

Fifth Annual Distinguished Morley Seminar

Physics, meteorology, the Sun and how I ended up in an exciting career I didn't anticipate

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Having spent most of my research life investigating various aspects of radiative transfer in the atmosphere, it was a chance remark by a solar physicist that sparked my interest in the Sun's influence on climate. I have found it a fascinating and rich subject for research. Solar-climate links have, of course, been the subject of popular and scientific interest since ancient times but over recent decades the topic has acquired new significance in the context of the need to assess the relative contributions of natural and human factors to climate change. So my long-standing interest in weather progressed into a deeper concern with climate and now the opportunity to become co-director of the Grantham Institute has given me a whole new career avenue in climate change. In this talk, I will outline some of my work on solar variability and climate and try to offer an objective overview of my career, the decisions I have made and support received.

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