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# **EDUCATION:**

1982 - 1985	D.Phil, M.Phil Astronomy, Columbia University
1977 - 1978	M.A. Physics, Brandeis University
1970-1974	B.S. Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

# **CURRENT POSITIONS:**

1988-	Astrophysicist, High Energy Astrophysics Division, SAO
1988-	Associate, Harvard College Observatory
2008-	Lecturer, Department of Physics, Northeastern University

# PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

2005-2007	Director, NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) and Teachers
	(RET) programs at SAO
1995-1996	NSF Visiting Associate Professor of Astronomy, Harvard University
1993-1995	NSF Visiting Associate Professor of Astronomy, University of Maryland
Spring 1990	MPE Fellow, Max-Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics.
1986-1988	National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Resident Research As-
	sociate, Laboratory for High Energy Astrophysics, NASA/GSFC
Fall 1983	Visiting Scientist, Department of Astronomy, Oxford University.
1983	Summer Faculty, Department of Astronomy, Columbia University.
1979-1982	Senior Progammer, Radio & Geo Division, SAO
1979	Sponsored Research Staff, Center for Space Research, MIT
1975-1977	Research Assistant, Earth and Planetary Physics, Harvard University

# HONORS/AWARDS:

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2014	AAS Shapley Lecturer, Newfondland
2012	AAS Shapley Lecturer, Indiana
2010	Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science.
2005	AAS Shapley Lecturer.
1993-1996	Visiting Professorship for Women, National Science Foundation.
1991-1992	Marie Curie Fellow, American Association of University Women.
1988-1989	Science Scholar, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College
1983-1984	Amelia Earhart Fellow, Zonta International
1984-1985	Amelia Earhart Fellow, Zonta International

# PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

2001-	Astronomical Society of the Pacific
1994-	American Association for the Advancement of Science
1991-	International Astronomical Union
1991-	American Association of University Women
1986-1990	New York Academy of Sciences
1984-1991	Royal Astronomical Society
1984-	American Physical Society
1991- 1986-1990 1984-1991	American Association of University Women New York Academy of Sciences Royal Astronomical Society

