# STEPHANIE A. WISSEL

# EDUCATION

	The University of Chicago	Chicago, IL USA
Period	September 2004 – June 2010	
Degrees	Ph. D. in Physics, 2010, S. M. in Physics 2005, Ad	lvisor: Scott P. Wakely
Thesis	Ground-Based Observations of Direct Cerenkov L	ight and the Flux of Iron
	Nuclei at TeV Energies	
Awards	Graduate Merit Fellowship, Illinois Space Grant Co	onsortium, 2007 & 2009
	The University of Dallas	Irving, TX USA
Period	June 2000 – May 2004	
Degree	B. S. in Physics with Concentration in Mathematic	CS
Honors	magna cum laude, Clare Boothe Luce Scholar, Ca	rdinal Spellman & Mon-
	tosorri Awards	

# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University	State College, PA USA
Assistant Professor	Jan. 2020 – present
Physics and Astronomy & Astrophysics	
California Polytechnic State University	San Luis Obispo, CA USA
Assistant Professor	September 2015 – present
Physics	
University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA USA
Postdoctoral Scholar	November 2012 – September 2015
Experimental searches for the highest en	ergy neutrinos and cosmic rays with
ANITA, GNO, and T-510 experiments.	Advisor: David Saltzberg
The Princeton Plasma Physics Laborat	ory Princeton, NJ USA
Postdoctoral Scholar	April 2010 – October 2012
Topics in science, physics, and plasma pl	nysics education and outreach.
Advisor: Andrew Zwicker	

## Grants

	External Grants
NASA	APRA Ultra-high Energy Particle Astrophysics with ANITA-V, Co-I, 2019–2020, \$35k
NSF	<b>CAREER</b> Advancing the Search for Ultra-High-Energy Tau Neutrinos with High-Elevation Radio Detectors, 2018–2023, \$670k
NASA	<b>APRA</b> Extreme Energy Particle Astrophysics with ANITA-V, Co-I, 2017–2018, \$28k
NASA	APRA Subcontract with WashU: Ultra High Energy Particle Astrophysics with ANITA-4, 2016–2017, \$25k

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#### **Competitive Internal Grants**

CAL POLY **CP Connect** Interdisciplinary collaboration between Physics & EE, 2015-2019, \$5k each year on radio neutrino detectors

CAL POLY Frost Fund Next-Generation Neutrino Telescope, 2016–2017, \$60k,

CSU **RSCA** Developing Calibration Standards at Cal Poly for Neutrino Searches in Antarctica, 2016–2017, \$14k

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

# Particle Astrophysics with Radio Detectors 2012-Extremely High Energy Neutrinos and Cosmic Rays **BEACON** Beamforming Elevated Array for COsmic Neutrinos Concept studies for using an interferometer trained on the horizon to search for Earth-skimming tau neutrinos funded through NSF CAREER grant. Field studies at White Mountain Research Station in California. ANITA ANtarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna A balloon-borne experiment that measures the radio emission from ultra-high energy neutrinos and cosmic rays. Tau neutrino air shower searches and associated sensitivity. Low frequency antenna extension to ANITA for air showers and calibration stations and analysis. Two flight campaigns at McMurdo, WAIS, and Siple, Antarctica. RNO, ARA Radio Neutrino Observatory, Askaryan Radio Array, and Greenland Neu-& GNO trino Observatory In-ice large scale radio neutrino telescopes in development. Investigations into the use of phased array trigger schemes and improvements with antennas. Field studies of in-ice phased arrays and ice studies at Summit Station in Greenland Accelerator experiment to model cosmic ray radio emission. Leading investi-T-510 gator on SLAC beam test T-510 of RF emission in a dielectric in a magnetic field to model radio emission from cosmic ray air showers. Ran follow-up experiments to measure systematics without the electron beam at Cal Poly. Particle Astrophysics with Cherenkov Telescopes 2004-2010 TeV Cosmic-Ray Composition **VERITAS** Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System Measurement of TeV cosmic ray iron spectrum. Methods for measurement of very high-energy cosmic rays by directly measuring the Cerenkov radiation from the primary particle, which required simulating hadronic air showers and VERITAS detector response.

