

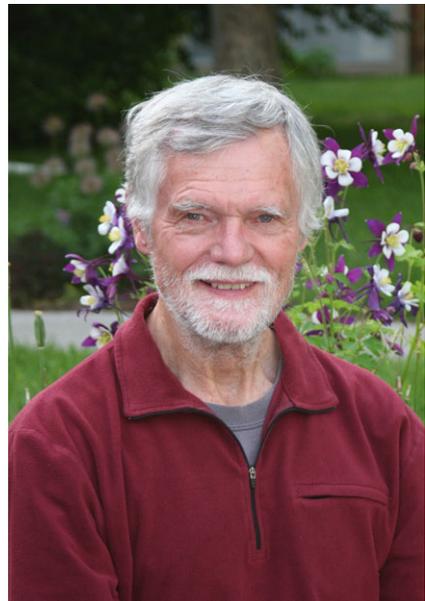
Preface

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This Topical Issue of *Solar Physics*, devoted to the dynamics and diagnostics of solar magnetic fields and plasmas, was inspired by a workshop honoring Richard C. (Dick) Canfield. Dick has been making profound contributions to these areas of research over a long and productive scientific career. Many of the articles in this topical issue were first presented as talks during this workshop and represent substantial original work. The workshop was held 9–11 August 2010, at the Center Green campus of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, with a reception held at the beautiful NCAR Mesa Lab.

Dick Canfield touched the lives and careers of many of today's active members of the solar-physics community, through his role as colleague, teacher, mentor, and as advisor of undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows. He is an enthusiastic participant in, and advocate for, the study of solar physics, and has particularly keen interests in the topics



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that are represented in this topical issue. On behalf of the participants of the workshop and the authors of the research articles in this topical issue of *Solar Physics*, we dedicate this topical issue to Dick Canfield for his contributions to science and to the solar-physics community.

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