

Sergei Fyodor Shandarin

My Graduate Advisor

Lessons from a Shared Journey

Sergei F. Shandarin

Yakov Borisovich Zel'dovich

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

PhD, Physical Cosmology, 1965 – 1971

Origin and evolution of the Large-scale Cosmic Web observed in the distribution of galaxies.

Years at KU

Professor of Physics

1989 - 2021

PhD Students at KU

Capp Yess

Jounghun Lee

Nurur Rahman

Nesar Ramachandra



First Meeting, Guidance, & Mentorship

PhD Years

1999 – 2004

Area of Research

Computational Astrophysics

Morphology Evolution of Galaxies & Cluster of Galaxies

Personality

High standards

Highly supportive and collaborative

Patience

What he emphasized:

Persistency in uncertain situation

Ready to accept failures

Clarity over complexities

A Lesson That Stayed With Me

My Poster Failed to Get Any Attention

IGM/Galaxy Connection, 2003, University of Denver, CO

Legacy Of Shandarin in My Journey through Life

He is someone I looked up to with deep personal respect and trust.

Always test your assumptions

Mindset to do it by yourself

Take small step at a time

Make it the right way