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Born and raised in Port Huron, Michigan, I was a Geek in High School where I was on the Debate Team and was known for my aggressive moves on the chess board. After receiving a BSc degree in Psychology at Michigan, I earned a PhD in Psychobiology at Indiana University for my work investigating the effects of psychomotor stimulants and antipsychotic drugs on the neurochemistry and neurophysiology of the mammalian brain. I did my postdoctoral training at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis, where I received an NIH National Research Service Award. I am currently Emeritus Professor in Penn State's College of Medicine. During my tenure at Penn State over the past 30 years, my research was aimed at elucidating the functional organization of neural circuits in the mammalian forebrain. While at Hershey from 1990 to 2011, I taught neuroscience to thousands of medical students and co-authored a textbook entitled *Medical Neuroscience*, which was named one of the "Best Books in the Health Sciences" by Doody's Book Review in the year 2000. This textbook was translated into French and Italian, and in 2005 the College of Medicine awarded me the title of Distinguished Educator. In 2011 I moved my research lab to University Park where I became a faculty member in the Center for Neural Engineering and an adjunct Professor in the Department of Biology. During my last five years at University Park, I was the Director of the Graduate Program in Neuroscience at the Huck Institute. I am married to Cathi Alloway, who was Director of the Schlow Public Library from 2010 to 2021. We have two children. Our daughter played field hockey for Penn State while earning a degree in Hospitality, and our son Christopher was a Schreyer honors student while earning a BSc degree in mechanical engineering.

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