

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Education**

Ph.D. - Physics, Oregon Graduate Center (now Oregon Health and Science University),  
Beaverton, Oregon 1978

B.S. - Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science, Whitworth College,  
Spokane, Washington 1974

### **Selected Awards**

Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship, 1973  
Magna Cum Laude, Whitworth College, 1974  
Wilson Clark Fellowship, 1976-1977  
Distinguished Authorship Award, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1989 and 1998  
Howard Vollum Prize, Oregon Graduate Institute, 1990  
US Department of Commerce Bronze Medal, 1996 and 2007  
World Meteorological Organization Vilho Vaisala Award, 2001  
NOAA Administrator's Award, 2002  
US Department of Commerce Silver Award, 2004  
SPIE George W. Goddard Award, 2011  
NOAA Distinguished Career Award, 2020

### **Professional Societies**

Fellow, Optical Society of America  
Atmospheric and Oceanic Optics Technical Group Vice Chair, 1990-1991, Chair,  
1992-1993; Allen Prize Committee Member, 1993-1995, Chair, 1995  
Fellow, SPIE  
Member, American Geophysical Union  
Member, The Oceanographic Society

## Recent Service Activities

Associate Editor, *Optics Express*, 2011 – 2014  
Editorial Board, *Remote Sensing*, 2009 – 2014  
Editorial Board, *Sensors*, 2009 – 2014  
Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Sensors*, 2009  
Session Co-Chair, Ocean Sciences Meeting, 2012  
Program Committee, SPIE Conference Ocean Sensing and Monitoring, 2012-2015  
Science Steering Group, US Navy Advanced Sensor Applications Program, 2006 – present  
Co-chair, International Council for the Exploration of the Seas Study Group on Fisheries Optical Technologies, 2008 - 2010

## Research Interests

The interaction light with geophysical fluids, and the applications of those interactions for remote sensing of the atmosphere and oceans. Of special interest are the characteristics of light scattered from the ocean surface and upper ocean and applications to remote sensing of phytoplankton, zooplankton, and epipelagic fish schools. Additional interests include the effects of subsurface phytoplankton layers on oceanic primary productivity and on the export of carbon to the deep ocean.

## Experience

2019 to 2020 Senior Research Scientist, Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado and NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory

Continued work on airborne oceanographic lidar.

2001 to 2019 Physicist  
NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory (Environmental Technology Laboratory before October 1, 2005)

Developed airborne lidar for studies of ocean optics and for fisheries research, including detection of plankton. Made first comparisons of spatial distributions of several fish species made by airborne lidar with those made by standard ship-based techniques. Demonstrated that thin plankton layers can exist in the open ocean, including in the marginal ice zone in the Arctic. Documented the existence of high concentrations of debris in the North Pacific subtropical convergence zone.

1991 to 2001 Chief, Ocean Remote Sensing Division  
NOAA Environmental Technology Lab., Boulder, Colorado

Managed a division of approximately 35 scientific and support staff and

performed personal research in ocean optics. Made first optical measurements of the fractal dimension of sea-surface roughness. Made first measurements of high-resolution infrared spectral radiance in the tropics.

1985 to 1991      Physicist  
NOAA Wave Propagation Lab., Boulder, Colorado (CIRES Jan.-Aug., 1985)

Developed theory for probability-density function of optical irradiance in the turbulent atmosphere and verified experimentally. Measured enhanced backscatter effect in the turbulent atmosphere. Measured atmospheric turbulence effects on the risk of eye damage from lasers in the open atmosphere.

1979 to 1985      Member of the Technical Staff  
The Aerospace corporation, Los Angeles, California

Invented novel laser Doppler velocimeter. Developed and experimentally verified theory of laser speckle from a rotating target. Developed theory of second-harmonic generation on partially coherent light.

1978 to 1979      Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Oregon Graduate Center, Beaverton, Oregon

Measured statistics of irradiance for laser speckle plus glint after propagation through refractive turbulence in the atmosphere.

1974 to 1978      Research Assistant - Ph.D. Thesis Research  
Oregon Graduate Center, Beaverton, Oregon

## **Publications**

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3. James H. Churnside and Charles M. McIntyre, "Signal Current Probability Distribution for Optical Heterodyne Receivers in the Turbulent Atmosphere. 2: Experiment," *Appl. Opt.* **17**, 2148-2152 (1978).
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