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University of California, Berkeley

M.A. Astronomy 02/71

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Dissertation Title: Interaction of Gas and Galaxies within Galaxy Clusters

Cornell University - Graduate School

Major Field: Theoretical Physics 1965-67

Cornell University - School of Engineering

B.E.P. (with distinction) 02/66

Major Field: Engineering Physics

Fifth Year Project: Determination of Angular Resolution of Spark Chamber
for Cosmic Ray Balloon

Experience

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Adjunct Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy USC

June 2000 - May 2012

Director, Center for SETI Research

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Bernard M. Oliver Chair for SETI

Oct. 1, 1993 - Sept. 8, 1999

Director, Project Phoenix

1989 - 1993

Project Scientist, NASA SETI Microwave Observing Project and
High Resolution Microwave Survey

1983 - 1993

University of California, Astronomy Department
Berkeley, CA 94720
Associate Research Astronomer

1983 - 1985

University of California, Berkeley
Space Sciences Lab
Associate Research Astronomer I

1977 - 1983	University of California, Berkeley Space Sciences Lab
1975 - 1977	Assistant Research Astronomer II-IV NASA Ames Research Center Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000
1965 - 1975	NRC Resident Research Assoc. Postdoctoral Fellowship Cornell University and University of California, Berkeley Teaching Assistant, and Research Assistant

Professional Memberships

- American Astronomical Society
- International Astronomical Union
- URSI - Commission J (International Radio Science Union)
- International Academy of Astronautics
- American Association for Advancement of Science
- International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life
- Women in Aerospace
- World Technology Network

Other

- Arecibo Scientific Advisory Committee (1981-1984) and (1991-1994)
- AAS Shapley Lecture (1983-1986) and (1997-2000)
- Life Sciences Advisory Committee (NASA) (1987-1988)
- Committee on Chemical Evolution and Planetary Biology (SSB, NAS) (1987-1990)
- Liaison for LSAC (NASA) to SESAC (NASA) (1987-1988)
- Committee on Radio Frequencies (NRC, NAS) (1987-1993)
- Space Science and Applications Advisory Committee (1988-1991)
- Received the 1989 Lifetime Achievement Award from Women in Aerospace
- Origins of Solar Systems Executive Committee (1991-1994)
- Received two of NASA's Public Service Medals (one at Ames Research Center and one at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC) and a HRMS Group Achievement Award (1993)
- Nominating Committee Member for the American Astronomical Society (1994-1997)
- Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) Fellow
- President of IAU Commission 51 (1994-1997)
- Member at Large, URSI National Committee (1995-1998)
- Received Chabot Observatory Person of the Year Award (Feb. 1997)
- Chair, International Academy of Astronautics SETI Committee (1997-)
- Bernard M. Oliver Endowed Chair, SETI Institute (1997-)
- The Explorers Club Fellow
- Advisory Board Member, Odyssey Magazine (1997-)

Other, continued

- Received the Women of Achievement Award, Science & Technology category, presented by the Women's Fund and the San Jose Mercury News (1998).
- Chair, US Square Kilometer Array Consortium (2000 -2002)
- Advisory Board Member, Space.com (2000 -)
- Received Telluride Technology Festival Award of Technology (July 2001)
- Chair, International SKA Steering Committee (August 2002 – August 2004)
- AAAS Fellow (2002)
- California Academy of Sciences Fellow (2003)
- Named **Time 100** most influential people in the world (2004)
- Asteroid 74824 Tarter (1999 TJ16), named and approved by the International Astronomical Union's Small Bodies Naming Committee (2005)
- Carl Sagan Prize for Science Popularization, Wonderfest (2005)
- National Advisory Board Member, Center for Inquiry Office of Public Policy, Washington, DC (2006)
- California Academy of Sciences Fellows Leadership Council (2006)
- California Academy of Sciences Board of Trustees (2006 -)
- 2009 Technology, Education, Design (TED) award winner
- US National Committee-International Astronomical Union (USNC-IAU), Category I (January 1, 2011-December 31, 2014)
- Named **Time 25** most influential people in space (2012)
- Advisory Board Member, John Hendricks' Curiosity Club (2013 -)
- Jansky Lecturer (2014)
- Liberty Science Center Genius Award (2015)
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