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EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor (7/2004-present)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at the Cheyenne Center, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, WY; and at Colorado Springs Center, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO; Webster University at Ball Aerospace Corp., and Metropolitan State College, Denver, CO

- Teach undergraduate classes in Navigation and Map Use in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. Integrated GPS and GIS into the structure of both.
- Teach graduate aerospace classes in Space Applications, Earth Observation and Remote Sensing, Space Mission and Launch Operations, and GPS/GIS.
- Won a Faculty Course Development award from the Wyoming NASA Space Grant Consortium in 2005 to develop a Global Positioning System (GPS) course for Embry-Riddle.
- Won two project development awards in 2006, from the Wyoming NASA Space Grant Consortium and Embry-Riddle, to design, build, and launch a nano-satellite to demonstrate active orbital modification by including a thruster on it.
- Serve on graduate capstone project committees, advise students, and referee results.

Scientist and Engineer (5/2004-5/2005)
Electromagnetic Applications, Inc. Lakewood, Colorado
Investigated GPS multipath problems for FAA LAAS proto-system intended for auto-land feasibility, and suggested solutions. Examined signal to noise characteristics from ground and building interference. Compared code and carrier errors (CMC) from numerous GPS satellites in airport environment. Evaluated GPS antenna characteristics, such as gain patterns, phase centers, linear and polarized (RHCP) types. Ran receiver computer models to evaluate errors and scattering from rough surface and random dipole distribution models.

Consultant (2002-2003)
QuakeFinder, LLC Palo Alto, California
Wrote proposal to NASA to build and deploy ELF/ULF magnetometers along fault zones to investigate tectonic events such as earthquake magneto-seismic emissions, and possible ionospheric effects. Recommended ELF bands for a CubeSat magnetometer, and assisted in calibration for this satellite prior to launch.

Researcher and Systems Engineer (7/1997-5/2001)
University of California at Los Angeles, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics.
Designed, built, and deployed GPS-synchronized magnetometer data acquisition systems to observe global electromagnetic resonances. Planned and organized research & engineering to accomplish scientific objective of project. Designed digital and analog interfacing hardware and managed construction implementation. Programmed acquisition system, and processed signal in real-time to visually monitor. Set up LANs and networked acquisition systems to the Internet for fast data retrieval for group. Created data analysis routines in C++ and MatLab programs, also mentored groups to create additional routines. Compared results with spacecraft data.

Consultant (1997)
Entente, Inc. Boulder, Colorado
Translated a Basic program to C++ that translates the user's input language into another language.

Instructor (1994-1996)
Colorado School of Mines Golden, Colorado

- Taught FORTRAN programming for two semesters, and taught AutoCAD for two semesters for the Engineering Practices Introductory Course Sequence (EPICS) program (1995-1996).
- Taught electrical engineering lab class and managed experiments for Engineering Department (1994).

Research Intern (10/1993-8/1997)

USGS

Golden, Colorado

Designed & built GPS-synchronized remote magnetometer data acquisition systems for magnetospheric data, analog and digital interfacing hardware. Responsible for expanding network of research collaborators by including UCLA and NOAA Space Environment Center. Planned, organized, and coordinated with US Air Force Academy, Los Alamos National Labs, and two Eastern European research institutes, and negotiated with private land owners to deploy and host remote observatory systems to deliver data for long periods. Wrote programming software for both the various acquisition systems and subsequent data processing. Instructed groups on use of hardware and software, and analyzed data for space physics and weather conditions.

Research Assistant
University of Arizona

(9/1988-11/1990)
Tucson, Arizona

Engineered and tested cross-borehole electromagnetic systems, in the field and models, for Army project. Built dipole antennas for boreholes. Tested antennas and propagated high frequencies in lossy geologic media to analyze attenuation and phase. Constructed 2200-gallon saline water tank to test radio wave propagation with model borehole antennas. Analyzed data to generate antenna patterns.

Teaching Assistant
Colorado School of Mines

(1987)
Golden, Colorado

Assisted with geophysics field class. Organized and conducted gravity and magnetics potential field mapping, to determine basement rocks (Colorado School of Mines, 1987).

Consultant
Ed Blincoe & Associates

(1987)
Denver, Colorado

Researched external acoustic detection of fluid levels, to monitor levels in borehole fracture tanks. Worked on mathematical propagation models of compressional and shear waves.

Consultant
Blackhawk Geophysical, Inc.

(1987)
Golden, CO

Assisted electrical loop-on-loop surveys to determine the extent of contaminant flows from both the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and a gold mining heap-leach site in California (1991).

Consultant
Tessera, Inc.

(1987)
Lakewood, CO

Conducted a magnetometer and seismic refraction survey in Nevada to map subsurface structures for mining interests.

Consultant
Terra Sense, Inc.

(1987)
Sunnyvale, CA

Conducted a magnetic gradiometer survey to find potential aquifer-polluting drilled and abandoned boreholes near a waste depository.

Electronics Technician and Engineer
Ophir Corporation

(7/1984-5/1987)
Lakewood, Colorado

Designed and built proto-devices, e.g., radiometers. Designed and built model infrared hygrometer to measure water vapor in helium for nuclear power plant. Designed and built capacitive ice sensor device to measure liquid and solid components of ice, for use on aircraft. Evaluated additional projects.

EDUCATION

Florida Inst. of Technology
MS in Engineering Management & Aerospace Eng

(Expected Dec. 07)

Colorado School of Mines / UCLA
PhD in Geophysical Engineering

Golden, Colorado
(1999)

University of Arizona
MS in Geophysical / Electrical Engineering

Tucson, Arizona
(1990)

Colorado School of Mines
BS in Geophysical Engineering

Golden, Colorado
(1987)

Minors: electrical engineering and geology.

CERTIFICATIONS & SPECIAL TRAINING

- Registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Colorado (Electrical Engineering).
- OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response 40-Hour Training Program class.
- Languages: German (advanced), Spanish, and some Russian.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

- Organize large annual event, now with over 500 participants, in Boulder, Colo. area (1995-present). Event is now a large fundraiser for Alzheimer's disease.
- Work on environmental and campaign issues each annual election.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Geophysical Union, American Inst. of Physics

Publications and presentations available by request