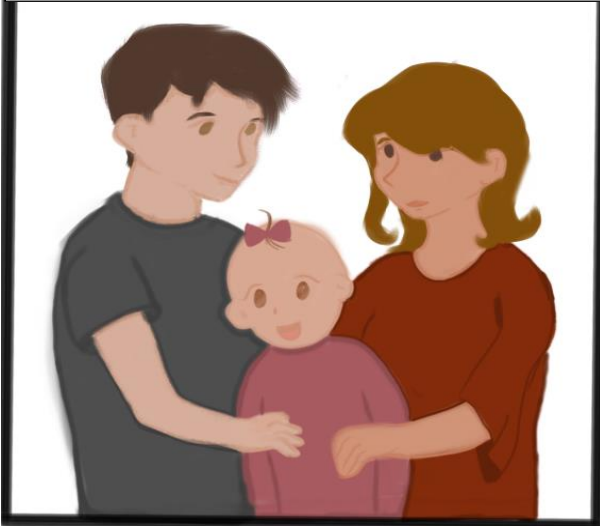




Vicky Kalogera  
Astr☆physicist

Vasiliki Kalogera was born on February 15<sup>th</sup> 1971; her parents called her Vicky



Her mathematical talent was evident from an early age.



She realizes that women are also capable to become scientists.



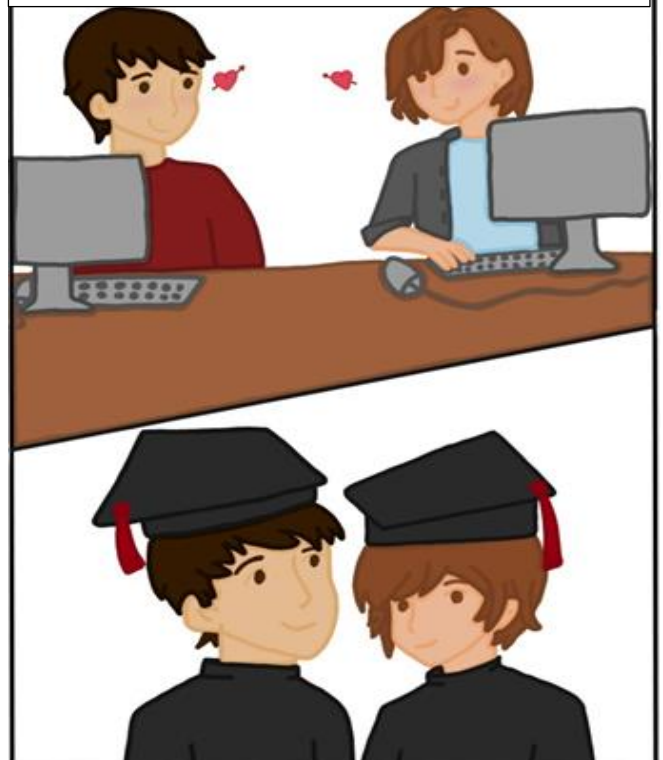
Vicky's early role models were her father and her (female) maths teacher



Her excellent grades ensured her "freedom".



She met her future husband in computer programming classes and later they studied together in the department of Physics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH).





Mr. Avgoloupis introduced Vicky to advanced mathematics and astronomy.



Giannis Seiradakis was a great teacher for Vicky in astrophysics-astronomy.



She arrives in America and begins her studies at the University of Illinois in 1992.



In 1997 Vicky Kalogera completes her post-graduate studies at the University of Illinois.



**She worked as a postdoctoral scholarship holder at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; there she was awarded the inaugural Clay Fellowship in 2000.**

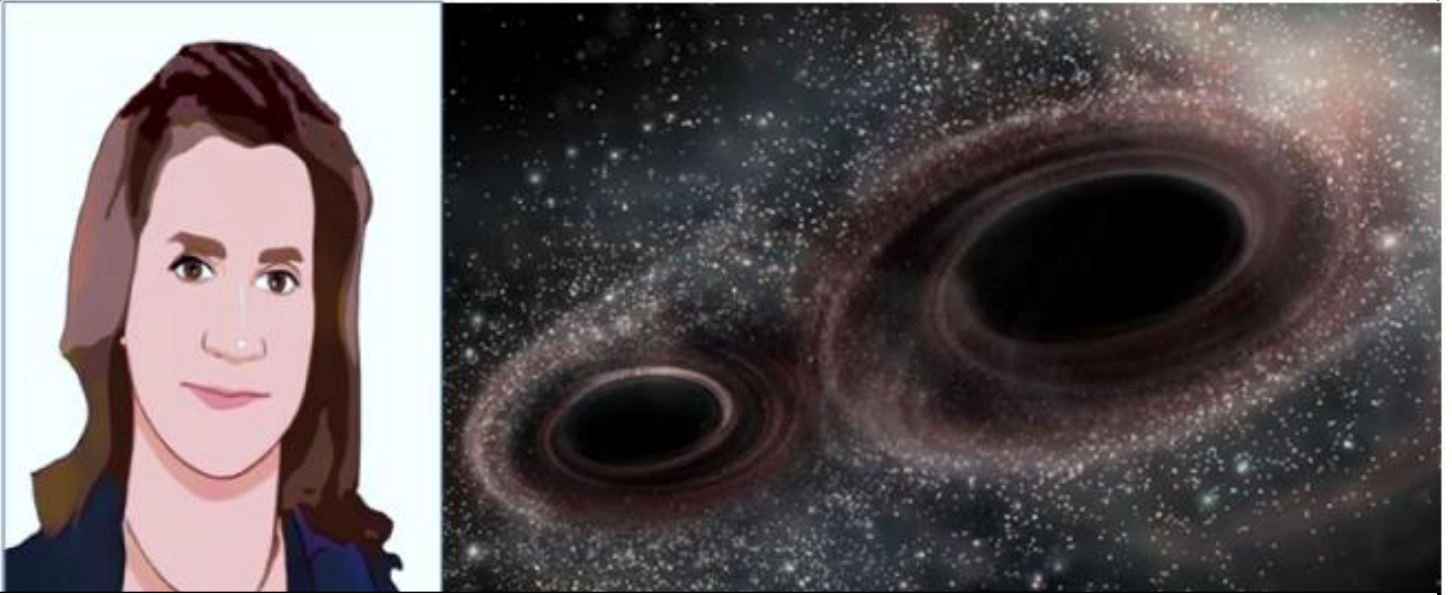


In 2001 she became a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Northwestern University in the Chicago area.





After 15 years of work, in 2015 Vicky was a leading contributor to the discovery and study of gravitational waves produced by the merger of black holes.



For this collaborative discovery she was awarded the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, while for her work with her students the Hans Bethe in 2016. She is now an elected member of both Science Academies in the USA (National and American).

# FAMILY

Vicky

Fred



Jonathan

Stefanos

Alik

Rebecca

Today Vicky Kalogera is the director of CIERA, a research center fostering interdisciplinary in astrophysics, and she enjoys life with her husband and astrophysicist Fred Rasio and their 4 children.