### **Publications**

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# **Summary of Publications**

Number of Peer-Reviewed Publications: 44

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experiments.

For a up-to-date list of publications, see InSpire.

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Track Imaging Cerenkov Experiment Pathfinding experiment to detect direct Cerenkov emission of cosmic rays. Designed, constructed, maintained and calibrated automated optical system for mirror alignment. Developed tools for calibration and analysis after null detection. Planned and executed observing schedules. Evaluated efficacy of Multi-Anode PMTs in cosmic-ray

#### **Publications**

- \* indicates a primary author publication
- † indicates a student mentored by SAW
- ‡ indicates a manuscript under review or in preparation
- Suggestion of Coherent Radio Reflections from an Electron-Beam Induced Particle Cascade S. Prohira, K. D. de Vries, D. Besson, A. Connolly, C. Hast, U. Latif, T. Meures, A. Nozdrina, J. P. Ralston, Z. Riesen<sup>†</sup>, D. Saltzberg, J. Torres, S. Wissel, X. Zuo. PRD 100, 072003, 2019.
- 2. Astrophysics Uniquely Enabled by Observations of High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos Markus Ackermann et al. *Bull. Am. Astron. Soc.* 51(3), 185, 2019.
- 3. Fundamental Physics with High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos Markus Ackermann et al. *Bull. Am. Astron. Soc.* 51(3), 215, 2019.
- 4. The Next-Generation Radio Neutrino Observatory Multi-Messenger Neutrino Astrophysics at Extreme Energies J. A. Aguilar et al. *Bull. Am. Astron. Soc.*, 51(7), 218, 2019.
- 5 Expanding the Reach of Tau Neutrino Telescopes with the Beamforming Elevated Array for COsmic Neutrinos (BEACON). S. Wissel et al. *Bull. Am. Astron. Soc.* 51(7), 191, 2019
- 6. Constraints on the ultrahigh-energy cosmic neutrino flux from the fourth flight of ANITA The ANITA Collaboration. *PRD*, 99, 122001, 2019.
- 7. Measurement of the real dielectric permittivity  $\epsilon_r$  of glacial ice The ARA Collaboration. *Astroparticle Physics*, 108, 63, 2019.
- ‡ \*8. Comprehensive analysis of anomalous ANITA events disfavors a diffuse tauneutrino flux origin. A. Romero-Wolf, S. A. Wissel, H. Schoorlemmer, W. R. Carvalho, Jr., J. Alvarez-Muñiz, E. Zas, and the ANITA Collaboration. *PRD*, 99, 063011, 2019.
- ‡ 9. Design and Performance of an Interferometric Trigger Array for Radio Detection of High-Energy Neutrinos. The ARA Collaboration. *NIM-A*, 930, 112-125, 2019.
- Measurements and modeling of near-surface radio propagation in glacial ice and implications for neutrino experiments. C. Deaconu, A. G. Vieregg, S. A. Wissel, J. Bowen, S. Chipman, A. Gupta, C. Miki, R. J. Nichol, and D. Saltzberg *PRD*, 98, 4, 043010, 2018.
- II. Measurement of the Iron Spectrum in Cosmic Rays by VERITAS. The VERITAS Collaboration *PRD*, 98, 2, 022009, 2018.
- 12. Observation of an Unusual Upward-going Cosmic-ray-like Event in the Third Flight of ANITA. The ANITA Collaboration. *PRL*, 121, 161102, 2018.
- 13. Constraints on the diffuse high-energy neutrino flux from the third flight of ANITA. The ANITA Collaboration *PRD*, 98, 2, 02201, 2018.
- 14. Antarctic surface reflectivity calculations and measurements from the ANITA-4 and HiCal-2 experiments. The ANITA Collaboration. *PRD*, D98, 042004, 2018.
- Dynamic tunable notch filters for the Antarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna (ANITA), The ANITA Collaboration. NIM-A, 894, 47, 2018.
- Picosecond timing of Microwave Cherenkov Impulses from High-Energy Particle Showers Using Dielectric-loaded Waveguides. P. W. Gorham, et al. PRAB, 21, 072901, 2018.
- 17. Antarctic Surface Reflectivity Measurements from the ANITA-3 and HiCal-1 Experiments. The ANITA Collaboration. *J. Astron. Instr.*, 06, 1740002, 2017.

