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EDUCATION:

University of Dayton	B.S.	Biology	1971-74
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Stanford University	Postdoctoral fellow	Neuroscience (mentors: David A. Prince, Stephen G. Waxman)	1979-82

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

1982-87	Assistant Professor	Dept of Neurology & Neurological Sciences	Stanford University
1987-89	Assistant Professor	Section of Neurobiology	Brown University
1989-94	Associate Professor	Dept. of Neuroscience	Brown University
1994-present	Professor	Dept. of Neuroscience	Brown University
2000-present	L. Herbert Ballou University Professor	Dept. of Neuroscience	Brown University
2006-16	Department Chair	Dept. of Neuroscience	Brown University

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:

1975-79	NIH predoctoral fellowship
1979-81	NIH postdoctoral fellowship
1981-82	Lennox Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Epilepsy Society
1985-88	Klingenstein Fellowship in the Neurosciences
1985-91	Research Career Development Award, NIH
1989	Master of Arts, <i>ad eundem</i> , Brown University
1992	Grass Foundation Traveling Scientist
1997	Dozor Visiting Professor, Ben-Gurion University, Israel
1997-04	Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award, NIH, NINDS
2001	Keynote speaker, "Neuroscience at Storrs", University of Connecticut
2004	Special Lecturer, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting
2000-present	L. Herbert Ballou University Professor of Neuroscience
2000-07	Associate, Neurosciences Research Program (NRP), La Jolla, CA
2004-08	Dean's Teaching Excellence Award, Alpert Medical School, Brown
2009	Plenary Lecturer, Japan Neuroscience Society, Nagoya
2009	Keynote Speaker, International Gap Junction Conference, Sedona AZ
2009-14,19	Certificate for Exemplary Teaching, Alpert Medical School, Brown
2011	Herbert Jasper Lecturer, Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University

2012	Neurosciences Institute Distinguished Lecturer, University of Texas, San Antonio
2012	Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
2017	Dominick Purpura Distinguished Neuroscientist Lecture, Einstein College of Medicine

EDITORIAL BOARDS:

1996-2000	<i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , Associate Editor
2000-03	<i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , Reviewing Editor
2003-06	<i>Journal of Neuroscience</i> , Senior Editor
2001-08	<i>Thalamus and Related Systems</i> , Editorial Board
2008-12	<i>Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience</i> , Associate Editor
2009-14	<i>Epilepsy Currents</i> , Contributing Editor
1999-2014	<i>Journal of Neurophysiology</i> , Editorial Board
1996-present	<i>Cerebral Cortex</i> , Associate Editor
2006-present	<i>Brain Structure and Function</i> , Editorial Board

SERVICE COMMITTEES (recent):

1998-2002	NIH study section, IFCN-8, regular member
2008-11	NIH study section, NST-2; K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Awards, regular member
2010	Blueprint Undergraduate Research Diversity (R25) Applications, NIMH, ad hoc reviewer
2010	External reviewer, Neuroscience Graduate Program, Harvard University
2011	External advisory board, Center for Neural Basis of Cognition, Carnegie-Mellon & U Pitt
2012	NIH special emphasis panel, ZRG1 IFCN-Q, ad hoc reviewer
2013	NIH study section, ZMH1 ERB-S, ad hoc reviewer
2013	NIH special emphasis panel, ZRG1 IFCN-T, ad hoc reviewer
2010-13	Committee on Neuroscience Depts and Programs (Soc for Neuroscience), member
2014	NIH study section, ZMH1 ERB-S, 04, ad hoc reviewer
2014	NIMH Board Scientific Counselors, ad hoc reviewer
2015	NIH study section (ZMH1 ERB-S), ad hoc reviewer
2015	NIH study section (ZRG1 IFCN-T-02), ad hoc reviewer
2016	NINDS Special Emphasis Panel (ZNS1 SRB-E 07), R35 reviewing, ad hoc reviewer
2016	NIMH Special Emphasis Panel (ZMH1 ERB-X 01), R25 reviewing, ad hoc reviewer
2017	NIH Neurotransporters, Receptors, Calcium study section, ad hoc reviewer
2017	NIH Director's Early Independence Award (DP5) ad hoc reviewer
2017	Co-organizer (with A Pereda, M Feller, N Spruston), <i>Electrical Synapses</i> conference, Janelia Research Campus, HHMI
2019	External reviewer, Department of Neuroscience, University of Pittsburgh
2018-20	NIH, Sensorimotor Integration (SMI) Study Section, regular member

PRIMARY JOURNAL ARTICLES: (links: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=whbW9AQAAAAJ>)

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