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Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Senior Consultant Emeritus, 2024-Present
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Packer Engineering, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Director, Human Factors, 2009-2010

St. Jude Medical, Sylmar, California

- Principal Human Factors Engineer, 2008-2009

Visteon, Van Buren Township, Michigan

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Los Alamos National Laboratory, University of California, Los Alamos, New Mexico

- Staff Member, 1992-2000

CTA Inc., Egg Harbor, New Jersey

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Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, EG&G Inc., Idaho Falls, Idaho

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Education

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BA, Psychology (with Honors)
University of Wyoming. 1973

Areas of Specialization

Human Error Analyses

Automotive Accidents-Driver
Behavior

Industrial and Process Safety

Accident Investigation

Night and Daytime Visibility and
Conspicuity-Human Perception

Automotive, Railroad, and Aviation
Human Factors Analyses

Operational Assessment of

Warnings, Labels, and Instructions
for Industrial and Consumer
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Risk Assessment, Advanced

Statistical and Experimental Design
Analyses

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Enhancing Contrast-Sensitivity Charts for Validating Visual Representations of Low-Illumination Scenes,

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Professional Affiliations/Honors

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- Nissan Manager's Award (2003 & 2007)
- U. S Department of Energy Year 2000 Award (Risk-based model to prevent year 2000 digital controller failures)
- Diplomate to American Board of Forensic Examiners & Diplomate to American Board of Psychological Specialties
- Selected as one of "2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 20th Century", International Biographical Center, Cambridge, England
- Member CTA's Best Team Award (Air Traffic Control)
- Invited to Join Phi Kappa Phi National Academic Honor Society
- Invited to join National Junior College Academic Honor Society
- Awarded 5 U. S. Patents for digital automotive entertainment, automotive safety warning