra and XMM-Newton observations (e.g., Li & Wang 2013; Li, Crain, & Wang 2014; Wang et al. 2016, *MNRAS*; Li et al. 2018, *ApJL*). This later survey, for example, provides critical tests for theories of galaxy evolution by showing that 1) the coronae trace the stellar feedback, 2) the X-ray efficiency of a corona decreases with increasing surface star formation rate, 3) substantial discrepancies exist between observations and simulations, and 4) the coronae of galaxies are insufficient to explain their “missing baryons”. I further led a systematic X-ray absorption line survey of the diffuse hot plasma in our Galaxy (e.g., Wang et al. 2005,

ApJ; Yao & Wang 2005, ApJ). For this survey, we developed state-of-the-art tools for the joint analysis of X-ray absorption and emission lines and provided the first global characterization of the spatial extent, chemical abundances, kinematics, and thermal state of the X-ray-emitting/absorbing gas in and around our Galaxy (e.g., Wang 2010, PNAS).

4) X-ray spectroscopy of diffuse hot plasma:

Despite these advances, the interpretation of X-ray emission can be complicated, even for galaxies with no bright active galactic nuclei. In a series of spectroscopic studies that I initiated, we demonstrate that a considerable fraction of diffuse soft X-ray emission observed in such galaxies cannot simply arise from collisional processes in optically thin thermal gas, as has been commonly assumed (Liu et al. 2010, 2011, MNRAS; Zhang et al. 2014, ApJ; Yang et al. 2018, ApJ). This is important for understanding the nature of the emission and for correctly inferring the thermal and chemical properties of the hot plasma. We show that in active star-forming galaxies such as M82, part of the soft X-ray emission most likely originates in charge exchange between ions and neutral atoms at the interface between hot and cool gases (Zhang et al. 2014). We have directly confirmed such charge exchange induced emission at the shock front of a supernova remnant (Roberts & Wang 2015, MNRAS). In a relatively quiescent circumstance such as the stellar bulge of our neighboring Andromeda galaxy, the hot plasma can be optically thick for strong resonance lines. We show that photon scattering plays a major role in shaping the observed X-ray spectrum and spatial distribution (Yang et al. 2018). We have further demonstrated that modeling the effects of these processes can yield key information about the velocity structure of the hot plasma or its interface area with cool gas, which could hardly be measured otherwise (Zhang et al. 2014; Yang et al. 2018). With these pioneering studies, we are well positioned to take advantage of future X-ray observing facilities with their greatly improved spectroscopic capabilities to further our investigations.

5) Evolution of galaxies in intergalactic environments:

Galactic ecosystems are not completely isolated and can be strongly affected by their intergalactic environments. I initiated multiple innovative projects to provide the first lines of observational evidence for galaxy transformation and destruction during galaxy cluster formation (Wang et al. 2004, ApJ), for diffuse hot plasma spanning the deep intergalactic space between clusters and groups of galaxies (Wang, Connelly, & Brunner 1997, ApJL; Wang et al. 2004, ApJ), and for the dearth of UV-absorbing cool gas in and around clusters and their embedded galaxies (Burchett et al. 2018, MNRAS). These results place fundamental constraints on theories on the environmental dependence of galaxy evolution.

In short, UMass Amherst is well placed on the map of high-energy astrophysics. My group has been funded steadily over the years. Our research was featured in press releases by NASA and the American Astronomical Society, on magazine covers, in museum collections, and via radio and TV interviews. Many of our former group members are now leading their own projects.

Publications in Referred Journals

[Mentees whose co-authorship took place under my direct supervision are marked: postdocs (*), graduate (**), undergraduate (***), and high-school (****) students]

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"Time-domain astrophysics of galactic nuclei in radio to submillimeter", The 3rd PANDA Symposium on Time Domain Astronomy, Chengdu, China, 2018

"Flows and Flares Around the Nearest Supermassive Black Hole — Sgr A*", plenary keynote at the #230 American Astronomical Society, Austin, USA, 2017

"Ideas on Chandra Key Projects for the Next 15 Years", at the Chandra Science for the Next Decade workshop, Cambridge, USA, 2016

"Cosmic Structure Formation: Far-UV/Soft X-ray Spectroscopy", at the Tsinghua Circum-galactic and Intergalactic Gas mini-workshop, Beijing, China, 2016

"X-ray Spectroscopy of Nearby Galactic Nuclear Region", at the Universe in High-resolution X-ray Spectra workshop, Cambridge, USA, 2015

"Feedback from Starbursts: 30 Dorado as a Case Study", McCray Symposium, Bern, Switzerland, 2015

"Galactic Neighborhood and (Chandra-enabled) X-ray Astrophysics" in the 15-year Chandra Conference, Boston, USA, 2014

"Diffuse X-ray Emission of Disk Galaxies", in the X-ray View of Galaxy Ecosystems workshop, Boston, USA, 2014

