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Education & Fellowships

The College of William and Mary
Case Western Reserve University
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Yale University
The University of Chicago

B.S. Physics
B.S. Biomedical Engineering
Ph.D. Theoretical High Energy Physics
Postdoctoral Fellowship
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Professional Experience

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

2010-2017

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

- Led board, staff and external stakeholders in creating bold & dynamic vision for the Museum and its role in the community.
 - Developed and executed two 5-year strategic plans (2011; 2016) — roadmaps for achieving vision
 - Finalized architectural and exhibit designs to transform museum, integrating research, education and public experience — 130,000 sf expansion includes 11 major exhibit galleries, 6 flexible classrooms, state-of-the-art research labs, collections facilities, Grand Lobby & Courtyard
- Raised \$77M in first 5 years of \$150M capital campaign to completely transform museum — first major capital campaign in Museum's history
- Completed first phase of construction (2016):
 - Award-winning Perkins Wildlife Center & Woods Garden — dubbed “Best 2 Acres in CLE” by *Cleveland Plain Dealer*
 - Sears Garden, showcasing Mammoth and Mastodon sculptures by Viktor Schreckengost
 - Energy-efficient parking garage
- Achieved record increases in attendance (30%), membership (23%), and revenue (22%) after successful first year of operation of new spaces
- Developed partnership with Cleveland Metropolitan School District, *Inspire: Reach Every Child*
 - Incorporates real science into curriculum for every 2nd grade student; models effective science education for teachers and engages families in place-based learning
 - 99% of 2nd grade classes in years 1-3 of the program; 100% in years 4-5
 - Full day of immersive, inquiry-based, experiential science education on-site; pre/post visit activities
 - STEM Cultural Collaboration created to facilitate expansion to institutions across region
- Elevated awareness of Museum and its mission through strategic media campaign, personal speaking engagements, new partnerships, and innovative programs that engaged new, more diverse audiences:
 - [PNC SmartHome](#) - 2,500 sf custom home certified as Ohio's first Passive House
 - Family pass program for city residents in partnership with Cleveland Public Library
 - Think & Drink evening program for young professionals, attracting 500-1,000 each month
 - Explorer Lectures: increased attendance (300-600/lecture) and reached broader demographic
 - Science Communications Officer: hired experienced award-winning science journalist to increase public awareness of local science & research via articles, blogs and *Sauropodcasts*.
 - Partnership with Microsoft and CWRU to pioneer unique museum augmented reality experience
- Strengthened focus on and support for world-class research
 - Raised expected level of excellence in research and public engagement; created 2 new positions — *Curator of Evolutionary Medicine & Human Health*; *Curator of Paleobotany & Paleocology*
 - Expanded collections management staff; increased numbers of graduate students and postdocs; increased funding support for fieldwork; constructed on-site DNA lab
- Implemented extensive restructuring and best practices across Museum:
 - Grew museum operations by 50% (to \$15M in 2017) while continuing to balance operating budget each year. Increased gifts to annual operating budget during major capital campaign.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
Department of Physics, CWRU

2010 - Present

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics, The University of Chicago
• Responsible for overall management of KICP
• Directed Postdoctoral Fellowship program

2008-2010

RESEARCH FACULTY
Dept. of Astronomy & Astrophysics, The University of Chicago
• Conducted independent research program in cosmology and astrophysics

1996-2010

VICE PRESIDENT FOR SCIENCE & EDUCATION
DIRECTOR OF ASTRONOMY

2001-2003

1996-2001

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, Chicago, IL
• Created one of the first research departments in a major planetarium: expanded to 9 PhD research scientists; facilitated partnerships with local universities for joint academic positions
• Secured first major NSF grant (\$1.5M) awarded to Adler; secured \$1M donation for cosmology gallery
• Oversaw planetarium show production and development of innovative education programs
• Led content development for new major galleries

GUEST SCIENTIST
Theoretical Astrophysics Group, Fermi National Accelerator Lab

1995-1996

RESEARCH ENGINEER
Harris Orthopaedics Research Lab Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

1981-1983

External Boards & Committees

- Aspen Center for Physics, Trustee 2022 - present
- Aspen Science Center, Trustee 2025 - present
- Legacy Survey of Space and Time Corp, Development Committee (2020 - 2022)
- CWRU Physics Strategic Advisory Group; Spokesperson Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- American Physical Society Panel on Public Affairs (2014-2017)
 - Chair, Subcommittee on Physics and the Public
- Executive Committee of the University Circle Inc. (UCI) Board (2010 - 2017)
 - Co-Chair - UCI Transportation & Infrastructure Task Force
 - UCI Strategic Planning Committee
- Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Campaign Steering Committee (2015 levy renewal)
- Head Council for Laurel School (2016 - 2017)
- Greater Cleveland Partnership Government Affairs Council
- Women in the Physical Sciences Committee, University of Chicago
- Chair - Why So Few Women in Science?: Defining the Problem and Taking Action, symposium (2005)
- High Energy Physics Advisory Panel, co-author of Quantum Universe report (2004)
- Board member - Teachers Academy for Mathematics and Science, Chicago (2000-2003)
- Co-Chair COSMO-02 International Workshop on Particle Physics and the Early Universe (2000)
- Co-Chair Pritzker Symposium of Inflationary Cosmology (1999)

Awards

- YWCA of Greater Cleveland Women of Achievement (2017)
- *Smart Business Magazine* Smart 50 (2016)
- Crain's Cleveland Women of Note (2015)
- Boyd Fellow, National Arts Strategies Chief Executive Program (2011-2013)

Books & Publications

- *Einstein's Telescope: The Hunt for Dark Matter and Dark Energy in the Universe*, W.W. Norton (2009).
- More than 40 research papers published in peer-reviewed science journals
- Op-ed articles on Women in Science for Chicago Tribune (2005); Physics Today (2006)
- "Passive House Design: Building for the Future", (2022)

PUBLICATIONS

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16. Evalyn Gates, Marc Kamionkowski, and Michael S. Turner, "Comment on 'The Dispersion Velocity of Galactic Dark Matter Particles'," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **78**, 2261 (1997).
17. Evalyn Gates, Geza Gyuk and Michael S Turner, "Gravitational Microlensing and Halo Cold Dark Matter," Proceedings of *Aspects of Dark Matter in Astro- and Particle Physics*, Heidelberg, Germany (1996).
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