

If you were to ask me to tell you where my favorite place is on this pale blue dot, I could tell you my house but more likely I'll talk your ear off about the Sam Houston State Observatory...or the SHSU Planetarium. It kinda depends on the weather. We don't have the darkest skies or the largest telescope and our planetarium is by no means the biggest theater, but a visit to either place is something our students and guests remember fondly, often returning for either the incredible "knock your socks off" views through our telescopes or for one of our spectacular planetarium shows.

I have worked for the SHSU Physics department since Fall of 2002 and I feel fortunate that I have been able to see and do so many different things. If you really want a complete list of programs and projects I've worked on I'd be happy to share it with you if you have the cup of coffee, but I'd have to say by far the single best thing has been participating as an ambassador in the [ACEAP 2015](#) cohort which has in turn lead to many other opportunities. More recently I have worked on the [IDATA](#) project first as a teacher and again as a developer. Between that, the local Huntsville Amateur Astronomy Society, planetarium shows, and the occasional newspaper article, I stay pretty busy. Now as the Director of the SHSU Observatory and Planetarium I'd like to take the opportunity to invite you to pay us a visit.

*Not responsible for the loss of any socks.