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In 1985, he received a Presidential Young Investigator award from the National Science Foundation and joined the Physics Department at Texas A&M University. His current research program includes inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy and low temperature scanning tunneling microscopy of molecules on metallic surfaces.

He has received several teaching awards at the Departmental level and has been recognized by the Association of Former Students with two college-level and one university level distinguished teaching awards. He regularly participates in outreach programs to the general public such as the Chemistry Open House and the Physics Festival with demonstrations of low temperature phenomena. In recognition for his work with students, the Physics Department appointed him the holder of the Nelson M. Duller Endowment in Experimental Physics.