



# Sloan Career Cornerstone Center

## Profiles of Physicists



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B.S. -- Engineering Physics; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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### **Job Description:**

Program Director, matching people and skills broadly across the organization to solve problems that improve the speed and storage capacity of disk drives.

### **Comments:**

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### **Video Transcript 1:**

"A lot of my work is focused on identifying problems, trying to match people and skills broadly across the organization to solve those problems. So I draw very heavily on my technical background and then previous activities in order to do that. I think the thing that makes the job most exciting is the challenges and the real problems that come along with it. We continually look for problems. Most people try to avoid that, but that's really where the opportunities are."

### **Video Transcript 2:**

"I'm generally in the office about ten hours a day. Then typically in the evening I will spend maybe a couple of hours trying to read the paperwork or writing reports and things like that after the kids are in bed and before I finally time out. Sometimes things do get very hectic and you do have to do quite a bit of traveling. Particularly if you have to go overseas for a one or two day meeting and back."

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