



# Sloan Career Cornerstone Center

## Profiles of Physicists



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**Education:**

B.S. -- Astronomy and Physics; Haverford College  
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**Job Description:**

High School Teacher, teaching four high school science courses, including physics courses and an integrated science course.

**Advice to Students:**

"Check out some physics education web sites and mailing lists."

**Comments:**

"The challenge for me is to motivate students to do as well as they can. I have learned a lot about what teenagers are and are not capable of doing. Sometimes I am disappointed, but as I get better at selecting what to teach and how to let the students learn it, I am more and more impressed with students. Check out some physics education web sites and mailing lists. I read PHYSHARE ([listserv@lists.psu.edu](mailto:listserv@lists.psu.edu)) and PHYSLRNR ([listserv@idbsu.idbsu.edu](mailto:listserv@idbsu.idbsu.edu)). If you find these conversations interesting, that is one indicator that you may enjoy teaching physics."

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