"Galactic Feedback and Ecosystem", in the From Dark Matter to Galaxies workshop, Xian, China, 2014

“What do Complementary X-ray Data Tell Us about CHANG-ES galaxies?” in the Change-es Survey workshop, Kingston, Canada, 2014

“Astronomical Frontier Problems of Cosmic-ray Origins” at the Cosmic-ray conference, Beijing, China, 2014

“LMT/AzTEC 1.1-mm Observations of the Galactic Center” in the 2014 LMT workshop, Mexico, 2014

“Supernovae and the Galactic Ecosystem” in the IAU Symposium 296, Supernova Environmental Impacts, Raichak, India, 2013

“Multi-wavelength Study of Nearby edge-on Galaxies”, in the Lorentz Center@Snellius Radio Halos of Galaxies workshop, Leiden, Netherlands, 2013

Departmental Colloquium/Seminar Talks

The Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics at Beijing, The Joint ALMA Observatory/European South Observatory, Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory/Gemini Telescope, Universidad de Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, Beijing Normal University, Yunnan University, Yunnan Astronomical Observatory, Institute de Astrofísica de Andalucía (Granada, Spain); Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences (Prague, Czech); University of Potsdam; Fudan University (Shanghai, China); Cambridge University; Mullard Space Science Laboratory, University College London; University of Leicester; Shanghai Jia-tong University; Institute for High-Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences; University of Science and Technology of China; Purple Mountain Observatory (Nanjing, China); Nanjing University; Tsinghua University (Beijing, China); Shanghai Astronomical Observatory; Xiamen University (Xiamen, China); Chinese National Astronomical Observatories

Astrophysics Science Division of NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center; University of Connecticut; University of Maryland; University of Missouri; University of Massachusetts Amherst; Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Center for Astrophysics; University of Georgia at Athens; University of Colorado at Boulder; California Institute of Technology; Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; University of Wisconsin at Madison; Yale University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics; Space Telescope Science Institute; Penn State University; NASA/GSFC/Lab. for High Energy Astrophysics; John Hopkins University; Columbia University; Los Alamos National Lab; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Bell Laboratory; University of Pittsburgh; National Radio Astronomy Observatory/Very Large Array; Rutgers University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Alabama at Huntsville; Northwestern University; State University of New York at Stony Brook; New Mexico State University; University of California at Berkeley

Current External Research Funding

My research has been steadily funded by numerous external grants of a total about ~ 5 million (US\$) over the years. The current active and approved (period-pending) grants are listed below:

Title	Chandra Mapping of the Galactic Central Region
PI	Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency	SAO/Chandra AO20
Award Amount (Period)	\$136k (pending)

Title	3-D Mapping of the Galactic Nuclear Region
PI	Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency	NASA/ADAP
Award Amount (Period)	\$355k (6/1/17-5/31/20)

Title	Ultraviolet spectroscopy of the dust extinction in the M31 inner bulge
PI	Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency	STScI AO25
Award Amount (Period)	\$47k (pending)

Title	Variability Studies of Stars in the Central 2 arcmin of the Galactic Center
PI	Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency	STScI AO24
Award Amount (Period)	\$79k (10/31/16-9/30/19)

Title	Most Luminous Galaxies: Strongly Lensed SMGs at $1 < z < 4$
PI	James Lowenthal (Smith College)

UMass PI		Min Yun
Funding Agency		STScI AO24
Award Amount (Period)		\$74k (12/1/16-11/30/19)
Title	Hot Coronae Around Local Spiral Galaxies: A Key Probe of Galaxy Formation Theory	
PI		Joel Bregman (U. of Michigan)
UMass PI		Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency		NASA/ADAP
Award Amount (Period)		\$48k (1/1/15-12/31/18)
Title	X-raying the Galactic Center/bulge Interface	
PI		Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency		SAO/Chandra AO17
Award Amount (Period)		\$103k (5/11/16-5/10/19)
Title	Opening a New Window towards the Nuclear Star Cluster in the Milky Way	
PI		Hui Dong (IAA, Spain)
US PI		Q. Daniel Wang
Funding Agency		STScI AO23
Award Amount (Period)		\$34k (4/1/16-6/30/19)

Former Postdoctoral Associates/Visiting Scholars and Students

Postdoctoral Associates/Visiting Scholars:

- Stefan Immler 3/2000-8/2002 (Program Scientist in the Astrophysics Division at NASA Headquarters)
- Cornelia Lang 2000-2002 (associate professor at U. of Iowa)
- Fangjun Lu 2001-2002 (professor at Institute for High-Energy Physics, China)
- Rosa Williams 2001-2003 (associate professor at Columbus State University, Georgia)
- Yu Gao 2002-2003 (professor at Purple Mountain Observatory, China)
- Yang Chen, 2002-2003 (professor at Nanjing U., China)
- Donald Honer, 2003-2004 (staff at GSFC)
- David Smith 2003-2004 (returned to England; lost contact)
- Yangsens Yao, 2003-2005 (postdoc at MIT and U. of Colorado)
- Jiren Liu, 2008-2010 (2008-2010; astrophysicist at National Astronomical Observatory of China)
- Shiyin Shen 2011 (associate professor, Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, China)
- Qiang Yuan 2014-2016 (astrophysicist at Purple Mountain Observatory, China)
- Shuinai Zhang 2017-2018 (astrophysicist at Purple Mountain Observatory, China)
- Renyi Ma 2017-2018 (associated Professor at Xiamen University, China)

