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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Physics, Emphasis on Fluid Physics

June 2008

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Dissertation: *Physical processes that control droplet transport in rock fracture systems.*

Advisor: Dr. Maria Dragila

Bachelor of Science, Majors: Physics, Mathematics

June 2002

Linfield College, McMinnville, OR

Computational Undergraduate Research Thesis: *Simulations of Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions.*

Advisor: Dr. Joelle Murray

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Physics: Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

2013 – present

Assistant Professor of Physics: Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

2008 – 2013

- Research-based interactive teaching in advanced and introductory physics and engineering courses, including a study-away sustainable energy physics course.
- Advise physics and dual-degree engineering students, liaison (2018-2020) to engineering affiliate universities. Personalized letters of recommendation.
- Conduct independent research and mentor undergraduate student research in fluid physics, astronomy, and physics education research.
- Service to department, campus, physics profession, and community.

Summer Faculty: Holden Village, Lake Chelan, WA

Summer 2017

- Lead a physics series of guest lectures on energy, sustainability, and astronomy to participants of all ages at this village retreat.
- Co-lead a worship service.

Online Physics Quiz Author: W.H. Freeman and Company Publishers

2012

- Authored 560 multiple choice questions with answer-specific feedback to accompany physics textbook, "University Physics for Life Sciences."

Research Assistant: Oregon State University Crop and Soil Science Department, Corvallis, OR	2005-2008
- Experimental investigation of fluid transport in fractures to develop a theoretical transport equation. - Additional graduate courses in fluid instabilities, pore-scale fluid physics. Substitute taught for undergraduate course in soil physics.	
Research Experience for Undergraduates Mentor: Oregon State University Crop and Soil Science Department, Corvallis, OR	2007
- Designed fluid physics research project and guided an undergraduate through a summer experimental research experience. - Evaluated student's work for submission as an undergraduate physics senior thesis and co-authored presentation at American Geophysical Union national conference.	
Mentor Teacher: Oregon State University Physics Department, Corvallis, OR	2006-2007
Worked closely with physics instructors organizing course, planning lectures, demonstrations and tests for Introductory Physics course and Astronomy course.	
Science Intern: NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA	2005
- Timeline development for the Dawn mission spacecraft in its approach and orbit around asteroid Vesta, using spacecraft-specific computer software. - Participated in weekly meetings with the Dawn Spacecraft Science Team.	
Teaching Assistant: Oregon State University Physics Department, Corvallis, OR	2002-2005
Recitation and Lab instruction for Introductory Physics with Calculus, Astronomy, Paradigms of Physics (year-long junior level course).	
Geophysics Research Assistant: Oregon State University Geophysics Department, Corvallis, OR	2004
Calibrated raw thermal data from the MBARI (Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute) June 2000 cruise, developed and analyzed thermal profiles of Southern Hydrate Ridge (off the Oregon coast).	
Adventures in Learning Teacher: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR	2004
Taught Rollercoaster Physics and Astronomy courses (daily, two weeks each) to middle school students.	
Optics Research Assistant: Oregon State University Physics Department, Corvallis, OR	2003-2004
Instrumentation assistance and repair of hardware in Argon Ion Laser.	
Nuclear Physics Research Intern: Linfield College Physics Department, McMinnville, OR	2001-2002
- Revised and wrote computer programs to simulate heavy ion collisions and compare to data from Au-Au collisions at Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) in Brookhaven, New York. Research Advisor: Dr. Joelle Murray. - Oral Presentation of Senior Thesis at 2001 Murdock Science Conference.	
Astronomy Research Intern: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Richland, WA	Summer 2000
- Repaired Rattlesnake Mountain Observatory telescope instrumentation to improve tracking for telescope automation. - Captured astrophotographs, created an educational webpage on sun spots, led public tours of observatory.	

Teaching Assistant and Academic Peer Advisor: Linfield College Physics Department, McMinnville, OR **2000-2002**

- Bi-weekly tutor for undergraduate physics students
- Graded Introductory Physics assignments
- Co-taught, with faculty advisor, an academic orientation semester class to first year students interested in physics.
- Guided 20 students each year through a college orientation and advised them individually throughout their first college year.

