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HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED

Ph.D.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Formation of planets, stars and galaxies, Structure of the interstellar medium, Numerical gas dynamics and MHD

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. in Physics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1989

M.A. in Physics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1985

A.B. in Physics, Princeton University, 1983

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN DOCTORAL EDUCATION

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Professor, Department of Astronomy, Columbia University, July 2007-present

Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Astronomy, Columbia University, July 2002-June 2007

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Astronomy, Columbia University, May 1999-June 2002

COURSES TAUGHT

Interstellar Medium and Star Formation, Graduate Course, Columbia University, Spring 2002

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Colin McNally, Columbia University, chair, 2008-present

Rachel Connolly, Teacher's College, Columbia University, 2005-present

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Jeffrey Oishi, University of Virginia at Charlottesville, chair, 2004-2007

Moo Kwang Ryan Joung, Columbia University, chair, 2003-2006

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GRADUATE ADVISEES

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RESEARCH GRANT SUPPORT

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- National Science Foundation, “Comparing Theory with Observation Using Chemical Probes of Turbulent Molecular Clouds” (Co-PI with Simon Glover), \$149,912, August 1, 2003 – July 31, 2006
- National Science Foundation, “CAREER: Structure formation and support by magnetized, supersonic turbulence in the interstellar medium and star-forming regions,” \$360,747, May 1, 2000 – April 30, 2006
- National Science Foundation, “REU Site: Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Earth Science, Planetary Science and Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History” (Co-PI with Jim Webster), \$148,850, April 1, 2003 – March 31, 2006
- National Science Foundation, “REU Supplement: CAREER: Structure Formation and Support by Magnetized, Supersonic Turbulence in the Interstellar Medium and Star-Forming Regions,” \$6,520, May 1, 2004 – April 30, 2006
- National Science Foundation, “Collaborative Research: Fireworks at the Ballet: Globular Cluster Formation, Bulge Dynamics and the Role of Central Black Holes in Galaxy Mergers,” \$209,537, July 15, 2003 – June 30, 2006

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- Joung*, M. K. R. and M.-M. Mac Low. 2007. Turbulent structure and star formation in a stratified, supernova-driven, interstellar medium. *In* B. G. Elmegreen and J. Palous (editors), *Triggered Star Formation in a Turbulent Interstellar Medium*: 358-362. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Sponsor: M.-M. Mac Low)
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- Mac Low, M.-M., Y. Li*, and R. S. Klessen. 2007. Galactic-scale star formation by

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- Klessen, R. S., K. Jappsen, R. Larson, Y. Li*, & M.-M. Mac Low. 2005. The stellar mass spectrum from non-isothermal gravoturbulent fragmentation. *In* E. Corbelli, F. Palla, and H. Zinnecker (editors), *The Stellar initial mass function 50 years later*: 363-370. Dordrecht: Kluwer. (Sponsor: M.-M. Mac Low)
- Li, Y., M.-M. Mac Low, and R. S. Klessen. 2005. Star Formation in Isolated Disk Galaxies. I. Models and Star Formation Characteristics. *Astrophys. J.*, in press.
- Li, Y., M.-M. Mac Low, and R. S. Klessen. 2005. Control of Star Formation in Galaxies by Gravitational Instability. *Astrophys. J. (Letters)*, 620, L19
- Balsara, D. S., J. Kim, M.-M. Mac Low, and G. J. Mathews. 2004. Amplification of Interstellar Magnetic Fields by Supernova-Driven Turbulence. *Astrophys. J.*, 617, 339.
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