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Education:

University of Akron; Akron, OH; B.S. Biology, Botany Specialization. May 1979.

Miami University; Oxford, OH; M.S. Botany, December 1983. Thesis: Cell Structure and Division in *Phaeoceros* (Anthocerotae) and its Comparison with Charophycean Algae. Advisors: Kenneth D. Stewart and Karl R. Mattox.

Miami University; Oxford, OH; Ph.D. Botany, Minor Biochemistry, August 1988. Dissertation: The Fine Structure of the Flagellar Apparatuses of the Chrysophytes *Dinobryon cylindricum* and *Uroglena americana*. Advisors: Kenneth D. Stewart and Karl R. Mattox.

Additional Training:

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Professional Experience:

November 2000 to the present; Associate Scientist and Director, Electron Microscope Laboratory, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

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August 1994 to July 1996; Assistant Professor and Director, Electron Microscopy Facility, Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University.

September 1991 to July 1994; Research Associate, Chemistry Department, Miami University. Research Topic: Morphological and molecular characterization of fertility-impaired *Arabidopsis thaliana* lines produced by T-DNA mutagenesis.

September 1988 - August 1991; Post-doctoral Fellow, Zoology Department, Miami University. Research Topic: Environmental toxicology, effects of copper on zooplankton and phytoplankton in field and laboratory experiments.

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Teaching Experience

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