Gabriela Randrup

“I’ve been working at Gemini since 1999. One of the most interesting places Gemini has sent me to was our sister site in La Serena, Chile. I was part of the Star/Teachers exchange program and got to visit hundreds and hundreds of school kids, which was quite wonderful.”

Michael Hoenig

“My job involves reviewing data that comes off the telescope — images that were taken the right before by the astronomers on Mauna Kea. One morning I came in and saw an image of space rocks crashing into Jupiter. It was a moment when I thought that this is a fantastic job, to see a hot-off-the-press image of Jupiter.”

Jerry Brower

“I’m an IT (Information Technology) person. I have to communicate with people. Gemini staff will ask for something, but to discover what they really need requires asking them more questions. Communicating effectively is huge. This job is about creative thinking and problem solving.”

Benoit Neichel

“Once an adaptive optics instrument is operational, my job is to monitor how well it is performing. I participate in upgrades of the instrument and provide training and support to astronomers using adaptive optics systems.”

Katherine Roth Guyon

“I cannot remember a time when I didn’t know that I wanted to be an astronomer. When you are an astronomer you do get to travel. The most interesting places astronomy takes me to are the mountaintops, Kitt Peak, CTIO (and Cerro Pachón) and of course, Mauna Kea (my favorite).”

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