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Second Life: Prospero Frobozz

Research and Teaching Experience

- 2007–Present **Linden Lab.** Production Operation Engineer (Aug. 2007–Sep. 2008), Server Release Manager (Oct. 2008–present). Worked with the systems infrastructure team to maintain the production environment of the online virtual world Second Life, which runs on a cluster of 6,000 Linux Servers. Managed deployment of new software versions. Coordinated developers and QA engineers to integrate new features and patches into software. Communicated internally and externally about the state of server software and server deploys.
- 2001–2007 **Assistant Professor of Physics & Astronomy, Vanderbilt University.** Teaching undergraduate and graduate astronomy and astrophysics courses including introductory astronomy, galactic astrophysics, general relativity, and graduate nebular astrophysics. Performing research on starburst, active, and interacting galaxies; on Type-Ia supernova progenitors; and on supernova cosmology (in collaboration with the Supernova Cosmology Project).
- 1996–2001 **Postdoctoral Fellow with the Supernova Cosmology Project** at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Led the software and data analysis effort for four years of successful supernova searches. Led analysis of photometric followup data, producing lightcurves for supernovae that allowed measurements of the cosmological parameters Ω and Λ and the discovery of the universe’s acceleration. Performed photometric and spectroscopic observations at world-class telescopes. Supervised graduate and undergraduate students. Maintained computers for scientific use.

Education

- 1997 **Ph.D., Physics, California Institute of Technology.**
Thesis Title: “Spatially Resolved Infrared Spectroscopy of Seyfert Galaxies”
Advisor: B. T. Soifer
- 1992 **M.S., Physics, California Institute of Technology.**
- 1990 **B.S., Physics, Harvey Mudd College.**

Honors and Awards

2007	Co-recipient, the Gruber Prize in Cosmology
2004	Chancellor's Award for Research, Vanderbilt University
1991-1994	Kodak Fellow, Caltech.
1990	Graduated with Honors in Physics and in Humanities/Social Sciences, Harvey Mudd College.
1990	Radley Prize in Humanities and Social Sciences, Harvey Mudd College.
1987	Platt Prize for outstanding Freshman, Harvey Mudd College.

Students Advised

- Katie Chynoweth, PhD Student, Vanderbilt University, 2005-2007
- Cameron Pittman, Undergraduate Research Student, 2006-present
- Andrew Collazzi, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Vanderbilt University, 2006
- Eric Smith, MS, Physics, Vanderbilt University, 2005
- Naved Mahmud, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Vanderbilt University, 2005 (High Honors)
- Jonathan Stricker, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Vanderbilt University, 2005 (High Honors)
- James Schlaerth, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Vanderbilt University, 2004 (High Honors)
- René Ortmann, MS, Physics, Vanderbilt University, 2003
- Jessica Hodges, Undergraduate Research, Vanderbilt University, 2002
- K. Sterling Garmond, Summer Undergraduate Research, LBNL, 2000

Professional Activities and Society Memberships

2007	Member, AAS Small Research Grants Panel (January)
2006–2007	AAS Shapley Lecturer
2005–2007	Member, Extragalactic Time Allocation Committee, NOAO
2004–2005	Referee for <i>The Astrophysical Journal</i>
1999	Referee for <i>The Astronomical Journal</i>
1990–Present	Member, The American Physical Society
1992–Present	Member, The American Astronomical Society
2002–Present	Member, The Astronomical Society of the Pacific

Additional Skills and Experience

- **Computer Programming:** Proficient in C, C++, Perl, Python. Familiar with FORTRAN, Java, SQL, IDL, and other languages.
- **Computer Administration:** Experience administering very large clusters of Linux machines. Proficient with Unix (primarily Linux). Familiar with Windows, MacOS. Experience creating and maintaining static and dynamic pages on for the World Wide Web.
- **Music:** Violinist since the age of five, violist since 1995. Currently playing with the Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra, a community orchestra.
- **Theatre:** Accomplished amateur actor. Numerous roles acting in, directing, stage managing, and producing community theater productions, both in the real world and in the virtual world Second Life.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

