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Education:

Ph.D., Physics, Yale University

M. Phil., Physics, Yale University

M.S., Physics, University of Washington

B.S., Physics, Union College (N.Y.)

Grants, Fellowships, Academic Honors, and Awards

Ford Foundation Travel and Study Grant

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship

Meritorious Honor Award, U.S. Department of State

Superior Honor Award, U.S. Department of State

D.Sc. (*honoris causa*), Union College

Medal of Highest Honor, Soka University (Japan)

Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal, Yale University Graduate School Association

Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (France)

Seikyo Culture Award (Japan)

Doctorate (*honoris causa*), Soka University

Fellow, American Physical Society

Distinguished Career Service Award, U.S. Department of Energy

Marquis *Who's Who In America*

Marquis *Who's Who In The World*

Experience

Distinguished Professor, Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies

2015 – Present

Developing and implementing major interdisciplinary initiatives in international relations and in education. Building intellectual and academic relationships with the various schools at the University.

Senior Distinguished Fellow, George Washington University Virginia Science and Technology Campus

2013 to 2015

Helping design a major scientific research and development complex.

Senior Fellow, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

2013 – 2015

National Higher Education Accreditation and Financing Issues;
International educational relations, especially with Middle Eastern countries.

President, University System of the District of Columbia

2008 – 2013

Served as President, reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, and as the chief executive officer of the University and was responsible for its effective administration. The University of the District of Columbia is a diverse, selective, teaching, research and service university in the land-grant tradition, serving the people of Washington, DC, the nation and the world. With an operating budget of \$170 million and a workforce comprised of more than 3,000 employees, UDC is a major employer in suburban D.C., and the institution with a significant number of alumni employed in the greater Washington, D.C. area (more than 20,000).

Significant accomplishments included:

- Increased enrollment by 10% from Fall 2011 to Fall 2012
- Created the University System
- Established the open admissions Community College of the District of Columbia
- Community College granted “Branch Campus” status in January 2013
- Established admission standards for the University for the first time in 161 years
- Restructured the University to reflect its Land-grant status
- Began a significant physical expansion of the University
- Restructured and revitalized the University’s Foundation
- Completed significant enhancements to the main campus

President, Delaware State University

2003 – 2008

Served as President of Delaware State University a public, comprehensive, 1890 Land Grant Institution with emphasizes the triad of teaching, research and extension/service. The University is

a fully accredited institution of higher education, which grants degrees at the doctor, masters and undergraduate levels. As such, the University is composed of five divisions: Executive Services, Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Business and Finance, and University Advancement. Each division is headed by a vice president with the exception of Executive Services, which is headed by the President of the University.

Significant accomplishments included:

- Enrollment approximately 3800; annual operating budget approximately \$130 million
- Oversaw significant growth in sponsored programs from \$8 million to an estimated \$40 million
- Established the first five doctoral programs in the institution's history (in Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, Applied Chemistry, Applied Optics, Molecular Neuroscience and Educational Leadership)
- Active international agreements increased from 6 to 40
- Established the College of Health and Public Policy
- Oversaw the AACSB accreditation for the College of Business
- Enrollment increased 20% over three years
- Built 630 bed residential community
- Completed construction of a 17,000 square foot strength and conditioning facility for division I intercollegiate athletics program
- Initiated construction of a 73,000 square foot wellness center, a 10,000 square foot pool and a 73,000 square foot student union
- Established the Delaware State University Foundation
- Doubled the University's endowment in two years
- Received national and international accolades for handling of shooting crisis

Harvard University
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA)
John F. Kennedy School of Government
2001 – 2003

Fellow, BCSIA; Lecturer in Public Policy, 2001 – 2003
Member, Senior Common Room, Leverett House, 2001 – Present
Visiting Scholar, 2000 – 2001

- Established and directed senior level dialogue and policy development process between the U.S. and Mexico.
- Taught on Mexico and led research on international relations, national security, technology, science and technology in international affairs and energy research and development.

**President, Queens College, The City University of New York
1995 – 2000**

As president of Queens College, which is part of the City University of New York, from 1995-2000. Under his leadership, the academic standards were raised for both students and faculty, annual alumni giving tripled, and \$160 million in building renovations and construction took place. Also during his presidency, the college established major international programs with Latin American, Europe, China, and Japan.

