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BA	Biology	University of California, Riverside
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Postdoctoral	Neurophysiology	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Marseilles, France
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Assistant and Associate Professor of Biology, Department of Biology and Marine Science Center, Northeastern University, Boston and East Point, Nahant, Massachusetts, 1978 - present. Tenure July, 1984.

Director, Marine Science Center, Northeastern University, June, 1995 to June, 2001. *Interim Director*, December, 1991- June, 1995. *Acting Director*, July 1984 - October, 1984, January, 1988-March, 1988, January, 1989-March, 1989, November 1990-January, 1991. In this capacity I oversaw the operations and programs of the Marine Science Center, the associated research vessels and the East/West Marine Biology Program.

Alfred E. Sloan Foundation Fellow. Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 1980-1982

NINCDS Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Allen I. Selverston, Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California, August, 1976 - July, 1978.

NSF-CNRS, U. S.-France Exchange of Scientists Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Francois Clarac, Institut de Neurophysiologie et Psychophysiologie, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Marseilles, France, August, 1975 - July, 1976.

NIH Research Assistant in the laboratory of Prof. William J. Davis, The Thimann Laboratories, University of California, Santa Cruz, California. September, 1972 - July, 1975.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz, Sept., 1970 - Aug., 1972.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Society for Neuroscience.
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Scholarship**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

My research focuses on the neuroethology of motor systems in invertebrates and lower vertebrates. A developmental approach is directed toward establishing the adaptive mechanisms of simple action patterns and innate behavior. We have focused on the development of technology that allows recording from motor pattern generators and the behavior they control to directly address the mechanisms of behavior. We have performed these studies on the walking and feeding systems of lobster and the undulatory behavior of the lamprey. These studies have led to the biomimesis of ambulatory lobster-based and undulatory lamprey-based underwater robots. The robots are based on neurotechnology for myomorphic actuators, neuromorphic sensors and biomimetic controllers based on neuronal circuits. We are focusing on the achievement of reactive autonomy through the development of a process that allows the derivation of robotic behavioral libraries through reverse engineering the command sequences that underlie the behavior of the model species. An ongoing program of software development in digital neuronal signal processing biotelemetry, correlated motion and sensor based analysis from video and computational neuroethology supports all projects.

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- Biomimetic Underwater Robots*, Underwater Technology Research Center, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, , May 20, 1999.
- Biomimetic Underwater Robots*, Electronics R&D Division, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Yokohama, Japan, May 21, 1999.
- How to Become a Marine Biologist*, Careers Day, Lynn Classical High School, June 8, 2000.
- Autonomous Underwater Vehicles*, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, Wellesley, MA June 8, 1999
- Lobster Robots*, 2nd, International Symposium in Frontiers in Crustacean Neuroscience. Hamburg, Germany, July 12, 1999
- Biomimetic Underwater Robots*, Marine Corps Future Laboratory, Quantico, VA August 17, 2000.
- Behavior-based Underwater Robots*. 1st Gordon Conference on Neuroethology and Behavior, Queens College, Oxford University. September 2, 1999.
- Biomimetic Robots for Shallow Water Mine Countermeasures*, Plenary Lecture 4th International Conference on Technology and the Mine Problem, Naval Postgraduate School, Pacific Grove, CA. Session Leader: Autonomous Underwater Vehicles. March 15-16, 2000.
- Biomimetic Ambulatory and Undulatory Underwater Vehicles (Lecture and Technical Demonstration)*. Controlled Biological Systems PI Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. April 11, 2000.
- Crustacean Gait Control: Biomimetic Implementation. & Undulating Locomotion: Biomimetic Implementation (2 talks)* NASA Workshop on Invertebrate Sensory Information Processing: Implications for Biologically Inspired Autonomous Systems. Jonsson Center of the National Academy of Sciences, April 16, 2000.

Biomimetic Ambulatory and Undulatory Underwater Vehicles (Lecture and Technical Demonstration). Controlled Biological Systems PI Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. April 11, 2000.

A Conservative Biomimetic Control Architecture for Autonomous Underwater Robots. International Conference on Neurotechnology for Biomimetic Robots, Nahant, MA.