1. S. Nobili, V. Fadeyev, G. Aldering, R. Amanullah, K. Barbary, M. S. Burns, K. S. Dawson, S. E. Deustua, L. Faccioli, A. S. Fruchter, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, I. Hook, D. A. Howell, A. G. Kim, R. A. Knop, C. Lidman, J. Meyers, P. E. Nugent, R. Pain, N. Panagia, S. Perlmutter, D. Rubin, A. L. Spadafora, M. Strovink, N. Suzuki, and H. Swift (The Supernova Cosmology Project), “Constraining dust and color variations of high- z SNe using NICMOS on HST.” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2008, submitted.
2. T. Morokuma, M. Doi, N. Yasuda, M. Akiyama, K. Sekiguchi, H. Furusawa, Y. Ueda, T. Totani, T. Oda, T. Nagao, N. Kashikawa, T. Murayama, M. Ouchi, M. G. Watson, M. W. Richmond, C. Lidman, S. Perlmutter, A. L. Spadafora, G. Aldering, L. Wang, I. M. Hook, and R. A. Knop, “The Subaru/XMM-Newton Deep Survey (SXDS). V. Optically Faint Variable Object Survey.” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2008, **676**, 163–183.
3. N. Kuznetsova, K. Barbary, B. Connolly, A. G. Kim, R. Pain, N. A. Roe, G. Aldering, R. Amanullah, K. Dawson, M. Doi, V. Fadeyev, A. S. Fruchter, R. Gibbons, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, A. Gude, R. A. Knop, M. Kowalski, C. Lidman, T. Morokuma, J. Meyers, S. Perlmutter, D. Rubin, D. J. Schlegel, A. L. Spadafora, V. Stanishev, M. Strovink, N. Suzuki, L. Wang, L., and N. Yasuda, “A New Determination of the High-Redshift Type Ia Supernova Rates with the Hubble Space Telescope Advanced Camera for Surveys.” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2008, **673**, 981–998.
4. A. Conley, G. Goldhaber, L. Wang, G. Aldering, R. Amanullah, E. D. Commins, V. Fadeyev, G. Folatelli, G. Garavini, R. Gibbons, A. Goobar, D. E. Groom, I. Hook, D. A. Howell, A. G. Kim, R. A. Knop, M. Kowalski, N. Kuznetsova, C. Lidman, S. Nobili, P. E. Nugent, R. Pain, S. Perlmutter, E. Smith, A. L. Spadafora, V. Stanishev, M. Strovink, R. C. Thomas, W. M. Wood-Vasey, “Measurement of Ω_M , Ω_Λ from a Blind Analysis of Type Ia Supernovae with CMAGIC: Using Color Information to Verify the Acceleration of the Universe.” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2006, **644**, 1–20.
5. M. Sullivan, D. A. Howell, K. Perrett, P. E. Nugent, P. Astier, E. Aubourg, D. Balam, S. Basa, R. G. Carlberg, A. Conley, S. Fabbro, D. Fouchez, J. Guy, I. Hook, H. Lafoux, J. D. Neill, R. Pain, N. Palanque-Delabrouille, C. J. Pritchett, N. Regnault, J. Rich, R. Taillet, G. Aldering, S. Baumont, J. Bronder, M. Filiol, R. A. Knop, S. Perlmutter, C. Tao, “Photometric Selection of High-Redshift Type Ia Supernova Candidates.” *The Astronomical Journal*, 2006, **131**, 960–972.
6. D. A. Howell, M. Sullivan, K. Perrett, T. J. Bronder, I. M. Hook, P. Astier, E. Aubourg, D. Balam, S. Basa, R. G. Carlberg, S. Fabbro, D. Fouchez, J. Guy, H. Lafoux, J. D. Neill, R. Pain, N. Palanque-Delabrouille, C. J. Pritchett, N. Regnault, J. Rich, R. Taillet, R. A. Knop, R. G. McMahon, S. Perlmutter, N. A. Walton, “Gemini Spectroscopy of Supernovae from the Supernova Legacy Survey: Improving High-Redshift Supernova Selection and Classification.” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2005, **634**, 1190–1201.
7. I. M. Hook, D. A. Howell, G. Aldering, R. Amanullah, M. S. Burns, A. Conley, S. E. Deustua, R. Ellis, S. Fabbro, V. Fadeyev, G. Folatelli, G. Garavini, R. Gibbons, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, D. E. Groom, A. G. Kim, R. A. Knop, M. Kowalski, C. Lidman, S. Nobili, P. E. Nugent,

