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He graduated with a PhD in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in 1992. He has authored or co-authored over 250 journal papers, over 200 conference papers and conference abstracts, and over 120 invited talks, and has been granted 50 patents. He received the NSF Faculty Early Career Award, the 2012 IEEE EMBS Technical Achievement Award, and the 2018 Pritzker Distinguished Lectureship Award from BMES. He is a fellow of IEEE, AIMBE, AAAS, BMES, IAMBE, RSC, APS, and NAI. He has been involved in 3 startups that have licensed his technologies.

His research group is interested in developing new technologies for precision and personalized medicine, and 3D bio-fabrication of cellular systems. Using bio-nanotechnology, BioMEMS, and lab on chip, he is working at the interface of biology and engineering from the molecular to the tissue scale, aiming to make an impact on grand challenges in health and medicine including cancer, sepsis, and others. He was PI on an NSF IGERT and an NIH Training Grant, co-PI on the renewal of an NSF STC (EBICS) with MIT, Georgia Tech, and collaborating Institutions.