Lobster Robots. Keynote Speech. 1st International Symposium on Aqua Bio-Mechanisms, Tokai University Pacific Center, Honolulu, HI August 27, 2000.

Biomimetic Underwater Vehicles (Lecture and Technical Demonstration). Controlled Biological Systems PI Meeting, Breckenridge, CO. March 22-23, 2000.

SOFTWARE SYSTEMS DEVELOPED

- (1) Graphics utilities which support general parametric graph editing (*MacGraph*), phase response curve and entrainment analysis (*MacPRC*) and use of the Farallon MacRecorder as a digital oscilloscope (*MacScope*).
- (2) Ongoing development of *MacLamprey*, a Macintosh based program for the analysis of undulatory locomotion which supports, curvature analysis, and graphical display for timed based analysis of electrophysiological and kinematic data. This program is fundamental to our work on the analysis of undulatory locomotion and received data acquired from video-tape by the program *ColorImage*
- (3) Ongoing development of *SpikeTrain* Macintosh based signal processing application which resolves multi-unit nerve recordings into the activity patterns of individual neurons. The programs interface with *ColorImage* to acquire *in vivo* recordings from the lamprey CNS and direct correlation with kinematic behavioral analysis. Over the past year I have made a major enhancement of this program by completely rewriting it in Pascal and porting it to the Macintosh. This program is fundamental both to my collaboration with Prof. Georg Heinzel (University of Bonn) and my proposed program with David Brady and Don Massa on Real-Time sonar telemetry of electrophysiological data. I expect to distribute this via the National Institutes of Health Bulletin Board when completed. (1991-present)
- (4) General purpose programs for data entry and analysis of frog kinematics and jump trajectories (1988-1989)
- (5) Ongoing development of *ColorImage* a true color image analysis program which supports the segmentation and quantification of objects from true (24bit) color images of natural scenes and motion analysis from digital movies. We have recently upgraded this program to support the functionality of NIH Image V1.51, the RasterOps 24STV frame grabber and the Cambridge Research Instruments *Varispec Tunable Filter*. This latter instrument supports real-time digital spectroscopy using the Macintosh. *ColorImage* is the basis for our current reverse kinematic analyses of lobster locomotion for our ONR Lobster Robot program and lamprey locomotion for our ARPA Undulatory Robot program.. It has been distributed nationally through electronic bulletin boards at National Institutes of Health and MacSciTech for over five years and on the MacSciTech CD-ROM. With Garth Fletcher (1990-present)

- (6). Development of *Laboratory Toolbox*, a multimedia Hypercard stack which supports acquisition, analysis and data-base management of image, table and sensor data. This stack originated as a project for my course Biological Laboratory Computing and has attracted interest from several local software and hardware vendors who have donated equipment to be supported. I am distributing the *Laboratory Toolbox* Hypercard Stack nationally through the NIMH, MacSciTech and Stanford InfoMac electronic bulletin boards. I am using variants of this program as the basis of a K-12 outreach program (The Johnson School Hypercard Club) to the Nahant School District. (1991-present)
- (7) Development of *SonarRecorder* and *SonarViewer* which are two utilities for long term sonar biotelemetry using the Massa Products E-326T and E-326R telemetry systems. These programs allow the continuous acquisition of telemetry data from both pool hydrophones as well as a radio sonobuoy (*SonarRecorder*) and graphical visualization and statistical analysis of the results (*SonoView*).
- (8) Development of *MotorProgram*, a simulation program for demonstration of stomatogastric, walking, gait and metachronal rhythm pattern generation mechanisms by invertebrate motor pattern generators.
- (9) Ongoing Development of *Ambulator II*, which implements a finite state machine for the control of omnidirectional ambulation. This program is the basis of our research program for the development of a lobster-based autonomous robot. Over the past year we have added behavioral sequencing and sensor models to this development platform. (1992-present).
- (10) Ongoing Development of *Undulator I*, which implements a finite state machine for the control of undulatory locomotion. This program is the basis of our research program for the development of a lamprey-based autonomous robot. This program generates control signals for a 5 segment undulator which can generate lamprey, carp, shark and trout motor patterns. (1994-present).

RESEARCH SUPPORT:

Research Grants and Fellowships

National Science Foundation Training Grant, Department of Biochemistry, University of California, Riverside, Summer, 1968.