- R. Pain, C. R. Pennypacker, S. Perlmutter, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, G. Sainton, B. E. Schaefer, E. Smith, A. L. Spadafora, V. Stanishev, R. C. Thomas, N. A. Walton, L. Wang, W. M. Wood-Vasey, “Spectra of High-Redshift Type Ia Supernovae and a Comparison with Their Low-Redshift Counterparts.” *The Astronomical Journal*, 2005, **130**, 2788–2803.
8. G. Garavini, G. Aldering, A. Amadon, R. Amanullah, P. Astier, C. Balland, G. Blanc, A. Conley, T. Dahln, S. E. Deustua, R. Ellis, S. Fabbro, V. Fadeyev, X. Fan, G. Folatelli, B. Frye, E. L. Gates, R. Gibbons, G. Goldhaber, B. Goldman, A. Goobar, D. E. Groom, J. Haissinski, D. Hardin, I. Hook, D. A. Howell, S. Kent, A. G. Kim, R. A. Knop, M. Kowalski, N. Kuznetsova, B. C. Lee, C. Lidman, J. Mendez, G. J. Miller, M. Moniez, M. Mouchet, A. Mouro, H. Newberg, S. Nobili, P. E. Nugent, R. Pain, O. Perdureau, S. Perlmutter, R. Quimby, N. Regnault, J. Rich, G. T. Richards, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, B. E. Schaefer, K. Schahmaneche, E. Smith, A. L. Spadafora, V. Stanishev, R. C. Thomas, N. A. Walton, L. Wang, W. M. Wood-Vasey, “Spectroscopic Observations and Analysis of the Unusual Type Ia SN 1999ac.” *The Astronomical Journal*, 2005, **130**, 2278–2292.
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 10. C. Lidman, D. A. Howell, G. Folatelli, G. Garavini, S. Nobili, G. Aldering, R. Amanullah, P. Antilogus, P. Astier, G. Blanc, M. S. Burns, A. Conley, S. E. Deustua, M. Doi, R. Ellis, S. Fabbro, V. Fadeyev, R. Gibbons, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, D. E. Groom, I. Hook, N. Kashikawa, A. G. Kim, R. A. Knop, B. C. Lee, J. Mendez, T. Morokuma, K. Motohara, P. E. Nugent, R. Pain, S. Perlmutter, V. Prasad, R. Quimby, J. Raux, N. Regnault, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, G. Sainton, B. E. Schaefer, K. Schahmaneche, E. Smith, A. L. Spadafora, V. Stanishev, N. A. Walton, L. Wang, W. M. Wood-Vasey, and N. Yasuda, “Spectroscopic confirmation of high-redshift supernovae with the ESO VLT.” *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2005, **430**, 843-851.
 11. G. Garavini, G. Folatelli, A. Goobar, S. Nobili, G. Aldering, A. Amadon, R. Amanullah, P. Astier, C. Balland, G. Blanc, M. S. Burns, A. Conley, T. Dahln, S. E. Deustua, R. Ellis, S. Fabbro, X. Fan, B. Frye, E. L. Gates, R. Gibbons, G. Goldhaber, B. Goldman, D. E. Groom, J. Haissinski, D. Hardin, I. M. Hook, D. A. Howell, D. Kasen, S. Kent, A. G. Kim, R. A. Knop, B. C. Lee, C. Lidman, J. Mendez, G. J. Miller, M. Moniez, A. Mourão, H. Newberg, P. E. Nugent, R. Pain, O. Perdureau, S. Perlmutter, V. Prasad, R. Quimby, J. Raux, N. Regnault, J. Rich, G. T. Richards, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, G. Sainton, B. E. Schaefer, K. Schahmaneche, E. Smith, A. L. Spadafora, V. Stanishev, N. A. Walton, L. Wang, and W. M. Wood-Vasey, “Spectroscopic Observations and Analysis of the Peculiar SN 1999aa.” *The Astronomical Journal*, 2004, **128**, 387–404.
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13. S. Nobili, A. Goobar, R. A. Knop, and P. Nugent, “The intrinsic colour dispersion in Type Ia supernovae.” *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2003, **404**, 901–912.
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 16. R. Pain, S. Fabbro, M. Sullivan, R. S. Ellis, G. Aldering, P. Astier, S. E. Deustua, A. Fruchter, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, D. E. Groom, D. Hardin, I. M. Hook, D. A. Howell, M. J. Irwin, A. G. Kim, M. Y. Kim, R. A. Knop, J. C. Lee, C. Lidman, R. G. McMahon, P. E. Nugent, N. Panagia, C. R. Pennypacker, S. Perlmutter, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, K. Schahmaneche, B. Schaefer, and N. A. Walton, “The Distant Type Ia Supernova Rate.” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 2002, **577**, 120–132.
 17. L. G. Strolger, R. C. Smith, N. B. Suntzeff, M. M. Phillips, G. Aldering, P. Nugent, R. A. Knop, S. Perlmutter, R. A. Schommer, L. C. Ho, M. Hamuy, K. Krisciunas, L. M. Germany, R. Covarrubias, P. Candia, A. Athey, G. Blanc, A. Bonacic, T. Bowers, A. Conley, T. Dahlen, W. Freedman, G. Galaz, E. Gates, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, D. Groom, I. M. Hook, R. Marzke, M. Mateo, P. McCarthy, J. Mendez, C. Muenza, S. E. Persson, R. Quimby, M. Roth, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, J. Seguel, A. Szentgyorgyi, K. von Braun, W. M. Wood-Vasey, and T. York, “The Ia supernova 1999aw: a probable 1999aa-like event in a low-luminosity host galaxy.” *The Astronomical Journal*, 2002, **124**, 2905–2919.
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22. S. Perlmutter, G. Aldering, G. Goldhaber, R. A. Knop, P. E. Nugent, P. G. Castro, S. Deustua, S. Fabbro, A. Goobar, D. E. Groom, I. M. Hook, A. G. Kim, M. Y. Kim, J. C. Lee, N. J. Nunes, R. Pain, C. R. Pennypacker, R. Quimby, C. Lidman, R. S. Ellis, M. Irwin, R. G. McMahon, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, N. Walton, B. Schaefer, B. J. Boyle, A. V. Filippenko, T. Matheson, A. Fruchter, N. Panagia, H. J. M. Newberg, W. J. Couch, “Measurements of Ω_M and Ω_Λ from 42 High-Redshift Supernovae,” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 1999, **517**, 565–586.
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Contributed Articles and Chapters