Resident and Apartment Advisor: Linfield College Housing, McMinnville, OR

1999-2001

- Created academic, social programs for residence hall students.
- Responded to incidents and emergencies, filed reports.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

*An asterisk * denotes PLU undergraduate co-author.*

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- S. O'Neill, K. Hay, and J. deMattos, "*Theoretical and computational models for Saturn's co-orbiting moons, Janus and Epimetheus.*" *Celestial Mechanics and Dynamical Astronomy*, **136** (2024).
- K. Hay, B. Underwood, "*Pair-Programming: Variables, Vectors, and the Programming Environment,*" Partnership for Integration of Computation into Undergraduate Physics (PICUP) Exercise Set, (2023).
- K. Hay, "*Magnetic Jeopardy Class Game,*" Digital Resource, AAPT ComPADRE Physical Sciences Resources Center (PSRC), (2022).
- K. Hay and Z. Wiren, "*Do-It-Yourself Low Cost Desktop Lightboard for Engaging Flipped Learning Videos,*" *The Physics Teacher*, **57**, 8 (2019). [Article was featured on the journal's cover.]
- M. Dragila, K. Hay, S. Wheatcraft, "*9. Initial pipe development within epikarst microfractures*", chapter in *The Geological Society of America Special Paper 516*, pp. 129-136 (2016).
- K. Hay, "*Physics of Energy: A Sustainability-Themed University Travel Course*" chapter in *Handbook of Research on Pedagogical Innovations for Sustainable Development* IGI Global, USA, pp. 442-453 (2014).
- M. Hubbard* and K. Hay, "*How Tongue Size and Roughness Affect Lapping,*", *Journal of Undergraduate Research in Physics*, **16** (2013).
- K. Hay, "*Teaching the Physics of Energy while Traveling by Train*" *The Physics Teacher*, **51** (2013). [Article was featured on the journal's cover.]
- K. Hay and M. Dragila, "*Physics of Fluid Spreading on Roughness*", *International Journal of Numerical Analysis and Modeling, Special Issue on Modeling, Analysis and Simulations of Multiscale Nonlinear Systems*, Conference proceedings, Oregon State University, **5** (2008).
- K. Hay, M. Dragila, and J. Liburdy, "*A Theoretical Model for the Wetting of a Rough Surface*" *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*, **325**, 2 (2008).

Other Publications:

- K. Hay, Three guest blog posts on the Vocation Matters Blog, titled, [Navigating Your Cultural Commute: A Scientist's Approach to Vocation](#), [Applying the Scientific Method to Vocational Discernment](#), [Exploring Vocation Beyond Career: A Guide for Students in the Sciences](#) (Fall 2025).
- K. Hay, "Little Bear's Big Night Sky," CreateSpace Independent Publishing, North Charleston, SC (October 2015).
- K. Hay, Online Quizzes for textbook, "University Physics for Life Science" W. H. Freeman Publisher (August 2012).
- K. Hay, "Physics of energy as a travel course", EnergyTeachers.org Community Newsletter, Ithaca, NY (February 2012).

Mentorship of Undergraduate Research:

Jessica Ordaz and Julian Kop, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA Summer 2023

*Co-mentored, with a **grant from Murdock Charitable Trust**, summer observational astronomy research at PLU's Keck Observatory. Students delivered poster presentations at **Murdock Conference November 2023**, Vancouver, WA (J. Kop: "Analyzing the Variability of a Variable Star," and J. Ordaz: "Globular Clusters and Their Ages.")*

Jamin Perry, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA Spring 2021

Co-advised engineering statics bridge truss analysis for physics Capstone project.

Megan Longstaff and Justin deMattos, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA Summer 2018

*Co-mentored, with a **grant from Murdock Charitable Trust**, summer observational astronomy research at PLU's Keck Observatory. Students delivered **three presentations: selected for oral presentation at 2018 Murdock Conference** (titled, "Observational Astronomy in Tacoma: Analyzing Jupiter's Rotation and the Brightness of Saturn's Rings." Vancouver, WA.), **Dr. Rae Linda Brown Undergraduate Research Symposium Spring 2019**, and a public presentation to **Tacoma Astronomical Society June 2019**.*

10 Physics Capstone Students, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA Spring 2018

*Mentored/co-mentored 10 students' physics research projects from design to analysis-experimental, theoretical, and computational. Three projects led to **student-authored publications in the Journal of Undergraduate Advanced Physics Laboratory Investigation**:*

- *Measuring Planck's Constant and Plotting Current-Voltage Characteristics of Spectral Lines Using the Photoelectric Effect, by Ashley Clendenen.*
- *The Michelson Interferometer as a Device for Measuring the Wavelength of a Helium- Neon Laser, authored by Carly Stauffer and Kimberley Belmes.*
- *Using a Michelson Interferometer to Measure the Index of Refraction of Air, authored by Kimberly Belmes and Carly Stauffer.*

Kimberly Belmes, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA Summer 2016

*Co-Mentored, with a **grant from Murdock Charitable Trust**, a Summer Research Internship on Sunspot Evolution, using images captured with PLU's Keck Observatory.*

Student was selected for an **oral presentation at the 2016 Murdock Conference**, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, titled: “Sunspot Decay Rate Correlations and Temperature Ratios.”