Significant accomplishments included:

- Dramatically enhanced national and international visibility of the college.
- Tripled annual alumni giving.
- Significantly raised academic standards for students and faculty.
- Initiated over \$160 million in building renovation and new construction.
- Established new research units in the biological and physical sciences.
- Established major international programs with Latin America, Europe, China and Japan.

**Executive Vice President, University of Massachusetts System
1993 – 1995**

Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1994 – 1995

The Executive Vice President reports to the Board of Trustees Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA) on policy matters of personnel, tenure review, academic program development and review.

- Annual operating budget approximately \$1 billion
- Managed the academic affairs and system-wide outreach initiatives for the five-campus, 60,000-student university system, including an academic medical center.

Served 12 years for the U.S. State Department

Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, Mexico, 1991 – 1993

- Managed the largest US diplomatic mission in the world. The Embassy consists of nine constituent posts, 29 US Government agencies, and 1700 employees.
- Coordinated implementation of all US policy in Mexico.

- Assisted with negotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs, US Embassy, Mexico, 1989 - 1991

- Headed political section in Embassy.
- Coordinated political reporting nationwide.
- Advised US Government on political developments within Mexico as well as Mexican foreign policy. Helped achieve US political objectives with Mexico.

Counselor for Scientific and Technological Affairs, US Embassy, Paris, France, 1987 - 1989

- Responsible for all US-French bilateral science and technology agreements, nuclear nonproliferation, space, health, all basic sciences, and the environment.
- Responsible for following science in UNESCO and the Council of Europe.
- Responsible for US-European space cooperation through the European Space Agency. Also followed the International Bureau of Weights and Measures and the International Organization for Legal Metrology.

Director, Office of Nuclear Technology & Safeguards, Bureau of Oceans & International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Washington, D.C., 1982 - 1987

- Overall responsibility for policy related to nuclear technology and safeguards issues.
- Responsible for US program to improve IAEA nuclear safeguards.

Senior Technical Advisor, Bureau of Oceans & International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Washington, D.C., 1980 - 1982

- Responsible for international cooperation in nuclear and other advanced energy technologies.
- Oversaw US policy approaches in the International Atomic Energy Agency and in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency.
- Worked on issues of nuclear proliferation, especially as concerned problem countries. Major work with Taiwan and South Korea.
- Responsible for US program to improve International Atomic Energy Agency's nuclear safeguards. Liaison with US Nuclear Industry.
- Founded US Government Institute for Nuclear Materials Management Safeguards Group.

Assistant Professor of Physics, Harvard University

1974 - 1981

Non-resident tutor, Winthrop House

1974 - 1979

Led a group that constructed a large liquid argon/iron hadron calorimeter that was used in the first significant tests of theories and calculations on the performance of such devices at high energies. Participated in experiments at Fermilab.

Scientific Associate, European Organization of Nuclear Research (CERN)

1973 - 1975

As a scientist, I worked on an Intersecting Storage Ring Accelerator (ISR) collaboration that performed several experiments on the structure of proton-proton diffractive scattering. Conducted searches for quarks and other heavy stable particles with masses greater than the proton mass were conducted simultaneously; supported in part by the Ford Foundation.

**Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Brookhaven National Laboratory
1972 - 1973**

Interfaced a Digital Equipment Corp. Synchronous and Asynchronous computer and wrote systems programs allowing 109 triggers to be accepted in an experiment to study neutral K-meson decay. Participated in an experiment to study the production of quarks by high-energy protons at Fermilab

MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Sigma Xi
American Physical Society (APS)
American Association for the Advancement of Science
New York Academy of Sciences
Cosmos Club

BOARDS

NCAA DII President's Council (1997-2000; 2012 - 2013)
Adv. Council, U.S.-China Coop. Program in Science Policy, Research and Education
Washington DC Chamber of Commerce
Greater Washington Board of Trade
U.S. Council on Competitiveness, Executive Committee
Education Commission of the States, Commissioner; Steering Committee
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Executive Committee
Big Apple Circus
US Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (1997-2001)
Board of Overseers, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (1998-2006)
APS Panel on Public Affairs (2004-2009)
Chapman University (CA) Board of Trustees (2002 - 2012)
The Drawing Center, New York (1997 - 2012)
Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, U.S. Dept. of Energy (1999 - 2012)
Milestone Capital (Mutual Fund) (1997 - 2012)
Vice Chair, Forum on Physics and Society, APS (4/2015 - Present)