# ${\bf GRANTS/CONTRACTS:\ Principal\ Investigator}$

2013-2014	"The Disk-Jet Connection in X-ray Binaries" Smithsonian Competitive Grants
2010-2011	Program for Science." \$79,800.00 (pending)  "Increasing the Visibility of Women in Science." Smith genier Women's Program
2010-2011	"Increasing the Visibility of Women in Science." Smithsonian Women's Program Committee. \$10,000.00
2010-2011	"Modulation tomography: imaging black hole binaries." Smithsonian Scholarly
	Studies. \$36,900.00
2007-2010	"The Spectral Energy Distributin of X-ray Binaries" Smithsonian Endowment.
	\$41,113.
2007-2010	"Inflows and Outflows in X-ray Binaries: Getting the Big Picture" NASA ROSES
	ADP. \$223,100.
2007-2010	"Superorbital Variation of LMC X-4: Exploring the Accretion Flow" NASA Suzaku
2005	Cycle 2. \$23,200.
2005	"The Location and Spatial Structure of X-ray Emitting Plasma" Chandra AO6.
2005	\$30,289 (replacing FRH).  "X-ray Emission from Fast Moving Shocks in the Protostellar Jet HH154." Chan-
2005	dra AO6. \$22,353 (replacing FRH).
2005	"The Issue of Coronal Abundances." Chandra AO5. \$19,472 (replacing FRH).
2005	"Activity Cycles and Maunder Minima Stars" XMM AO5. \$13,453 (replacing
	FRH).
2005	"X-ray Monitoring of Saturated M Dwarfs" XMM AO4. \$9,629 (replacing FRH).
2005-2008	"Modulation Tomography of X-ray Binaries" 3-year NSF grant. \$236,618.
2004	"Coronal Emission from Saturated Stars" XMM AO3. \$8,684 (replacing FRH).
2001	"Chandra Grating Spectroscopy of X-ray Binaries" Chandra AO3 Archival, (\$70,000.00
2000	at SAO).
2000	"Spectral Variability of a supergiant X-ray Binary" AXAF AO1. \$9,900.
2000 2000	"X-ray Spectra of Newly-Detected DQ Her objects" "High Resolution UV/X-ray Spectroscopy of SMC X-1", Chandra AO2, (\$54,000.00
2000	at SAO).
2000	"High Resolution UV/X-ray Spectroscopy of SMC X-1", HST Cycle 9, (\$80,396.00
	at SAO).
1999	"Spectroscopy of Low Mass X-ray Binaries: New Insights Into Accretion" XMM
	AO1, (\$44,700.00 at SAO).
1999	"High Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy of Compact Binaries". AXAF AO1 (\$58,700.00
100=	at SAO).
1997	"Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1/HZ Herculis" NASA (XTE AO4), (\$9,896.00 at
1007 2002	SAO).  "The Dhysics of Accretion in Compact Objects" NASA (Long Torm Space Actus
1997-2002	"The Physics of Accretion in Compact Objects", NASA (Long-Term Space Astrophysics Program, Senior) (\$567,000.00 at SAO).
1996	"4U1700-37 with ASCA/STIS/XTE: Wind Instabilities in a Supergiant Binary"
1000	(ASCA A05), (\$19,000.00 at SAO); This observation was delayed a year for coor-
	dination with HST but ASCA died before this could be arranged.
1996	"High Resolution Ultraviolet Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1/HZ Herculis", (HST
	Cycle 7), (\$173,000.00 at SAO).
1996	"UV Echos of X-ray Pulsars: LMC X-4", (HST Cycle 5), (\$51,332.00 at SAO).
1995	"UV/X-ray Spectroscopy of Cyg X-2", (HST Cycle 5), (\$47,524.00 at SAO).
1995	"The UV Energy Distribution of White Dwarfs: DP Leo, U Gem, and OY Car",
	(HST Archival), (\$46,560.00 at UMD).