- \*18. Development Toward a Ground-Based Interferometric Phased Array for Radio Detection of High Energy Neutrinos. J. Avva ,..., W. Messino†, **S. A. Wissel** *NIM-A*, 869, 46-55 2017.
- 19. Characteristics of Four Upward-Pointing Cosmic-Ray-like Events Observed with ANITA. The ANITA Collaboration. *PRL* 117, 071101, 2016.
- \*20. A lower bound on the number of cosmic ray events required to measure source catalogue correlations. M. Dolci, A. Romero-Wolf, **S. Wissel**. *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics*, 2016, 028, 2016.
- \*\*21. Accelerator measurements of magnetically induced radio emission from particle cascades with applications to cosmic-ray air showers. K. Belov, K. Mulrey, A. Romero-Wolf, **S. A. Wissel**, A. Zilles, *et al. PRL*, 116, 141103, 2016.
- \*22. Energy and Flux Measurements of Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays Observed During the First ANITA Flight. H. Schoorlemmer, K. Belov, A. Romero-Wolf, D. García-Fernández, V. Bugaev, **S. A. Wissel**, *et al. Astroparticle Physics*, 77, 32-43, Jan. 2016.
  - Observation of Markarian 421 in TeV gamma rays over a 14-year time span. The VERITAS Collaboration. *Astroparticle Physics*, 54, 1, 2014.
- \*24. The Use of DC Glow Discharges as Undergraduate Education Tools. **S. A. Wissel**, J. L. Ross, S. Gershman, A. Zwicker. *The American Journal of Physics*, 81, 9, 2013.
- \*25. The Track Imaging Cerenkov Experiment. **S. A. Wissel**, *et al. NIM-A*, 659, 1, 2011.
- 26. Multi-wavelength Observations of the Flaring Gamma-ray Blazar 3C 66A in 2008 October. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 726, 43, 2011.
- 26B. Erratum: Multi-wavelength Observations of the Flaring Gamma-ray Blazar 3C 66A in 2008 October. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 731, 77, 2011.
- 27. Multiwavelength Observations of the Very High Energy Blazar 1ES 2344+514. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 738, 169, 2011.
- 28. TeV and Multi-wavelength Observations of Mrk 421 in 2006-2008. The VERITAS Collaboration. *738*, 25, 2011.
- 29. Results from the first two years of VERITAS observations. The VERITAS Collaboration. *NIM-A*, 630, 16, 2011.
- Discovery of Very High Energy Gamma Rays from PKS 1424+240 and Multiwavelength Constraints on Its Redshift. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ* 708, L100, 2010.
- 31A. Discovery of Very High Energy  $\gamma$ -ray Emission from the SNR G54.1+0.3. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 719, L69, 2010.
- 31B. Erratum: Veritas Observations of a Very High Energy  $\gamma$ -ray Flare from the Blazar 3C 66A, The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 721, L203, 2010.
- 32. Observations of the Shell-type Supernova Remnant Cassiopeia A at TeV Energies with VERITAS. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 714, 163, 2010.
- 33. The Discovery of  $\gamma$ -Ray Emission from the Blazar RGB J0710+591. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 715, L49, 2010.
- 34. Veritas 2008-2009 Monitoring of the Variable Gamma-ray Source M 87. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 716, 819, 2010.
- 35. VERITAS Search for VHE Gamma-ray Emission from Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 720, 1174, 2010.
- 36. Detection of Extended VHE Gamma Ray Emission from G106.3+2.7 with VERITAS. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 703, L6, 2009.