Matthew Hubbard, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

Summer 2011

Mentored, with a **grant from Murdock Charitable Trust**, a Summer Research Internship on Pet Physics: Cat lapping- Current Fluid Physics Phenomenology. Invited to co-present to the **PLU Board of Regents**. Student presented “How does Tongue roughness affect Lapping?” at the **Student-Faculty Collaborative and Creative Projects Celebration**, PLU, and presented a poster at **Murdock Conference 2011**, and the **Northwest Section American Physical Society**, Vancouver, B.C., Canada (2012).

Jacob Berman, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

Summer 2009

Mentored, with a **grant from Murdock Charitable Trust**, a Summer Research Internship on simulated fracture flow in environmental fluid physics. Hosted event: “Fluid Lab Open House” for PLU summer science research community. Student was selected to give **oral presentation at 2009 Murdock Conference**, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, titled, “A video analysis of film left behind fluid droplets in fractured rock.”

Daniel Schwartz, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Summer 2007

Mentored an experimental fluid physics research project on fraction flow. Evaluated student’s work for submission and acceptance as the student’s physics senior thesis. Work resulted in joint **presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting** in San Francisco, 2007.

Selected Presentations:

“Worlds Not in Collision: How Saturn's Co-orbiting Moons Avoid Hitting Each Other”

February 2023

Tacoma Astronomical Society seminar, K. Hay, and S. O’Neill

“Don’t Give Up on Pair Programming”

January 2023

American Association of Physics Teachers, National Winter Meeting on Portland, OR, K. Hay

“Spacecraft Propulsion Systems”

February 2022

Guest lecture, International Honors course, PLU: The Natural World, Professor D. Heath

“Theoretical and Computational Models for Saturn’s Co-orbiting Moons, Janus and Epimetheus”

December 2021

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting (*virtual*), S. O’Neill, J. deMattos, and K. Hay

“Creating Study Groups that are Helpful to Students in a Virtual Physics Course,”

October 2021

Washington American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) (*virtual*)

“Visual model of force on a charge in the center of a ring of N charges using VPython,”

July 2021

Partnership of Integration of Computation into Undergraduate Physics (PICUP) Virtual Workshop ("showcase" informal presentation)

"Computer Simulations of Astronomical Phenomena," Tacoma Astronomical Society, Public Meeting, J. deMattos, M. Longstaff, K. Hay, S. O'Neill	June 2019
"Our Place in the Universe: The Structure and Fabric of Space-Time," (Invited talk) at event: Grit City Think and Drink, University of Washington, Tacoma, WA	August 2018
"PLU Astronomy Internship 2018" Marketing video for REU recruiting Over a thousand views on YouTube, https://youtu.be/DBgQ5PoID8Q	January 2018
Physics Lecture Series at Holden Village, Lake Chelan, WA <i>1. "What is Energy? What Powers our Devices?"</i> <i>2. "Our Energy Future: Innovations in Responsible use of Earth's Resources"</i> <i>3. "Our Place in the Cosmos"</i> <i>4. "Children's Storytime and Discussion: Little Bear's Big Night Sky"</i>	Summer 2017
Guest on PLU Faculty Podcast "Open to Interpretation," Host Amy Young, Episode titled, "Stress."	Spring 2017
"LightBoard Videos for a Flipped Classroom" (Invited Talk, award recipients) K. Hay and J. Stoeber, Northwest Academic Computing Consortium (NWACC), Portland, OR.	November 2016
"Celestial Navigation: Wise Ones Navigate by the Stars," Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, Washington.	January 2016
"Cosmology of the early universe," and "Space and time, not what they appear to be" Guest Lecture Series, Gig Harbor Women's Correctional Facility, Freedom Education Project	Spring and Fall 2014
"Capillary Droplets Embedded in a Lubricating Film: Enhancing rock-liquid solute transfer" Geoscience Association Denver, Colorado, M. Dragila and K. Hay	October 2013
"Erosion potential of capillary solitons in fluid transport through the epikarst" Geoscience Association Denver, Colorado, M. Dragila and K. Hay	October 2013
"Pre-Course Student Questions as Motivators for Class Lessons" American Association of Physics Teachers Conference, Philadelphia, PA.	August 2012
"Cat lapping: a fluid physics project for undergraduate students," Beyond First Year Physics Laboratory Conference, Philadelphia, PA.	July 2012
"Physics of Energy by Train"	August 2011

American Association of Physics Teachers Conference, Omaha, NE.