U. S. Public Health Service Training Grant, Department of Biology, University of California, Riverside, 1968-1969.

NSF-CNRS, U. S.-France Exchange of Scientists Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Marseilles, 1975-1976.

NINCDS Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, 1976-1978, competitive renewal also awarded for 1978-1979.

Analysis of Lamprey Behaviors. Funded by Northeastern University College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant Program

Alfred E. Sloan Research Fellowship. Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 1980-1982

Behavioral and Physiological Analysis of Spinal Cord Regeneration in the Sea Lamprey. (1982) Northeastern University RSDF, J. Ayers. \$4,990

Analysis of Neural Circuit Variability. funded by Biomedical Research Support Grant # RR07143.

Regeneration in the Lamprey Spinal Cord. funded by Biomedical Research Support Grant RR07143.

Analysis of behavior with a Digital Camera funded by Biomedical Research Support Grant RR07143.

Development of Interdisciplinary Neurosciences Courses at Northeastern University . With Norman Boisse and Alex Skavenski. Funded by the Northeastern University Instructional Development Fund.

Regeneration of Locomotor Command Systems. Funded by National Science Foundation Developmental Neuroscience and Science and Technology to Aid the Handicapped Programs, BNS 8406880.1984-1987

Functional Anatomy of Frog Tecto-Motor Systems. With David Ingle. Funded by National Science Foundation, Integrative Neural Sciences Program. January 1, 1988, Dec. 31, 1990

Development of True Color Picture Processing Algorithms. Funded by Apple Computer. June, 1988

Acquisition of an Electronic Still Video System for Color Image Analysis. Funded by the NIH BSRG Support Grant, January, 1989

Development of A Biological Image Processing Facility. (1990) With Kenneth Sebens, Jon Witman., David Ingle, and M.P. Morse, Funded by the National Science Foundation Instrument and Instrument Development Program. (DIR-8917532)

Improvement of Research Facilities at Marine Science Center (1990) K.P.Sebens, P.I. J. Ayers, MP.Morse, J. Witman co-investigators. Funded by the NSF Marine Facilities Program (DIR-9013164) 7/90-6/92, \$161,000

Neuroethological Analysis of Lobster Feeding Using Sonar Biotelemetry (1991) J. Ayers, P.I. Funded by the NSF Neural Mechanisms of Behavior Program, 1991-1992, \$14,000 BNS 9021278

Development of Multi-Channel Sonar Biotelemetry Systems for Analysis of Motor Pattern Modulation (1991) J. Ayers, P.I. Donald Massa, Co-investigator. Funded by the Office of Naval Research, Biological Intelligence Program. 1991-1992, \$40,000 Grant # N00014-91-J-1822

Comparative Analysis of Lobster Feeding and Stomatogastric Motor Programs (1991-1994) J. Ayers, P.I. , Georg Heinzel (University of Bonn) co-investigator Funded by the Human Frontiers Research Program. 1991-1993. \$56,000

Development of a College of Arts and Sciences Multi-Media Laboratory (1992) with Gerald Herman. Funded by the College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, \$65,000.

Development of Lobster Feeding and Stomatogastric Motor Programs. (1992) J. Ayers, P.I. Funded by the NSF Neural Mechanisms of Behavior Program, IBN-9121224, 1992-1994, \$79,000

Biological Based Control of Omnidirectional Robot Walking (1992) with Jill Crisman. Funded by the Northeastern University Research and Scholarship Development Fund. 1992-1993,. \$9,200.

D. R. Blidberg, PI., Joseph Ayers, Sergei Kashin coPIs. *Development of a Biologically-based Undulatory Autonomous Submersible Robot*. Advanced Research Project Agency Start Date May 1, 1994, Duration: 18 Months. Direct Costs: \$308,048, Indirect Costs: \$155,467.

Massa Products, Corporation, SBIR Grant. With D. Massa, J. Ayers, D.R. Blidberg and J.D. Crisman. (1994) *Legged Vehicle for Underwater Mobile Operations*. ONR SBIR Phase 1 Proposal Topic # N93-139, Start Date Feb 26, 1994; Duration 18 months. Total Costs \$75,000, Direct Costs to NU \$9,366, Indirect Costs: \$5,432.