- Evidence for Long-Term Gamma-Ray and X-Ray Variability from the Unidentified TeV Source HESS J0632+057. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 698, L94, 2009.
- 38. Multiwavelength Observations of a TeV-Flare from W Comae. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 707, 612, 2009.
- 39. Multiwavelength Observations of LS I +61deg 303 with Veritas, Swift, and RXTE, The VERITAS, Swift, and RXTE Collaborations. *ApJ*, 700, 1034, 2009.
- 40. Observation of Extended Very High Energy Emission from the Supernova Remnant IC 443 with VERITAS. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 698, L133, 2009.
- 41. Radio Imaging of the Very-High- Energy  $\gamma$ -Ray Emission Region in the Central Engine of a Radio Galaxy. The VERITAS Collaboration, the VLBA 43 GHz M87 Monitoring Team, the H.E.S.S. Collaboration, the MAGIC Collaboration. *Science*, 325, 444, 2009.
- 42. Simultaneous Multiwavelength Observations of Markarian 421 During Outburst. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 703, 169, 2009.
- 43. VERITAS Observations of the BL Lac Object 1ES 1218+304. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 695, 1370, 2009.
- 44. VERITAS Upper Limit on the Very High Energy Emission from the Radio Galaxy NGC 1275. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 706, L275, 2009.
- 45. Discovery of Very High Energy Gamma-ray Radiation from the BL Lac 1ES 0806+524. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 690, L126, 2009.
- 46. The June 2008 Flare of Markarian 421 from Optical to TeV Energies. I. Donnarumma, *et. al. ApJ*, 691, L13, 2009.
- 47. A connection between star formation activity and cosmic rays in the starburst galaxy M82. The VERITAS Collaboration. *Nature*, 462, 770, 2009.
- 48. Observation of Gamma-Ray Emission from the Galaxy M87 above 250 GeV with VERITAS. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 679, 397, 2008.
- 49. VERITAS Discovery of >200 GeV Gamma-Ray Emission from the Intermediate-Frequency-Peaked BL Lacertae Object W Comae. The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 684, L73, 2008.
- 50. VERITAS Observations of the  $\gamma$ -Ray Binary LS I +61 303" The VERITAS Collaboration. *ApJ*, 679, 1427, 2008.
- 51. First results from VERITAS. The VERITAS Collaboration. *NIM-A*, 588, 26, 2008.

#### TEACHING

Cal Poly	Teaching	
PHYS-123	General Physics III (lab) Algebra-based electrostatics, circuits, magne	etism, hy-
	drogen atom	1 quarter
PHYS-132	General Physics II (studio) Calculus-based vibrations, optics, and	d thermal
	physics	2 quarters
PHYS-133	General Physics III (lecture, lab, and studio formats) Calculus-base	d electro-
	statics, circuits, magnetism	5 quarters
PHYS-206	Experimental Physics (lab) Analog and digital electronics, instrum	nentation,
	experimental labs, and data acquisition	1 quarter
PHYS-341	Quantum Physics Lab II (lab) Advanced physics laboratory on pivo	tal exper-
	iments in physics, technical writing and presentation	1 quarter

PHYS-403	Particle & Nuclear Physics (lecture) Scattering and decays, symmetries,	QED,
	modern particle physics experiments 2 q	uarters
PHYS-2/400	Independent study for undergrad. physics research projects 9 q	uarters
PHYS-461/2	Senior thesis in physics 8 q	uarters
Cal Poly	Curriculum Development	
2017-	133 and 132 Studio Curriculum Development	
2018-	Capstone project in LabView and practical exam for Experimental I	Physics
	Course (206)	
2017-	Learning Assistant Program	
	Development of learning assistant (LA) program where undergraduate	es who
	have recently taken a course facilitate learning of enrolled students the	nrough
	group activities and tutoring.	
Cal Poly	Professional Development Related to Teaching	
Sum. 2017	Working Group on Equity in Undergraduate Research in Physics	
Nov. 2017	International Learning Assistant Conference	
Jun. 2017	APS/AAPT/AAS New Physics and Astronomy Faculty Workshop	
FALL 2016	Undocumented Student Training	
WIN. 2016	LSAMP-CTLT Undergraduate Research Mentorship Workshop	
UCLA	Teaching	
2012	Guest lecturer for Prof. Lindley Winslow's class, "Special Topics in N	Juclear
	Physics: The Neutrino" on Ultra-High-Energy Neutrinos	
PPPL	Teaching	
2010-2012	Teaching and curriculum development for workshops on general physic crogravity, energy, plasmas, and fusion aimed at middle-school, high-sundergraduate, and K-12 teachers.	
2010-2012	Development of undergraduate laboratory experiments on plasma phy	sics.
UofC	Teaching	
2004-5	Teaching Assistant for Calculus-Based General Physics Series	