1995	"UV Echos of X-ray Pulsars: LMC X-4", NASA (ASCA AO3), (\$18,635.00 at
	UMD).
1995	"X-ray/UV Spectroscopy of Cyg X-2", NASA (ASCA AO3), (\$18,635.00 at UMD).
1994	"Accretion Disk Dynamics of Her X-1", NASA (ASCA AO2) (\$10,000.00 at UMD).
1993	"Lines and Edges in the Spectra of X-ray Binaries", NASA (ASCA AO1), (\$10,000.00
	at UMD).
1993	"Pulse Phase Spectroscopy of LMC X-4", NASA (ASCA AO1), (\$5,000.00 at
	UMD).
1993	"Multiwavelength Observations of Her X-1", NASA (IUE), (\$1,500.00 at UMD).
1993	"Multiwavelength Studies of Her X-1", NASA (R OSAT AO4), (\$22,000.00 at
	UMD).
1993-1996	"Multiwavelength Studies of X-ray Binaries", NSF, (\$169,800.00 at UMD).
1993	"EUV Observations of Her X-1", NASA (EUVE), (\$44,478.00 at UMD).
1991-1996	"Multiwavelength Spectroscopy of X-ray Binaries", NASA (Long-Term Space As-
1001 1000	trophysics Data Program), (\$453,900.00 at SAO).
1991	"Soft X-ray Emission from Boundary Layers in Cataclysmic Variables", NASA
1991	(ROSAT AO2), (\$18,000.00 at SAO).
1990	"Soft X-ray Emission from Boundary Layers in Cataclysmic Variables", NASA
1990	(ROSAT AO1), (\$22,742.00 at SAO).
1989	"Multiwavelength Studies of Sco X-1", NASA (IUE), (\$15,800.00 at SAO).
1988	"Multiwavelength Studies of Cyg X-2", NASA (IUE), (\$36,500.00 at SAO).
1987	"Circumsource Structure of Her X-1 and Cen X-3", NASA (Astrophysics Data
	Program), (\$5,000.00 at NASA/GSFC).
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	WTS/CONTRACTS: Co-Investigator
GRAN 2006	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and
2006	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee).
	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee). "The star-forming region: NGC 1893" Chandra AO7, (PI=G. Micela; replacing
2006 2005	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee). "The star-forming region: NGC 1893" Chandra AO7, (PI=G. Micela; replacing FRH).
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2006 2005 2002 2001	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee). "The star-forming region: NGC 1893" Chandra AO7, (PI=G. Micela; replacing FRH).  "X persei: The X-ray Halo and Spectrum of a High latitude X-ray Binary." XMM AO3, (PI=R. Smith).  "High Resolution Observations of X-Per" XMM AO2, (PI=R. Smith).
<ul><li>2006</li><li>2005</li><li>2002</li></ul>	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee). "The star-forming region: NGC 1893" Chandra AO7, (PI=G. Micela; replacing FRH).  "X persei: The X-ray Halo and Spectrum of a High latitude X-ray Binary." XMM AO3, (PI=R. Smith).  "High Resolution Observations of X-Per" XMM AO2, (PI=R. Smith).  "Understanding the Engine of Growth in Planetary Nebulae" Chandra AO3, (PI=J.
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2006 2005 2002 2001 2001 2000 2000 1999 1999 1998 1998 1998 1998	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee). "The star-forming region: NGC 1893" Chandra AO7, (PI=G. Micela; replacing FRH).  "X persei: The X-ray Halo and Spectrum of a High latitude X-ray Binary." XMM AO3, (PI=R. Smith).  "High Resolution Observations of X-Per" XMM AO2, (PI=R. Smith).  "Understanding the Engine of Growth in Planetary Nebulae" Chandra AO3, (PI=J. Kastner).  "Far-UV Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1" FUSE Cycle 2, (PI=B. Boroson).  "Far-UV Spectroscopy of Scorpius X-1" FUSE Cycle 2, (PI=B. Boroson).  "X-ray Emission from Planetary Nebulae" AXAF AO1, (PI=J. Kastner).  "X-ray/UV Echo Mapping of Cygnus X-1", RXTE Cycle 5, (PI=Boroson).  "Wind Ionization in High Mass X-ray Binaries" FUSE Cycle 1, (PI=B. Boroson).  "Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1/HZ Herculis", EUVE (AO6), (PI-B. Boroson).  "Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1/HZ Herculis", XTE (AO4), (PI-M. Still).  "Simultaneous STIS/XTE monitoring of 4U1700-37", (XTE AO2), (PI-M. Corcoran at GSFC).  "X-ray/UV Spectroscopy of Cyg X-2; a Coordinated Campaign with XTE, HST
2006 2005 2002 2001 2001 2000 2000 1999 1998 1998 1998 1998 1996 1995	"A Chandra HETGS Study of LMC X-4: Binary Disk and Wind Properties and Studies of Grain Distribution at Small Angles" Chandra AO8, (PI=J.C.Lee). "The star-forming region: NGC 1893" Chandra AO7, (PI=G. Micela; replacing FRH). "X persei: The X-ray Halo and Spectrum of a High latitude X-ray Binary." XMM AO3, (PI=R. Smith). "High Resolution Observations of X-Per" XMM AO2, (PI=R. Smith). "Understanding the Engine of Growth in Planetary Nebulae" Chandra AO3, (PI=J. Kastner). "Far-UV Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1" FUSE Cycle 2, (PI=B. Boroson). "Tar-UV Spectroscopy of Scorpius X-1" FUSE Cycle 2, (PI=B. Boroson). "X-ray Emission from Planetary Nebulae" AXAF AO1, (PI=J. Kastner). "X-ray/UV Echo Mapping of Cygnus X-1", RXTE Cycle 5, (PI=Boroson). "Wind Ionization in High Mass X-ray Binaries" FUSE Cycle 1, (PI=B. Boroson). "Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1/HZ Herculis", EUVE (AO6), (PI-B. Boroson). "Spectroscopy of Hercules X-1/HZ Herculis", XTE (AO4), (PI-M. Still). "Simultaneous STIS/XTE monitoring of 4U1700-37", (XTE AO2), (PI-M. Corcoran at GSFC). "X-ray/UV Spectroscopy of Cyg X-2; a Coordinated Campaign with XTE, HST and ASCA", (XTE AO1), (PI-A. Smale at GSFC).
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Kallman at GSFC).