Joseph Ayers (1998) Summer Marine Biology Institute. GE Fund, \$25,000.

Joseph Ayers and Donald Massa Integration of an Ambulatory Robotic System with an Acoustic Lane Marking System for Littoral Zone Mine Countermeasures. DOD 1997 STTR Topic N97T002, \$99,880.

Joseph Ayers (PI), Donald Massa, William Vorus, Paul Zavracky, Nicol McGruer, Ranjan Mukherjee, Scott Currie Development of Biomimetic Undulatory and Ambulatory Underwater Robots, DARPA-DSO Biomimetic Systems Program. ONR Grant N00014-98-1-0381. \$3,160,233. March 1, 1998-February 28, 2001

Joseph Ayers (1998) Summer Marine Biology Institute. GE Fund, \$23,500.

Donald Massa, David Brady and Joseph Ayers (1998) Development Acoustic Lane Marking and Navigation System for Littoral Zone Mine Countermeasures. DOD 1998 Phase 2 STTR Topic N97T002, \$749,204

INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATIONS

Massa Products, Inc, Hingham, MA Donald Massa (President of MPI) has collaborated as a co-investigator on the Lobster Sonar Biotelemetry and the Biomimetic Projects.

Fletcher Applied Sciences, Mason NH. Garth Fletcher has collaborated with me from the inception of ColorImage. He developed the color quantization algorithms fundamental to color image segmentation. We have enhanced ColorImage to support color based motion analysis using the Sequence Grabber, providing the only NIH Implementation that supports the video technology in modern Macintoshes.

Abbate Video Consultants, Norfolk, MA . I have been collaborating with Mark Abbate on the development of both ColorImage and the Laboratory Toolbox. Abbate Video Consultants developed the serial interface between Macintosh and Sony VCR's and CamCorders which has enabled the motion analysis capabilities of these two projects.

Dynamic Structures and Materials, LLT. We collaborate with DSM in the development of training algorithms for artificial muscle.

East Coast Seafood, Lynn, MA. I have collaborated with Michael Tourkistas (President, East Coast Seafood) on a project to develop holding conditions to optimize shell hardening in soft shell lobsters. East Coast Seafood is the largest shipper of lobsters in the world.

GW Instruments, Somerville, MA. I supported the GW instruments MacAdios technology in the Laboratory Toolbox Hypercard project. I was portrayed in their advertisements in Science, Journal of Neuroscience and Journal of Neurophysiology.

POPULAR PRESS and TV COVERAGE:

Lampreys aid paralytics? In **Science Digest 90: 94.** 1984

D. Herold Lamprey Man. In: **North Shore Sunday 11: 1-5,** 1988

They're building a Fish? **Lynn Daily Evening Item,** June 9, 1994

Biological-Based Robots **Popular Mechanics Magazine Show,** Discovery Channel, November 16, 1995 (Nationally Broadcast) Rebroadcast on several occasions.

Macintosh takes a big bite of the education apple. By David Liscio, **Mass High Tech 14: 13.** August 19, 1996

Remote Reality Robots, By Glenda Chui, **San Jose Mercury News,** May 28, 1998

Sea Robots to prowl Nahant's Shorelines. By Chris Iacono. **Lynn Daily Evening Item** March 20, 1998

Here's the catch: cleaner water has meant disappearing lobsters. By Peter J. Howe, **Boston Globe** 4/16/98.

Ideas: The Bionic Lobster By John Yemma, **Boston Globe Magazine,** June 14, 1998

Simple Nematode may Give Navy a New Way to Find Mines. By Louis Jacobson. **The Washington Post: Science: Robotics.** August 24, 1998

Wiggling Through the Waves. By Amy Adams. **New Scientist** Vol160: 32-35. October 10. 1998

Pentagon Recruiting Bees, Cockroaches and Wasps by Jeff Nesmith .1999 **Cox News Service**

Marine Camp has no drills: Ocean Lures Kids to Nahant Program. **Lynn Daily Evening Item,** August 14, 1999.

Frankensteins Lobster? By Marie Lingblom. **North Shore Sunday,** June, 20, 1999. Pp 12-14.

Pentagon Recruits insects to find land mines. **Riverside Press Enterprise,** July 25, 1999.

