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Education

1960 B.A. Trinity University
1967 M.A. Syracuse University
1969 Ph.D. Syracuse University

Research Interests

Realizing sustainable development.

Relationships between society and technology.

Responses to concerns about global environmental change.

Energy and environmental policy analysis, including technology assessment; regional assessment; environmental, social, and economic impact assessment; R&D policy.

Institution-building, especially for R&D activities and for energy and environmental policymaking and decisionmaking.

Geographic scale as an issue in sustainability science, including roles of cross-scale interactions. Regional development, particularly problems of developing regions and cross-cultural

comparisons of determinants.

Employment History

1987-present	Corporate Research Fellow and Leader, Global Change and Developing Country
	Programs, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
1998-present	Associate, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University
200-2002	Acting Co-Director, Oak Ridge Center for Advanced Studies
1983-present	Adjunct Professor of Geography, University of Tennessee
1980-1987	Associate Director and Head of Programs and Planning, Energy Division, Oak
	Ridge National Laboratory
1980-1981	Acting Director, Energy Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
1977-1980	Senior Planner, Energy Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
1974-1977	Research Fellow, Science and Public Policy Program, The University of
	Oklahoma
1973-1977	Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, The University of
	Oklahoma
1973	Research Director, Syracuse-Yugoslav Project on Environmental Policy and
	Planning, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia
1971-1972	Executive Director, Urban Transportation Institute, Syracuse University
1969-1973	Assistant Professor of Geography, Syracuse University
1969	Lecturer in Geography, Syracuse University

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Professional Service/Activities

- Member Science Steering Group, U.S. Carbon Cycle Program
- Co-author scaling chapter of conceptual framework report, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, UN Environment Programme et al.
- Member IPCC Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerabilities), Third Assessment Report; lead author of chapter 7 (human settlements, energy, and industry) and of the synthesis report and summary for policymakers
- Member Advisory Committee, Human-Environmental Research Observatories, NSF-supported national program led by the Pennsylvania State University
- Coordinator Inter-regional Forum, U.S. National Assessment of Vulnerabilities to Climate Variability and Change
- Member Board on Earth Sciences and Resources, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council
- Member Committee on Human Dimensions of Global Change, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council
- Member Panel on Public Participation in Environmental Assessment and Decision Making, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council

Publications

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