Curriculum Vitae

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| Scientific Interests: | asteroseismology/determination of internal structure (e.g., chemical profiles, crystallization) of stars; constraining the physics of convection through light curve fits; measuring neutrino/axion emission rates of pulsating white dwarfs; cooling theory/age dating of white dwarfs; accretion and settling of metals on white dwarfs; non-linear phenomena; radiative transfer; effect of magnetic fields on convection and/or pulsation | |
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| Appointments: | | |
| 2009-present | Research Scientist, Department of Astronomy, University of Texas | |
| 2006-present | Science Director, Delaware Asteroseismic Research Center | |
| 2004–2009 | Research Associate, Department of Astronomy, University of Texas | |
| 2000–2004 | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom | |
| 1998–2000 | Postdoctoral Research Associate, Institute of Astronomy, University of Vienna, Austria | |
| 1995–1998 | Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin | |
| 1997 | Visiting Lecturer in Astronomy, Austin Community College | |
| 1994 | Research Assistant, Applied Research Laboratories, UT-Austin | |
| 1992–1995 | Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin | |
| 1991–1992 | Teaching Assistant, Physics Department, Princeton University | |
| 1988 | Summer Research Assistant, Institute for Fusion Studies, UT-Austin | |
| Education: | | |
| 1992–1998 | Department of Astronomy, University of Texas at Austin | |
| | Ph.D. thesis (Dec. 1998): | |
| | "The Evolution and Pulsation of Crystallizing White Dwarf Stars" | |
| | Masters thesis (Dec. 1994): | |
| | "The Frequency Spectra of Weakly Magnetic White Dwarf Stars" | |
| 1988–1992 | M.A. Physics, Department of Physics, Princeton University | |
| 1984–1988 | B.S. Physics, University of Texas at Austin | |
| Languages: | English (native), German (fluent) | |

| Invited talks and honors: | Invited Review Talk, Stellar Pulsation: Challenges for Theory and Observation, Santa Fe, NM, Summer 2009 Invited Review Talk, Unsolved Problems in Astrophysics, Cambridge, UK, Summer 2007 Departmental Colloquium, HAO, Fall 2005 Invited Talk, National Astronomy Meeting, Dublin, Spring 2003 Physics and Astronomy Colloquium, University of Aarhus, Spring 2002 Co-editor of <i>Proceedings of the 6th Vienna Workshop in Astrophysics</i>, 1999 Invited Review Talk, The 11th European Workshop on White Dwarfs, 1998 Physics and Astronomy Colloquium, Iowa State University, Spring 1998 Astronomy Department Student Representative, 1993–1994 | | |
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| Grants & Fellowships: | PI on NSF Grant "Fundamental Astrophysics from Precision Asteroseismology," 2009–2012 (\$566,803 over 3 yrs) PI on NSF Grant "Precision Light Curves as Probes of Fundamental Physics," 2005–2008 (\$347,000 over 3 yrs) PI on "Research in Stellar Seismology," The Crystal Trust Foundation/ University of Delaware, 2006–2010 (\$222,000 over 4 yrs) David Bruton, Jr., Fellowship, 1996–1997 University Continuing Fellowship, 1994–1995 Fred T. Goetting, Jr., Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship, 1994–1995 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1988–91 | | |
| Teaching and | | | |
| public outreach: | | | |
| 2009–2010 | Taught Astronomy Stream of Freshman Research Initiative (FRI), UT-Austin | | |
| 2006–2008 | Taught "Physics of Waves" at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX | | |
| 2002 & 2004 | Graduate Student Lectures on Star Formation and Stellar Pulsation, | | |
| 2002 | IoA, Cambridge, UK | | |
| 2003 | Talk at meeting of the Cambridge Astronomical Association | | |
| 2002 | Final four lectures of Part I Mathematics, IoA, Cambridge, UK | | |
| 2001 | Lectures at Alston Hall Amateur Astronomy Retreat | | |
| 1997 1992–1995 | Lecturer in Astronomy, Austin Community College | | |
| 1992–1993 | Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin Teaching Assistant, Physics Department, Princeton University | | |
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| | University of Cambridge, UK | D. O. Gough | |
| | Max-Planck-Inst. f. Astrophys., Garching, DEU | F. Kupka | |
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