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**Education and Professional Experience:**

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The College of Wooster, B.A., 1986  
Vanderbilt University, Ph.D., 1991

Postdoctoral training conducted at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the Weis Center for Research at the Geisinger Clinic (Danville, PA). Faculty position held in the Department of Pharmacology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine since 1998.

**Scholarly Interest :**

Current teaching, research interests:

I have served as the director for the first year medical pharmacology course and have recently been appointed by the Dean of the School of Medicine to chair the Basic Science Curriculum Council. This council is comprised of all of the basic science subject committee course directors. In addition to overseeing the basic science curriculum in the first and second years of medical education, I am also intimately involved in the development of what is anticipated to be a major curriculum transformation by 2006. I am very interested in identifying the most effective teaching methods available to support this new system of medical education.

**Personal Background:**

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I was born and raised in Euclid, Ohio. By the time I was 17, I knew that I wanted a career in some form of biological research. With no experience and at such a young age, I have little idea how I came to what has been such a wonderful decision for my life's career path. I have also always been interested in education. This interest began in my youth most likely as a result of mentoring provided by my father who was an educator for over 40 years of his life. My first formal opportunities to teach came when I began as a faculty member at Case Western Reserve University. I have enjoyed and been challenged by the teaching of graduate, medical and minority undergraduate students. I have also become extremely interested in understanding how students learn and what kinds of methods we can use to best educate physicians and scientists.