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Professional Employment

Assistant Professor	Illinois Institute of Technology Department of Computer Science	8/96 – present
Visiting Scientist	Argonne National Laboratory Mathematics and Computer Science Division	6/97 – present
Adjunct Professor	College of William and Mary Department of Computer Science	8/94 – 6/95
Staff Scientist	Institute for Computer Applications in Science and Engineering (ICASE) NASA Langley Research Center	1/93 – 8/96
Instructor	Object Oriented Design and Programming General Electric, Charlottesville, Va.	6/91 – 8/91
Research Assistant	Department of Computer Science University of Virginia	1/86 – 1/93
Instructor	Introduction to Computer Science University of Virginia	6/84 – 8/84
Teaching Assistant	Department of Computer Science University of Virginia	1/84 – 12/85
Statistical Programmer	University of Virginia Hospital	1/83 - 12/83

Journal Papers

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Other Publications

- [33] J.W. Larson and P.M. Dickens. Symbolic Dynamics of Reanalysis Data. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, December 8-12, 2003. (Poster)
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Grants:

Argonne National Laboratory: <i>High-Performance Remote I/O on Computational Grids</i> 5/25/03 – 8/15/03.	\$5,950
NSF Next Generation Software Program: <i>End-to-End Performance Modeling of Applications Executing in the Internet2 Domain.</i> 9/1/02-9/1/03.	\$30,000
NSF CISE Research Resources: <i>Acquisition of a Computing Cluster And Access Grid Node for Information Technology.</i> Co-PI with Xian-He Sun , Cindy Hood, Ophir Freider, and Hong Zhang. 09/15/01 – 9/15/03.	\$175,333
Argonne National Laboratory: <i>High Performance Wide Area Data Transfers.</i> 9/1/01 – 12/31/01	\$11,500
Department of Defense: <i>Research Infrastructure for Distributed System Development.</i> Department of Defense Equipment Grant. Co-PI with Xian-He Sun , Cindy Hood, Ophir Frieder, and Hong Zhang. 1/15/01.	\$173,000
Sun Microsystems: <i>Performance Prediction for Message-Passing Parallel Programs.</i> Sun Microsystems Equipment Grant. 3/1/2000.	\$34,000
Argonne National Laboratory: <i>Implementation Issues in Wide-Area MPI.</i>	\$22,000
Illinois Institute of Technology: <i>Performance prediction for super computers using ordinary workstation clusters.</i> (Internal Grant) 5/96-5/97.	\$10,000

Other Support:

NCSA Computational Resources Allocations: <i>High-performance Data Transfers over High-performance Networks.</i> 2/28/2002 – 2/28/2004. 20,000 SUs of computer time on NCSA SGI Origin2000, Valued at approximately \$7.5/SU.	\$150,000
Faculty Research Participation Award. Argonne National Laboratory. Summers of 1997 – 2003.	\$170,000

Professional Activities

Panelist:

NSF Review Panel	October, 2002
NSF Review Panel	May, 2002
NSF Review Panel	May, 2002
NSF Review Panel	April, 2000

Program Committee:

IEEE High-Speed Local Network Workshop (2003).
International Workshop on Parallel I/O on Clusters (2001).

Session Organizer:

Parallel and Distributed Processing Technique and Applications (PDPTA'99).	June, 1999
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Associate Editor:

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Session Chair:

International Conference on High Performance Distributed Computing and Applications.	August, 2003
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Parallel and Distributed Programming Techniques and Applications (PDPTA).
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Significant System Software for Grid Computing: The FOBS Large Scale Data Transfer Engine.
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