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## **EDUCATION**

**PhD**—*Physics*, Universität Heidelberg, 1987, *cum laude*

**MS**—*Astronomy*, San Diego State University, 1979

**BS**—*Astronomy*, San Diego State University, 1974, (minors *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*)

## **CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS**

**Principal Investigator**, *Center for the Study of Life in the Universe, SETI Institute*, (1987 - present).

Member of the NASA Kepler Mission Science Team, responsible for the detection of planets around eclipsing binary star systems.

## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Lecturer in Astrobiology, University of California, Santa Cruz** (1998-2004)

*Astronomy and Astrophysics: Life in the Universe, Light and Optics.*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**International Astronomical Union** (Commissions 26, 42, and 51)

**American Astronomical Society** (Divisions for Planetary Sciences, History of Astronomy)

**NASA Group Achievement Awards:** Voyager Flight Operations (Photo and Image Processing), Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (High Resolution Microwave Survey Deployment), and Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI Institute Science Education Project)

## **REFERENCES**

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