“Physics of Energy, A Travel Course”

Spring 2011

Pacific Northwest Association of Physics Teachers (PNACP) Conference, Moscow, ID.

“Environmental Fluid Physics”

November 2010

(Invited seminar) University of Puget Sound Science Division, Tacoma, WA.

“How to Implement JITT - Just In Time Teaching”

March 2010

American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting, K. Hay and C. Illie

“Improving the Force Concept Inventory”

March 2010

American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting, A. Chediak and K. Hay

“Do you JITT? Benefits of using Just In Time Teaching at SUNY Oswego and Pacific Lutheran University” **May 2010**

Conference on Instructional Technologies in Plattsburgh, NY. C. Illie and K. Hay

“High-speed video analysis of advancing and receding droplet interfaces in simulated rock fractures”

December 2009

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Referee for:

The Physics Teacher

Advances in Water Resources

Professional Organization and National Society Membership, Conferences, and Workshops

American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), American Geophysical Union (AGU), Tacoma Astronomical Society (TAS), Sigma Pi Sigma (SPS), Partnership for Integration of Computation into Undergraduate Physics (PICUP).

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS and ACHIEVEMENTS

<i>Wild Hope Faculty Vocation Institute Grant</i> , physics capstone class curriculum reform 2023-2024, Pacific Lutheran University.	2023
<i>Faculty Excellence Award</i> in Advising, Pacific Lutheran University.	2019
<i>Innovation in Instructional Technologies Award</i> and Grant Northwest Academic Computing Consortium, for “Lightboard for Flipped Learning.”	2016
<i>Outstanding Student Paper</i> in Hydrology Section American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA for presentation: “Physics of two-phase flow on rough surfaces.”	2006
<i>Certificate of Appreciation</i> for work completed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Oregon Space Consortium (Annual Affiliate Meeting, Newport, OR).	2005
Teaching Fellowship, Oregon State University.	2002-2008
Sigma Pi Sigma (undergraduate physics honor society).	2002
Murdock Science Conference research grant for undergraduate summer internship Nuclear Physics with faculty mentor Dr. Joelle Murray.	2001
Energy Research Undergraduate Laboratory Fellowship (ERULF) Rattlesnake Mountain Observatory at Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL).	2000
Artistic performances, lessons, galleries, and teaching in dance, art, theater, and music.	Life-Long

UNIVERSITY SERVICE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, and OUTREACH

University Service

2008 - Present

Wild Hope Advisory Committee member, joined 2023.

Observatory Host and Maintenance- With Dr. Sean O'Neill, co-maintain observatory research instruments and facility, co-host outreach events at PLU's Keck Observatory.

Dual Degree Engineering Director/Advisor (2018-2020)- Advised engineering students, interfaced with partners Columbia University and Washington University, I initiated creation of PLU's Engineering and Industry Minor (completed by my department and Engineering Director Dr. Bogomil Gerganov 2021).

Faculty Governance Service:

- Title IX Committee, began 2023,
- Faculty Affairs Committee (**FAC**) 2018-2021,
- Faculty Joint Committee (**FJC**) on the Reduction and Reallocation of Force 2020-2021,
- Academic Dishonesty Hearing Panel (**ADHP**) leader 2012, and
- Campus Life Committee (**CLC**) 2010-2013.

Interviewer (2018): Regent and President's Scholarship Program Interview potential students competing for top PLU scholarships.

Co-Advisor (2014-2017): Society of University Physicists (SUP)/Physics Club Provide advice and logistical support for PLU's Physics Club.

Science Outreach and Community Service

2008 - Present

"Jazz Under the Stars" annual co-host at PLU's Keck Observatory. Read my children's book about astronomy "Little Bear's Big Night Sky," as a local author at elementary schools, libraries, churches. Present physics lectures and demonstration shows to students, local schools, camps, churches, retirement communities. Judge middle school science fair projects.

Advocate for Patients with Muscular Dystrophy, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)

2021 - Present

Team Captain in PPMD's *Race to End Duchenne* (we raised \$3,750 in our 5K race, June 2021).

PPMD Advocacy Conference March 8, 2022: Met with four congress members, senators and their staff to advocate for research funding, treatment, and care considerations for children and adults with this terminal genetic disease, like my nephews Liam and Kellan Hay.

ELCA Agnus Dei Lutheran Church Council Member and Volunteer, Gig Harbor, WA

2010 - Present

As an elected council member 2018-2020, I made decisions regarding budget, programs, and initiatives for the congregation. Volunteer in youth group and camp lesson teacher, choir member (including performances for prisoners at Shelton Men's Prison 2010, 2011).