1993	"Study of the Soft X-ra	v Spectrum of Hercules	X-1", (ROSAT AO4), (PI-P. Ka-

habka at MPE).

"The Boundary Layer Emission of Nova-like Variables", NASA (EUVE), (PI-J.

Raymond) (\$37,254.00 at SAO).

1992-1993 "Accretion Geometries of Long-Period Am Her Stars", NASA (IUE),(PI-J. Ray-

mond) (\$14,000.00 at SAO).

"A Search for X-ray Pulsars", NASA (EXOSAT), (PI-J. Patterson) (\$10,000.00 at

Columbia).

# **CITIZENSHIP:**

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## MEMBERSHIP ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Coordinator, SAO Women's Program, CfA.

Internal:

2009-	Member, Center for Astrophysics Telescope Allocation committee
2005	Lead for Compact Objects section for CfA Science Strategic Planning Committee.
2004-2005	Chair, CfA Pre-doctoral Oversight Committee
2003-2004	Chair, CfA Fellowship Selection Committee
2003-2004	Chair, CfA Pre-doctoral Selection Committee
2002-2003	Member, CfA post and pre-doctoral Selection Committee
1994	Astronomy Advisory Committee, University of Maryland. (Members: M. Leven-
	thal (Dept. Chair), R. Bell, S. Vogel, S. Vrtilek, J. Stone) the purpose of this
	committee was the design of a 10-year strategic plan for the Department as re-
	quested by the Dean of the College of Mathematics and Sciences to be incorporated
	into a 10-year plan for the College (10 departments).
1993-1995	Astronomy Department Representative, UMD Outreach Program.
1991-1993	Co-chair, CfA Colloquium Series.

#### External:

1990-1992

External	ll:
2013	Hubble Space Telescope, Cycle 21, Panel Chair, member of TAC
2011-2013	Member, Committee on Sections, American Association for the Advancement of
	Science (AAAS).
2011-2012	Chair, APS Maria Goeppert Mayer Fellowship Selection Committee.
2010-2018	Secretary-Treasurer, Astronomy Section, AAAS.
2009-2012	Member, Committee on the Status of Women in Physics, American Physical So-
	ciety (Guest editor for Summer 2010 Newsletter, article "Quality & Quantity:
	Participation of Women and Minorities in Science. (Chair, subcommittee on site
	visits; visits to physics departments of Los Alamos, UCSB, Argonne, NCSU)
2006	Nominating Committee of the AAAS.
2004	Chandra Cycle 6 Peer Review, Panel Chair
2003	RXTE Cycle 9 Peer Review, Panel Chair
2001	NASA Headquarters ADP/LTSA Review, Panel Chair.
1998	NASA Senior Review
1997-2009	Secretary-treasurer AAAS Section D (Astronomy).
1995-1998	American Astronomical Society representative to the American Association for the
	Advancement of Science.
1995-1997	AAUW Educational Foundation International Fellowships Awards Panel.
1995-1996	Nominating Committee for the High Energy Astrophysis Division of the AAS.

I have served as member on an additional 21 NASA and NSF peer review panels.

