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Professional Experience

2013-Present	Synopsys Scientist, Synopsys
2010-2013	Senior Scientist/Illumination Engineering, Synopsys
2006-2010	Senior Scientist/Illumination Engineering, Optical Research Associates
1996-2005	Senior Systems Engineer/Illumination, Optical Research Associates
1992-1996	Optical Scientist, GE Lighting
1991-1992	Technical Staff, GE Corporate Research and Development
1987-1991	Electro-Optic Engineer, GE Astro-Space
1985-1987	Advanced Course Supervisor, GE Astro-Space
1983-1985	Edison Engineer, GE Electronics Laboratory & GE Astro-Space

Education

1990 Ph.D., Degree in Electrical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania
development. Some highlights of his efforts include two SPIE illumination courses, submitting the winning solution for the 2006 IODC and 2010 IODC Illumination Design Problem, and authoring a chapter in the OSA Handbook of Optics on Illumination Engineering. In addition, he is the inventor on 48 US patents,

the optics developer for the TIROS lens for LED flashlights. He is also a key contributor to major feature developments in LightTools® including Freeform Designer, Measured BSDF, Backlight Pattern Optimization, and the first in the industry introduction of a practical and effective optimization environment for illumination systems.

He has worked extensively in the areas of illumination modeling, design, and optimization. Areas of special emphasis include; etendue limited systems, non-imaging optics, LED optics, backlights, lightpipe systems, high brightness LED and discharge source development, photometry, and lens-reflector design. Systems he has designed and which have been demonstrated include: fiber optic headlights, compound parabolic concentrators, fiber optic systems, laser illuminators, light pipe systems, theater projection illuminators, video projection illuminators, room lighting, informational signs, spotlights, floodlights, and UV systems. He has developed optics for halogen infrared, ceramic metal halide, standard metal halide, halogen, and electrodeless lamp products.

He joined the research staff of GE Corporate Research and Development in 1991, continuing as Principle Investigator for the Phase-Integrated-Laser-Optic-Transmitter program that was started at GE Astro-Space. Primary areas of research included non-imaging

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