- R. A. Knop, "Big Bang: a Terrible Name For a Great Theory," in Zikovic, Bora, ed., *The Open Laboratory: The Best Writing on Science Blogs 2006*, (c) 2007, Bora Zikovic.
- R. A. Knop, "Textbooks as Intellectual Activity? Supporting Textbooks Without Outlawing Used Books." *Astronomy Education Review*, 2006, vol. 5.

Invited Talks, Seminars, and Colloquia

- "High-Velocity and Relativistic Gas Near the Supermassive Black Holes at the Cores of Galaxies":
 - East Carolina University, April, 2007.
 - The University of Missouri at Rolla, April, 2007.
 - Texas Tech, Lubbock, TX, March, 2007.
 - Western Kentucky University, February, 2007.
- "Galaxies in Collision", High Point University, March, 2006.
- "Measuring Cosmology with Type Ia Supernovae", Division of Particles and Fields, American Physical Society, UCLA, January, 1999.
- "Measuring the Expansion of the Universe with Supernovae", Harvey Mudd College, November, 1998.

Invited AAS Shapley Lectures

- "The Power of the Dark Side: The Exotic Material That Makes Up Most Of Our Universe", East Carolina University, April, 2007
- "The Power of the Dark Side: The Exotic Material That Makes Up Most Of Our Universe", Univ. of Missouri at Rolla, April, 2007
- "A Modern View of the Expanding Universe", Texas Tech, March, 2007
- "Galaxies in Collision", Westfield State College, May, 2006.
- "A Modern View of the Expanding Universe", Guilford Technical Community College, March, 2006.

