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Positions Held

Assistant Professor, Penn State University	Aug. 2009 – present
Research Associate, Cornell University	Dec. 2007 – Aug. 2009
Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Berkeley	2006-2007
Graduate Research Assistant, UC Berkeley	2000-2006

Education

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY	
PhD Astrophysics	May 2006
Thesis: <i>Stellar Magnetic Activity and the Detection of Exoplanets</i>	
Adviser: Geoffrey W. Marcy	
MA Astrophysics	May 2003
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	
BA Astronomy and Physics (mathematics minor) <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 1999
Thesis: <i>Probing the Magnetic Field of the Bok Globule B335</i>	
Adviser: Dan P. Clemens	

Research Areas

- Member, California Planet Survey Consortium
- Precise Doppler radial velocity planet detection
- Long-period exoplanet detection with HET/HRS
- Multi-planet system characterization with Keck/HIRES
- Characterizing the new benchmark Galactic cluster Ruprecht 147
- Ages and activity levels of old field stars
- Project MINERVA: finding the smallest planets around the nearest stars
- The Exoplanet Orbit Database at exoplanets.org
- Mid-infrared searches for extraterrestrial civilizations with large energy supplies
- Formation of the Moon