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University of Minnesota, Child Psychology, Ph.D., 1975

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1970-71 Kindergarten teacher, Seattle, Washington

1971-75 Graduate student, University of Minnesota

1975-77 Assistant Professor of Psychology, Arizona State University

1977-present Assistant Professor to Professor of Psychology,

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1977-present Assistant Research Scientist to Research Professor,

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***Awards and Honors:***

Spencer Award from The National Academy of Education, awarded 1980

Research Career Development Award from NICHD, awarded 1983

Fellow, American Psychological Association, since 1984

Cattell Award, from the James McKeen Cattell Fund, 1988-89

Fellow and Charter Member, American Psychological Society, since 1988

Faculty Recognition Award, University of Michigan, 1990

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 1990-91

Excellence in Research Award, University of Michigan 1998

NIH MERIT Award, 2005

Rockefeller Bellagio Fellowship, 2007

President, the Cognitive Development Society, 2007-2009

Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, University of Michigan 2009

Award for Distinguished Career Contributions to Developmental Psychology, American Psychological Association, 2012

Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, inducted 2012

Distinguished Alumni Award, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota, 2013

Fellow, Cognitive Science Society, 2015

Cognitive Development Society Book Award for *Making Minds*, 2015

American Psychological Association Eleanor Maccoby Book Award for *Making Minds*, 2017

Mentoring Award for Developmental Psychology, American Psychological Association, 2017

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***Professional Activities:***

President, Cognitive Development Society, 2007-2009; member Cognitive Development Society Board of Directors, 2005-2011

Member of Editorial Boards for *Child Development*, *Journal of Cognition and Development*, *Developmental Review*, *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*.

NIH Study Section, Human Development and Aging, 1984-1988

Scientific Advisory Board, for the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (Berlin) 1995-2001

Grants Advisory Panel of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, 2007-2016.

***University Activities:***

1978-1986, 1991-1996, Member, Executive Committee, Center for Human

1997-1999, 2000-2005, Growth and Development

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2001-2003, 2005–2006 Associate Director, Center for Human Growth and

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1978-1995, Member, Executive Board, University of Michigan   
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1983-1984, 1989-90 Chairman of Developmental Psychology

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