Selected Contributed Talks and Presentations

- K. M. Chynoweth, R. A. Knop, & R. A. Gibbons, “An Optical Datacube of Seyfert/Starburst Composite Galaxy NGC1365,” the American Astronomical Society, January, 2007 (BAAS 209.217.06)
- R. A. Knop, K. M. Chynoweth, R. A. Gibbons, N. Mahmud, & J. Stricker, “Optical Datacubes of Luminous Infrared Galaxies NGC 7130 and VV 114,” the American Astronomical Society, January, 2006.
- R. A. Knop, “Three-Dimensional Animations for Introductory Astronomy,” the American Astronomical Society, January, 2005 (BAAS 205.9507)
- R. A. Gibbons, R. A. Knop, N. Kuznetsova, & the Supernova Cosmology Project, “Supernovae at $z > 1.2$ Discovered with ACS on HST”
- R. A. Knop, “Application of Active Learning Techniques to an Advanced Course,” the American Astronomical Society, June, 2004 (BAAS 204.2602)
- J. A. Schlaerth, R. A. Knop, & the Supernova Cosmology Project, “High Redshift Type Ia Supernova Lightcurves,” the American Astronomical Society, June, 2004 (BAAS 204.6316) (J. Schlaerth was a senior undergraduate advisee of Robert Knop)
- E. Smith, *et al.*, “Optical Spectroscopy of High-Redshift Supernovae Used in Determination of Cosmological Parameters,” the American Astronomical Society, January, 2004 (BAAS 203.4505) (E. Smith is a graduate student advisee of Robert Knop)
- R.A. Knop, *et al.*, “A New High-Redshift SN Ia Dataset that Addresses Extinction Questions in Cosmology Measurements,” the American Astronomical Society, May, 2003 (BAAS 202.5403)
- R.A. Knop, *et al.*, “Measurements of the Cosmological Parameters Omega and Lambda from High-Redshift Supernova”, the American Astronomical Society, January, 1997 (BAAS 191.8504). (This was the SCP’s first public announcement of the results that ruled out the flat, matter-dominated universe and indicated the existence of a cosmological constant.)

Recent and Selected Outreach Activities

- Regular popular astronomy presentations in Second Life in association with MICA, the Meta-Institute of Computational Astrophysics (<http://www.mica-vw.org>). Titles include *The Power of the Dark Side: How Dark Matter and Dark Energy dominate our Universe*; *In Fire and In Ice : The Death of Stars*; *Kepler, Newton, and Einstein : "Wrong" theories and the progress of science*; *Planets Around Other Stars*. 2008
- Presentation on the expanding Universe to over 700 high school students over four different sessions to three different schools in and near Greenville, NC, April, 2007.
- “Why 'Was Einstein Wrong?' Is the Wrong Question”, the Tennessee Spring Star Party, March, 2007.

- Leader, workshop on “active learning” techniques for introductory astronomy, High Point University, March, 2006.
- “Supermassive Black Holes at the Cores of Galaxies”, the Tennessee Spring Star Party, March, 2006.
- Public-outreach lecture to the Atlanta Astronomy Club on interacting galaxies, May, 2006.
- Public-outreach lecture at Hypericon II (science-fiction convention in Nashville, TN), “Black Holes: Misconceptions, and the Even More Startling Truth”, June, 2006.
- Public-outreach lecture at Hypericon II (science-fiction convention in Nashville, TN), “A Modern View of the Expanding Universe”, June, 2006.
- A three-part podcast on the expansion of the Universe as part of Dyer Observatory’s “Stellar Conversations” (http://www.vanderbilt.edu/news/stellar_conversations?archive_month=&archive_year=2006&archives=Go), Spring, 2006.
- Talks at Dyer Observatory public nights (2003-2006).
- Talk to the Tennessee Spring Star Party on March 12, 2005: “Interacting Galaxies, the Evolution of Galaxies, the Formation of the Elements, and How All of it Is Necessary for You”
- Featured talk at the Dyer Observatory 50th Anniversary Celebration, December 12, 2003: “From Seyfert Galaxies to the Expansion of the Universe.”