### REFEREEING:

1988-

Referee for Astrophysical Journal (Letters), Astrophysical Journal, Astrophysical Journal (Supplement), Nature, Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Astronomical Journal, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Astronomy & Astrophysics

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETINGS/SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

- 2012 Member of Program Committee, APS March 2012 meeting.
- 2012 "STEM outreach to underrepresented minorities". Session organizer. APS 2012 March meeting.
- 2007 "Population Explosion: The Nature and Evolution of X-ray Binaries in Diverse Environments," Scientific Organizing Committee. St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, 28 Oct 2 Nov, 2007.
- 2006 "Astronomy Nexus: Connecting with Colleagues and the Cosmos. Special event at the AAAS Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, Feb 19, 2006.
- 2006 "Great Space Observatories: Challenges and Rewards" scientific session for the AAAS Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, Feb 19, 2006.
- 2005 "Astrotomography: New Techniques for Imaging Objects in Space" scientific session for the AAAS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Feb 19, 2005.
- 2002 "Women of Science: Shattering the Glass Ceiling" scientific session for the AAAS Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Feb 15, 2002.
- 2001 "The X-ray Universe at Sharp Focus", Scientific Organizing Committee and coeditor of the proceedings, St. Paul, MN., July 16-18, 2001.
- 1999 "New Views of the Invisible Universe: First Light from Chandra" co-organizer, scientific session for the AAAS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Feb. 17-22, 2000.
- 1997 "Taking the Pulse of the Universe: The First Year of Results from the Rossi X-ray Timing Explorer" scientific session for the AAAS Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington February 13-18, 1997.
- 1996 "All Eyes on the Universe: Multiwavelength Astrophysics" scientific session for the AAAS Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 8-13, 1996.

## **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Formal courses taught:

Fall 2013 Phy 1111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Fall 2012 Phy 1111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Spring 2012 Phy 1111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Fall 2011 Phy 1111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Fall 2010 Phy U111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Spring 2010 Phy U111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Fall 2009 Phy U111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Spring 2009 Phy U121 (Introduction to Science) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Fall 2008 Phy U111 (Introduction to Astronomy) Science requirement for non-science majors at Northeastern University.

Spring 1995. Astronomy 440: Stellar Structure. University of Maryland Visiting Associate Professor. A senior level course for astronomy majors.

Fall 1994. Astronomy 688: X-ray Astronomy. University of Maryland Visiting Associate Professor. A graduate course on X-ray astronomy, including in particular the radiative processes of importance in X-ray production. This was a new course offering that I designed.

Summer 1983. Astronomy 100: Introduction to Astronomy. Columbia University Summer Faculty. Science requirement for non-science majors.

1978-1979. Physics 18a/19a: Introductory labratory. Full responsible for section as graduate teaching fellow.

1972-1973. Physics 8.01 (Mechanics) and 8.02 (E&M) Undergraduate teaching assistant.

## Guest lectures in formal courses:

October 26, 2013. Seminar for Statistics 310 Harvard University and Statistics 281 (by video), University of California, Irvine.

Summer 2013. Seminar for Harvard Department of Continuing Education.

Summer 2011. Seminar for Harvard Department of Continuing Education

Summer 2008. Seminar for Harvard Department of Continuing Education.

Summer 2006. Seminar for Harvard Department of Continuing Education.

Summer 2005. Seminar for Harvard Department of Continuing Education.

Summer 2004. Seminar for Harvard Department of Continuing Education.

Spring 1996. Two seminars as part of Astronomy 97hf (Sophomore Tutorial) at Harvard University as Visiting Associate Professor.

