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### ***Academic Background & Employment***

- B.S. Biology; DePaul University, Chicago, IL (1977).
- Ph.D. Genetics; Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (1980).
- Research Associate; Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (1981).
- Research Geneticist; USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD (1982).
- Technology Transfer Coordinator; Office of Technology Transfer, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD (2006-2010).
- Deputy Assistant Administrator; Office of Technology Transfer, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD (2010-present).

### ***Publications & Speaking***

- 77 research papers in refereed journals.
- 28 review articles and book chapters.
- 28 trade journal articles.
- 282 scientific seminars.
- 177 popular talks.

### ***Previous Research Program***

Conducted a broad based research program in the genetics of floral plants. Enhanced germplasm was created from wild species that is disease, insect and stress tolerant. New technologies (i.e., embryo rescue, genetic engineering, molecular markers, etc.) were developed to aid in creating of novel germplasm. Recent research focused on determining the inheritance of horticulturally valuable traits, such as flower color. The genetics of anthocyanin