

Curriculum Vita

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Area of Expertise: Solar physics: solar flare observations and theory, solar activity.

Education

10/85 - 06/89 B.Sc. Physics & Astronomy, (Hons, 1st class), University of Glasgow
10/89 - 12/92 Ph. D., University of Glasgow (award, July 1993)

Employment

01/93 - 01/96 Postdoctoral Researcher, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
02/96 - 12/97 Research Fellow, European Space Agency, Noordwijk, The Netherlands
05/98 - 03/00 Senior Physicist, Lockheed Martin Solar and Astrophysics Lab, California
04/00 - 09/00 Postdoctoral Research Assistant, University of Glasgow
10/00 - 01/06 Lecturer in Astronomy, University of Glasgow
02/06 – 07/14 Reader in Solar Physics, University of Glasgow
08/14 – present Professor of Astrophysics, University of Glasgow
12/18 – present Adjunct Professor, Rosseland Centre for Solar Physics, University of Oslo

Selected Esteem indicators

1999 – Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center Award for Technical Excellence
2011 – Royal Astronomical Society Harold Jeffreys Lecturer
2013 – NASA Group Achievement Award to the RHESSI Science Team
2017 – Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (Scotland’s National Academy)
2017 – ‘Suffrage Science’ Awardee
2017 – Herald Scotland ‘Diversity Hero of the Year’
2018 – Appointed Adjunct Professor, University of Oslo, Norway
30 invited talks and reviews at international conferences in the last decade
President, International Astronomical Union Commission E.2 on Solar Activity (2015 - 2018)

Research Interests

Solar flares: observational and theoretical relationship of acceleration to coronal magnetic field restructuring; multi-wavelength flare observations; UV and EUV plasma diagnostics; solar image processing; simulation of flare particle transport/acceleration. Principal supervisor of 12 graduated PhD students

Publications Summary

137 refereed journal articles, reviews & chapters, 50 proceedings, popular articles and book reviews. H-index of 34 (NASA ADS, WoS).

Selected Research-Related Public Service Positions

PPARC Solar System Science Advisory Panel (Sept 2004 – Aug 2007)
Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope; Science Working Group Member (2006 -) and Chair of Science Policy Advisory Committee (2018 -)
European Physical Society Solar Physics Division, Member (Sep 2005 - 2011)
Editorial Board of the Journal ‘Solar Physics’, Member (2006 - 2018)
UK Solar Physics, Chair (2007 – 2010)
International Space Science Institute Science Committee, Member (2016 - 2020)
Member, Science Advisory Committee to the Leibniz Institute for Solar Physics [KIS] (2017 -)
STFC Astronomy Grants Panel Member (2010-15); Vice Chair (2017-2019); Chair (2021-)
Royal Astronomical Society Senior Secretary (2017-), Geophysics Secretary (2011-2016)
ESA Solar System Exploration Working Group Member (2017 - 2020)

Summary of grants awarded > £10k, (full economic cost given)

Sept 2001 – EPSRC/CASE studentship+costs (Co-I, £18,000)
Aug 2002 – PPARC Rolling Programme (Co-I, £512k)
Feb 2005 – PPARC/CASE studentship + additional costs (PI £50k)
March 2005 – PPARC Rolling Programme (Co-I, £781k)
October 2006 – EC ‘SOLAIRE’ Marie Curie Network (Co-I, €271k)
March 2008 – STFC Rolling Programme (Co-I, £1.4M)
March 2009 – Leverhulme Grant (Co-I, £144k)
Dec 2010 – EC FP7 “HESPE” project (Glasgow PI, €416k)
Apr 2011 – STFC Rolling Programme (PI, £1.47M)
Oct 2013 – EC FP7 “F-CHROMA” Collaborative Grant, (PI & Co-ordinator, €2.2M)
Apr 2014 – STFC Consolidated Grant (PI, £1.14M)
Mar 2014 – STFC PPRP Research Grant (Glasgow PI, £45.4k)
Apr 2017 – STFC Consolidated Grant (PI, £0.9M)
Apr 2020 - STFC Consolidated Grant (PI, £1.29M)

Teaching Activities

Postgraduate-level National and International Summer School Teaching

PPARC/STFC Introductory and Advanced summer courses in Solar Physics, 2000, 02-09,12,14,16
April 2002, June 2009 – ‘Solar Magnetism’ School, Dwingeloo, the Netherlands
March 2006 – “The Physics of the Sun: The Active Sun on your Active Desktop”, L’Aquila, Italy
July 2007 - 2015 – Culham International Summer School in Plasma Physics
April 2014 – SOLARNET Spring School, Wroclaw, Poland
November 2016 – F-CHROMA Winter School, Wroclaw, Poland

University Teaching and Teaching-Related Positions

2000-2004 Head of 1st year Astronomy Laboratories
2005-2010 Head of 2nd year Astronomy
2010-2012 Head of 1st year Astronomy
2013-2015 Head of Honours & Undergraduate Masters Astronomy
2016-present Chair, Astronomy Board of Examiners
2015-2018 External Examiner Physics and Astronomy, University of Birmingham.

Level 1 Stellar Structure and Evolution (Utrecht University, 8 hrs); Life in the Universe (10hrs);
The Sun and its Radiation (8 hrs); Observational Methods (8 hrs); Solar System Physics (6hrs), Stellar
Physics (8 hours)

Level 2 Stars and their Spectra (10 hrs), Theoretical Astrophysics (10 hours)

Level 3/4 Stellar Structure and Evolution I & II (11 hrs each); Instruments for Optical and Radio (11
hrs); Natural and Laboratory Plasmas (11hrs), Astronomical Data Analysis (11 hours)

Postgrad. Scottish Universities Physics Alliance lectures on Astrophysical Plasmas (4 hrs)

Public Outreach Activity

I am committed to engaging the public’s interest in science in general, and solar physics in particular. I give several talks per year on the Sun and Space Weather, at festivals and to amateur astronomy societies, teachers, schools and other groups. Recent events include:

- Edinburgh Science Festival, April 2012
- IOP lectures Dundee, Aberdeen (2014, 2015)
- “Festival of the Solstice”, Crawick Multiverse (2016)
- British Astronomical Association Annual Meeting, Chester (2017)
- David Elder Lectures, Glasgow Science Centre Planetarium (2018)

Equality and Diversity

Chair of successful bid for Institute of Physics ‘Juno Champion’ (2011, 2014), and Athena SWAN Silver (2012, 2016, 2019) status for Glasgow University School of Physics and Astronomy, recognising leadership in efforts to reduce underrepresentation of women in physics.

Professional Affiliations

American Astronomical Society, Royal Astronomical Society, Royal Society of Edinburgh