Students and postdoctoral fellows supervised

# Undergraduate students

Summer 2009, Li-Wei Hung (Ohio State). SAO REU intern. "Suzaku X-ray spectra and pulse profile variations during the superorbital cycle of LMC X-4" (Hung, Hickox, Boroson, & Vrtilek), 2010 Astrophysical Journal (ApJ), 720, 1202. Li-Wei won an award for best student poster at the meetinig "Chandra's Decade of Discovery", 22-25 Sept, 2009 Bos, MA. She is currently a graduate student at UCLA

Summer 2006. Adrienne Hunacek (MIT). SAO REU intern. "UV observations of the X-ray photoionized wind of Cyg X-1" (Vrtilek, Boroson, Hunacek, Geiss, & Bolton) 2008 ApJ, 678, 1248. Adriene obtained a law degree in 2010 from Boston College.

Summer 2004, Joey Neilsen (Kenyon College). SAO REU intern. "Phase variations in the pulse profile of SMC X-1" (Neilsen, Hickox, & Vrtilek) 2004 ApJ Letters, 616, 135. Joey received his PhD from Harvard University 2011, and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Boston U.

Summer 2002, Holly Maness (Grinnel College). SAO REU intern. "Nebular vs. Stellar Wind Abundances in NGC 654", 2003 Publications of the Astronomical Society of

the Pacific (PASP), 115, 1002. "Abundance Anomalies in the X-ray Spectra of the planetary nebulae NGC7027 and BD+30 3639" (Maness, Vrtilek, Kastner, & Soker) 2003 ApJ, 589, 439. Holly was a Barry Goldwater Scholar from 2002-2004 and received her PhD from UC Berkeley in 2010. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at UCB.

Summer 2001, Serena Eley (Caltech), Smithsonian Institution minority intern. Serena received her PhD in Physics in 2012 from University of Ill. at Urbana-Champaign. She is currently at Sandia National Lab.

Summer 1999. Diana Maxwell (Open University). Visiting student. Diana completed her PhD in Astronomy from the Open University (UK) in 2002.

Summer 1999, Michael Preciado (Tufts University). Smithsonian Institution minority intern. "The UV light curve of LMC X-4: X-ray heating of the star and accretion disk" (Preciado, Boroson, & Vrtilek) 2002 PASP, 2002, 340.

#### Graduate students

2012- Joshua Schroeder (Columbia University, New York) Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellow. Black widow pulsars; finding the heaviest neutron star. A paper is in preparation.

2011- Charith Peris (Northeastern University, Boston) Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellow "Tomographic study of V691 CrA" (Peris & Vrtilek) 2012 MNRAS, 427, 1043. "Variability of the accretion disk of V926 Sco inferred from tomographic analysis." (Calvelo, Peris, & Vrtilek) 2013, ApJ, 177, 761.

Academic year 2012-2013: Stewart Buchan (University of Southampton). Masters student: Multivariate study of XRBs Stewart received his Masters in 2013. A paper is in preparation.

Acamedic year 2012-2013: Jan Cechura (Charles University, Prague) Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellow. A comparisoon of Cyg X-1 and Cyg X-3.

Academic year 2011-2012: Sam Connolly (University of Southampton). Masters studenti (degree received 2012). "Variability of the accretion disk of V926 Sco inferred from tomographic analysis." (Calvelo, Peris, & Vrtilek) 2013, ApJ, 177, 761. Sam is currently a graduate student at Southampton.

2011-2012: Petri Savolainen (Aalto University). SAO Pre-doc. Member of PRRC. 2009-2012: Herbert Paolo (Iowa State). SAO Pre-doc. Chair of pre-doctoral research review committee (PRRC).

2008-2009: Karri Kaljonen (Aalto University). SAO Pre-doc. Member of PRRC. Karri received his PhD in 2013.

Academic year 2008-2009: Dan Calvelo (University of Southampton). Masters student (degree received 2009). "Doppler and modulation tomography of XTE J1118+480 in quiescence" (Calvelo, Vrtilek, Neilsen, Torres, Steeghs, Hernandez, & Fillipenko) 2009, MNRAS, 399, 539. Dan received his his PhD in 2012 from Southampton and is currently a postdoctoral fellow there.