# Conferences and External Presentations

	Invited Talks
Seminar	Expanding the Reach of Cosmic Neutrino Experiments, IGC Penn State,
	February 2020.
Colloquium	Radio Searches for Neutrinos at the Cosmic & Energy Frontiers, <b>OSU</b> , April
	2019.
Seminar	Radio Searches for Neutrinos at the Cosmic & Energy Frontiers, Penn State,
	Jan. 2019.
Seminar	Radio Searches for Neutrinos at the Cosmic & Energy Frontiers, MIT, Jan.
	2019.
Seminar	Radio Searches for Tau Neutrinos at High Altitudes, Columbia, Dec. 2018.
Seminar	Radio Detection of Cosmic Neutrinos. Caltech, Pasenda CA, 2018.
Talk	Cosmic Neutrino Searches at the Highest Energies. Special session on As-
	troparticle Physics at <b>APS April Meeting</b> 2018.
Talk	Phased arrays: A strategy to lower the energy threshold for neutrinos. <b>ARENA</b>
	2016
Seminar	High-energy Particle Astrophysics using the Radio Technique. UCSB 2016.
Talk	Implications for the Radio Detection of Cosmic Rays from Accelerator Mea-
	surements of Particle Showers in a Magnetic Field. UHEAP Workshop, Univ.
	of Chicago, 2016.

- Colloquium Chasing Astroparticles to the Ends of the Earth. Univ. Dallas, 2015.
  - Seminar Towards Precision Radio Detection of Cosmic Ray Showers with ANITA-3. **UC Davis**, 2014.
- Colloquium Chasing Astroparticles to the Ends of the Earth. Cal Poly,2014.
  - Seminar Towards Precision Radio Detection of Cosmic Ray Showers with ANITA-3. **Univ. of Chicago**, 2014.
    - TALK Lifting Up Young Women at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, **New**Jersey Women in Science and Technology 5th Annual Workforce Summit
  - Seminar Toward a more direct measurement of the composition of cosmic rays at TeV energies **Columbia**, 2011
  - Seminar The Direct Cherenkov Technique **Delaware**, 2011
  - SEMINAR Pursuing the origin of cosmic rays with VERITAS Iowa, 2010

# **Chaired Sessions**

- ARENA Analysis Tools: Radio Detection 2, 2018
- APS APRIL Ultra-high energy neutrinos, 2018
  - ARENA Radio Detection of Neutrinos, 2016

