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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

The University of Texas at Austin

McDonald Observatory Director; Professor; Frank and Susan Bash Endowed Chair;
June 2014-present

W. M. Keck Observatory

Observatory Director, 2006-2014

National Optical Astronomy Observatory

Director, NOAO Gemini Science Center, and Associate Director, NOAO, 2002-2006

Acting Head, U.S. Gemini Program, 2001-2002

United States Gemini Project Manager, 2000-2006

Acting Director, NOAO Instrumentation Program, 1997

Astronomer with Tenure, 2001-2006

Associate Astronomer with Tenure, 1996-2001

Associate Astronomer, 1993-1995

Assistant Astronomer, 1989-1993

Postdoctoral Research Associate, 1987-1989

Wesleyan University

Visiting Instructor, Wesleyan University, Department of Astronomy, spring & fall 1985

EDUCATION

Yale University, Ph.D. in Astronomy, 1988

Yale University, M.Phil. in Astronomy, 1985

Yale University, M.S. in Astronomy, 1984

Wesleyan University, B.A. in Astronomy (with High Honors), 1982

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AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

NASA Group Achievement Award (for Keck Observatory Archive), 2015

Sturm Memorial Lecturer, Wesleyan University, 2009

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Wesleyan University, 2007

AURA Science Award, 1999

Dirk Brouwer Prize for Contribution of Unusual Merit to Astronomy, Yale Univ., 1988

SELECTED COMMITTEE SERVICE

Board of Directors, Giant Magellan Telescope Organization (GMTO), 2014-present;
Board Chair (2015-2016), Vice Chair (beginning November 2016)

GMTO Board Committees: Development Committee (2014-present); New Partners
Committee (Chair; 2015-present); Presidential Search Committee (2015-2016);
Strategy Working Group (2016-present)

Board of Directors, Hobby-Eberly Telescope, 2014-present

Observatory Council, Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy
(AURA), 2009-2015

Mauna Kea Management Board, University of Hawaii, 2013-2014

Science Steering Committee, Keck Observatory, *Ex Officio*, 2006-2014

Advancement Advisory Council, Keck Observatory, *Ex Officio*, 2006-2014

Keck Observatory 20th Anniversary Science Meeting Organizing Committee, Chair,
2012-2013

Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee, National Science Foundation,
2009-2012

External Advisory Panel, Thirty Meter Telescope, 2010

International Time Allocation Committee, Gemini Observatory, 2002-2006

Operations Working Group, Gemini Observatory, 2001-2006

Gemini Science Committee, Gemini Observatory, 2000-2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies

Stellar Populations in the Galaxy and Nearby Galaxies

Globular Clusters

Astronomical Instrumentation