Natural Born Robots, **Scientific American Frontiers,** Public Broadcasting System, November 2, 1999

Le.top.des.réseaux/nvtechno **Le Monde Interactif** du mercredi 28 avril 1999, Stéphane Mandard

Robotic Lobsters, Fox 2000, Broadcast in May Fox TV

Spy Fly: Tiny, winged robot to mimic nature's fighter jets. By Chuck Squatriglia, **San Francisco Chronicle**, November 2, 1999

PHOTO ESSAY: Robots. By Peter Menzel **Business Week**, Dec. 13, 1999

Notebook: Don't Tell the Chinese, By Harriet Barovick, Michelle Derrow, Tam Gray, Daniel Levy, Lina Lofaro, David Spitz, Flora Tartakovsky And Chris Taylor, **Time Magazine**. June 21, 1999

Lego Mindstorms Website: The BURP Program was featured in the ROBOTNEWS section during the months of Dec, 1999-Jan, 2000.

BBC, Nature. *Robocritters*, Shown in Britain March 2000, To be aired on the Learning Channel in the US

Biologists and Engineers Create a New Generation of Robots That Imitate. Life. By Gary Taubes **Science** 2000 Apr 7;288(5463):80-3

Building a Perfect Lobster Robot. By Gary Taubes **Science** 2000 Apr 7;288(5463):82

Biobots By Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio **Discover** Vol. 21 No. 9 (September 2000)

RoboSapiens. By Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio, MIT Press, 2000

Robots mimic living creatures by Yvonne Carts-Powell **SPIE OE Reports** Number 201 September 2000

Pentagon sends robo-lobster on ocean patrol. By Will Iredale **London Sunday Times**, April 1, 2001.

Teaching

COURSES DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED:

General Neurophysiology	
Graduate Neurophysiology Laboratory	
Advanced Cell Biology	
Human Anatomy and Physiology I.	With Laboratory
Human Anatomy and Physiology II	With Laboratory
Human Physiology I.	With Laboratory
Comparative Neurobiology	With Laboratory
Vertebrate Physiology I.	With Laboratory
Foundations of Neural Science	
Special Topics in Neural Science	
Neuroethology	With Laboratory
Biological Laboratory Computing	With Lab/Demonstration
Senior Seminar	

Graduate Seminars:

Neural Mechanisms Underlying Behavior
 Synaptic Transmission
 Behavioral Neurobiology
 Spinal Cord Regeneration
 Lamprey Neurobiology
 Problem Solving in Biological Laboratory Computing

GRADUATE and POSTDOCTORAL STUDENTS:

Bradford Bratton, MS, 1980, Thesis Title: *Electric Organ Discharge Patterns in Raja erinacea and their Relation to Behavior*. Currently: Visiting Asst Prof. Colby College

Scott Currie, MS, 1981, Thesis Title: *Recovery from Spinal Cord Transection in Larval and Adult Lampreys*. Currently: Associate Professor, University of California, Riverside

Galen Eaholtz, MS, 1986, Thesis Title: *Recovery of Locomotion following Spinal Cord Transection in the larval sea lamprey, Petromyzon marinus: A Functional Determination*. Currently: Postdoctoral Associate: University of Washington.

Dean Kaufman, MS, 1988, Thesis Title: *Brainstem control of Undulatory Behavior in the Sea Lamprey*. Currently: Senior Scientist, Siemens Corporation

James Kinch, MS, 1988, Thesis Title: *Quantitative Analysis of Undulatory Behavior in Normal and Recovered Spinally Transected Sea Lamprey*. Currently: Vice President, Toxicon Corporation.

Gary Swain, Ph.D. 1989, Project Title: *Correlation of Anatomical Regeneration with Behavioral Recovery of Swimming in the Sea Lamprey*. Currently: Laboratory Director, Department of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

Lee Margolin, Ph.D. 1989, Project Title: *Behavioral and Electro-physiological Analysis of Recovery from Spinal Cord Transection in Adult Sea Lamprey, Petromyzon marinus*. . Currently: Senior Scientist, Frederick Haer Associates, Portland.

