“At the very heart of the enterprise of science lies the art and act of measurement. This lecture will illustrate the powerful role that careful observation of nature plays in the creation of all scientific knowledge, and the subsequent development of technologies. I will provide examples from my own research, both in applied nuclear physics and in the teaching of learning of physics, and argue for a more central role for a philosophy of measurement in science education.”

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