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- No. 5,869,756: Moored water profiling apparatus. Inventors: K. W. Doherty, J. M. Toole and D. E. Frye, Feb. 9, 1999.  
No. 5,665,909: Free-fall, wire-guided hydrographic profiler. Inventors: K. W. Doherty, J. M. Toole, and R.C. Millard, Sept. 9, 1997  
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**Research Interests:** The physics of ocean mixing including the nature of finescale and microscale velocity, temperature and salinity fluctuations and the relationships between them. Polar oceanography and upper-ocean/sea ice interactions, Seasonal to multi-decadal variability of ocean water properties, stratification and circulation, ocean time-series stations. Global oceanic heat and fresh water budgets, water mass formation and circulation. Low-latitude ocean circulation, El Niño. Oceanographic instrument development.

**Educational Activities:** Principal advisor to 5 PhD candidates and 1 MS candidate; Thesis Committee Member or Thesis Defense Chair for 22 individuals; Postdoctoral advisor to 7 individuals; Co-instructor MIT/WHOI Joint Program course 12.808 Introduction to Physical Oceanography – 2017 to present.

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