Summer 2006: Joey Neilsen (Harvard University), 2nd year Research project "The eccentric accretion disk of the black hole A0620-00" (Neilsen, Steeghs, & Vrtilek) 2008 MNRAS, 384, 849. "Spectroscopic signatures of the superorbital period in the neutron star binary LMC X-4" (Neilsen, Lee, Nowak, Dennerl, & Vrtilek) 2009 ApJ, 696, 182. Neilsen received the AAS Chambliss award for his poster on this topic. He received his PhD from Harvard in 2011, served one year as a postdoctoral fellow at MIT and is currently a post-doc at Boston University.

Summer 2004: Ryan Hickox (Harvard University). "Pulse-phase spectroscopy of SMC X-1 with Chandra and XMM: reprocessing by a precessing disk?" (Hickox & Vrtilek) 2005 ApJ, 637, 1148. Ryan received his PhD from Harvard in 2007 and is currently on the

faculty at Dartmouth.

1994-2001. Damian Audley (UMd). Chair of 2nd year project: "Pulse phase spectroscopy of Cen X-3."

1994-2001. Chun Xu (UMd). Chair of 2nd year project: "Pulse Phase Spectroscopy of Her X-1 and LMC X-4 with ASCA".

Academic year 1994-1995. Scott Miller (UMd). Chair of 2nd year project: "Rosat observations of discrete X-ray sources in NGC 1313." Scott is currently on the faculty at Sam Houston State University.

I have worked with 11 **high school students**, 7 went on to undergraduate programs in science. I have supervised 4 **post-doctoral fellows** (Andrew Silber, FuHua Chang, Bram Boroson, and Hannah Quaintrell).

## PUBLIC OUTREACH:

In addition to these professional educational activities, I have also participated in programs to introduce a broader public to science, and especially to encourage primary and secondary school students to consider careers in science. I have given numerous talks at high schools in Massachusetts, Maryland, and Virginia.

As a member of the APS Committee on the Status of Women in Physics (2009-2012), and as Chair of their Site Visit Committee, I take every opportunity to mentor and advance the cause of underrepresented groups. As secretary-treasurer of the Astronomy section of the AAAS since 1997 I have organized many symposia for general audiences.

Served as judge for the FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Robotics Competition held Boston, MA, 2006-2010.

Served on a panel discussing Minority Women in Science for Cambridge Cable Television. Aug 9, 2006 Cambridge, MA.

Member of Consulting Service for Young Astronomers' at the 26th General Assembly of the IAU. Aug 17-25, 2006 Prague, Czech Republic.

Judge for the World Year of Physics Talent Search sponsored by the APS, 2005. Panelist for ICAN Career Advice and Networking Event March 1, 2005, MIT.

"My career as a scientist", MIT Alumni Panel, MIT, Monday, January 26, 2004.

As astronomy department representative to the UMD outreach program I organized a symposium for High School women and minorities on Careers in the Physical Sciences and Engineering at the University of Maryland that took place on March 11, 1995. 25 speakers and panel members (including NASA Chief Scientist France Cordova, the Deans for Undergraduate Studies and the College of Science, and professors and scientists from the University of Maryland, Goddard Space Flight Center, NSF, and the Space Telescope Science Institute) gave talks on their experiences in pursuing science and science-related careers. Over 150 high school students, teachers, and parents attended this event.

In collaboration with the Women's Program Committee at the CfA I organized a workshop on Astronomy for high school women held on May 16, 1992. Approximately 80 students and teachers attended this meeting.

As chair of the Women's Program Committee at the CfA I organized series of colloquia (called "Summer Stars") in 1991 and 1992 that were primarily aimed for an undergraduate audience. Summer lecture series for undergraduates continues at the CfA.

For two years (1990-1991) I was a member of Science-By-Mail, a program organized by the Boston Museum of Science which teams scientists with elementary school students.