Ph.D. Students:

- Li Ji 2006 Ph.D. (postdoc at MIT; currently on faculty of Purple Mountain Observatory, China)
- Zhiyuan Li 2008 (postdoc at CfA, UCLA, professor of Nanjing University (NJU))
- Shikui Tang 2009 (postdoc at Mass. General, residency at U. Penn; now a medical physicist)
- Bing Jiang 2009 (jointly supervised by Yang Chen at NJU; currently on faculty of NJU)
- Jiangtao Li 2010 (jointly supervised by Yang Chen at NJU; currently a postdoc at U. of Michigan)
- Hui Dong 2011 (postdoc at National Optical Astronomical Observatory and now at Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía - CSIC, Granada, Spain)
- Chong Ge 2015 (jointly supervised by Qiusheng Gu at NJU; now postdoc at U. of Alabama)
- Shawn Roberts (2016; data scientist at U.S. Census Bureau)

Graduate students who did other research projects with me:

- Aimee D'Onofrio (2000-2001; 2nd-year project; MIT Lincoln Lab)
- Chow-Choong Ngeow (2000-2001; 1st-year project; National Central University, Taiwan)
- Tara Chevas (2001-2002, visiting student from Queen's University, Canada)

Shikui Tang (2003-2004; 1st-year project)
Zhiyuan Li (2004-2005; 2nd-year project)
Hui Dong (2005-2006; 1st-year project)
Bing Jiang (2006-2008; visiting graduate student from NJU)
Zhaoyu Zuo (2007-2008; visiting graduate student from NJU)
Seth Johnson (2007-2008; 1st-year project)
Roger Ledgister (2008-2009; 1st-year project)
David Welch (2008-2009; 1st-year project)
Zhankui Lu (2009-2010; 1st-year project)
Xiaojie Xu (2010-2012; visiting student from NJU)
Shuinai Zhang (2011; visiting student from NJU)
Michael Petersen (2010-2011; 1st-year project)
Frank Ripple (2011-2012; 2nd-year project)
Seunghwan Lim (2013-2014; 1st-year project)
Yaping Li (visiting student from Xiamen University; 2014)
Patrick Kamieneski (2015-2016; 1st-year project)
Zhiyuan Ji (2017-2018; 2nd-year project)
Luan Luan (2018-; 1st-year project)

Undergraduates (who conducted research under my supervision):

Ted Markowsky (2003; Fox Broadcasting)
Wakako Fukui (Mt. Holyoke College; 2003)
Ben Farley (2004, graduate student at American University)
Kate Whitaker (2004; Yale University graduate student, NASA postdoc, Hubble fellow), winner of the Mary Dailey Irvine Prize and the College Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award for Academic Excellence
Chris Duston (2003-2005, Penn State University graduate student, Florida State Univ), winner of the David J. Van Blerkom Research Scholarship in Astronomy
Pat Dragon (2005)
Mike Okrochkov (2007)
Jake McCoy (2010-2011; U.of Iowa graduate student; NASA Space Technology Research Fellow at Penn State University), winner of the David J. Van Blerkom Research Scholarship in Astronomy
Aaron Dunbrack (2014-2015), 2015 Goldwater Scholar
Dylan Pare (2015-2017, University of Iowa graduate student)
Kendall Sullivan (2015-2016, University of Texas at Austin graduate student)
Yuxuan (Mark) Zeng (2017-)

High-School Students Whom I Mentored:

Dan Hussain (Richland Senior High School in Johnstown; Siemens Westinghouse National Science Award, MIT undergraduate; now an inventor, entrepreneur and patent agent)
Sam Cabot (Berkshire School, Sheffield; Princeton U. undergraduate; Cambridge and Yale graduate students)

Teaching Experience

I have taught the following courses (each for multiple times):

Undergraduate level:

AST 191A: Astronomy 1st-year Seminar
AST 100: Exploring Universe

Graduate level:

AST 850: High-Energy Astrophysics
AST 792A: Seminar and Literature Review
AST 643: Astrophys/Stars & Stellar Populations
AST 650: Extragalactic Astronomy

Other Service

In addition to nominal committee services at various department, college, and campus levels, I have contributed to the function of the department by managing the high-energy astrophysics group. Outside the campus, I served as scientific organizing committee member or chair of various international astronomical meetings and as member, chair, or deputy chair on numerous facility, theory, and observing time allocation panels for NASA and NSF.

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