## **Selected Conference Talks and Proceedings**

- ICRC Concept Study for the Beamforming Elevated Array for Cosmic Neutrinos (BEACON), *PoS*, 358, 1033, 2019.
- ICRC Comprehensive estimate of the sensitivity of ANITA to tau neutrinos, *PoS*, 358, 1034, 2019.
- ARENA A New Concept for High-Elevation Radio Detection of Tau Neutrinos, *EPJ Web Conf*, 216 04007, 2018
- TEVPA Radio Detection of Neutrino-Induced Tau Lepton Air Showers at Altitude, 2017
- ARENA Phased Arrays: A strategy to lower the energy threshold for neutrinos, *EJP Web Conf.*, 135, 2016
  - ICRC Measurements, system response, and calibration of the SLAC T-510 Experiment, *PoS*, 236, 342, 2015
  - ICRC Overview of the Third Flight of the ANITA Long Duration Balloon Payload, *PoS*, 236, 1111, 2015
  - ICRC Site Characterization and Detector Development for the Greenland Neutrino Observatory, *PoS*, 236, 1150, 2015
- APS APRIL Radio Emission from an Electron Shower in a Dielectric in the Presence of a Magnetic Field, 2014
  - TAUP Development of a Low-Frequency Horizontally-Polarized Antenna for Detection of Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays with ANITA-III, 2013
  - URSI Dust Acoustical Waves Under Microgravity and Microgravity-Like Conditions, 2011
- APS-DPP Making a Splash in Microgravity with Teachers, 2011
- APS-DPP Longitudinal Study of the Impact of attending the PPPL NUF/SULI Program on Undergraduates' Careers, 2011
  - ISCRA The Direct Cerenkov Method of Detecting VHE Cosmic Rays with Ground-Based Detectors, International School of Cosmic Ray Astrophysics, 2008
  - ICRC The Status of the Track Imaging Cerenkov Experiment, 2007
  - ICRC Studies of Direct Cherenkov Emission with VERITAS, 2007
- TEVPA-II The track imaging Cerenkov experiment, J. of Physics: Conf, 60, 306, 2007

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Cal Poly	Undergraduate Research Opportunities and Professional Development
	Blast Off with Computing for Research Series of workshops aimed to intro-
2019–	duce early career undergraduates to research and computing for research.
2016-2018	Graduate thesis committee member for Peng Cao, University of Delaware
2010-2018	Mentor and liaison for CAMPARE at Cal Poly, an internship program that
201/-	pairs students from underrepresented minority groups (URMs) at Cal. State
	Univ.'s with internships at major research centers
2016–	Regular workshops for physics students on personal statements, resumes, ca-
2010	reer exploration, 3D printers, computational physics projects through the col-
	loquium and local Frost undergraduate research program.
2015-	Mentorship of $\sim$ 5-10 undergraduates on research projects related to the ra-
201)	dio detection of ultra-high-energy neutrinos. Interdisciplinary research group
	with EE Prof. Dean Arakaki.
UCLA	Outreach for Women in Science
2012-2015	Mentor for subgroup of Women in Physics and Astronomy at UCLA for post-
	docs, grad. students and undergrads
2012	Presenter at PPPL Young Women's Conference
PPPL	Topics in Science Education and Outreach
2011-12	<b>CLO</b> $\mu$ <b>Ds</b> : Mentored high-school students from underrepresented minority
	groups in building experiment flown on microgravity flights.
2010-12	<b>CLO</b> $\mu$ <b>Ds</b> : Led 4 teams of K-12 teachers and museum educators on zero-
	gravity flights to investigate science topics that could translate into curric-
	ula, including fluid dynamics of splashes, the Rayleigh-Taylor instability, and
	rocket fuel. Worked with teacher groups for months in preparing for flights
2077	and developing curricula.
2011	Director of PPPL's outreach to female students. Director of Young Women's
	Conference in which 200-400 young women in grades 7-10 meet professional female scientists, placing special emphasis on underrepresented minorities and
	diverse career paths. Doubled student and scientist participation at YWC.
	Several lectures and invited talks on women in physics.
2010-2012	Mentorship of high-school and undergraduate students in research in com-
2010-2012	plex plasmas and laboratory astrophysics.
2010-2012	Longitudinal assessment of science education programs
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UofC	Outreach and Workshops
2009-10	Astro Conversations lecturer at the Adler Planetarium SVL Lab
2008-10	Women in Physics Chat & Chow Co-founder: Organized events for grad-
	uate students and undergraduates to increase visibility among female physics
	graduate students
2007-8	Adler Planetarium Teen Astronomers Camp introducing gifted middle
	school students to the basics of high-altitude ballooning by launching a
	weather balloon with a scientific payload
2008-10	<b>S.T.O.M.P.</b> Weekly after-school program for elementary-school students
	which required designing activities that emphasized experimentation and sci-

entific inquiry.