Karen Lee, Ph.D, 1993. Dissertation Title: *Interactions between Stomatogastric and Feeding Motor Programs in the American Lobster, Homarus americanus*. Currently an Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Sarah Jordan, M.S. 1993. Project Title: *What neurons underly the initiation and modulation of electrically evoked swimming in normal and recovered spinal transected Lamprey*. Currently: Education Coordinator, Shoals Marine Laboratory.

Traci Garofalo, Project Title: *Neuroethological analysis of Arousal and Behavioral Switching in Recovered Spinally Transected Lamprey* MS Granted, 1996. Currently: Veterinary Assistant, Salem MA.

Jan Witting, Ph.D. 1999. Project Title: *Prey capture by Corals*. Currently: Postdoc MSC

Kari Lavalli, Ph. D., NSF Postdoctoral Associate. Project Title: *Development of Lobster Feeding and Stomatogastric Motor Programs, 1992-1994*.

Jan Witting. Postdoctoral Associate on the DARPA Biomimetic Robot Project, 1999 to present

Service

NATIONAL PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES:

Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Neurobiology Program, Developmental Neurobiology Program, Integrative Neural Sciences Program, Spinal Cord Research Foundation

Manuscript Reviewer, Science, The Journal of Neurophysiology, Neuroscience, Journal of Experimental Biology, The Journal of Neurobiology, Experimental Brain Research

Departmental, College and University Committees

Member, State of the Biology Department Ad-Hoc Committee, 1979.

Chairman, University Academic Computer Policy Committee. 1978-1980 Chairman, 1980-1981, 1981-1982, 1984-1985. Reappointed for 1987-1989.

Member, Special Advisory Committee to the Provost for Computer Affairs, Northeastern University, 1984-1986. Member of acquisition committee which specified the University Ethernet Network, 1984-85 and Central VAX8650 System, 1985-1986.

Chairman, Biology Colloquium Committee Northeastern University, 1979-1980, 1984-1985

Member, Committee on Research and Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, 1981-1982

Member, Steering Committee, Center for Marine Science and Maritime Studies College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, 1982 - 1983.

Member, Physiology Search Committee, Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 1982.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 1980-1985.

Member, Honors Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, 1983-1984.

Member, Director Search Committee, Marine Science and Maritime Studies Center, Northeastern University, 1984.

Member, Physiology Search Committee, Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 1984.

Member, Physiology Search Committee, Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 1986-1987

Member, University Microcomputer Committee, Northeastern University, 1986-1987.

Chairman, Word Processing Committee, Department of Biology, 1987-1988

Member, University Council on Research and Scholarship, Northeastern University 1988-1991.

Member, Information Services Strategic Planning Committee, Office of the Provost, Northeastern University, 1992-1993.

Member, Experiential Education Strategic Planning Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, 1992-1993.

Member, Urban Education Strategic Planning Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, 1992-1993.

Member, Academic Computing Advisory Committee, Northeastern University, 1991-1993.

Chairman, Research Computing Subcommittee, University Council on Research and Scholarship, Northeastern University 1990-1991.

Member, Distinguished Professor Selection Committee, Northeastern University 1989

Member, Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Program Review Committee, Northeastern University, 1989

Member, Faculty Senate, Northeastern University, 1993-1995.

Member, College Council, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University, 1979-1981., 1992-Present

Service as Interim Director and Director, Marine Science Center

Facilities Development

NSF Facilities Program Laboratory Addition

During the summer and fall of 1992, I oversaw the new addition to the MSC main building. This addition provides office/laboratory space to up to 8 visiting scientists.

Bunker 104

With a gift of \$30,000 from Y.T. Li and Associates I oversaw the renovation of the south Gunport and main gallery of Bunker 104. This project achieved:

- (1) Extension of a 4 inch passive seawater supply and return line from the Edwards laboratory to the south gunport of Bunker 104.
- (2) Installation of a 200 amp electrical service to the south gunport
- (3) Installation of a dehumidification system in the south gunport and an exhaust system in the north gunport to prevent condensation in the bunker.
- (4) Installation of a roll top door and crashbar emergency exit in the south gunport
- (5) Sealing and painting the south gunport
- (6) Installation of a halogen lighting system in the south gunport.
- (7) Installation of emergency lighting and exit signs.

Marine Systems Engineering Laboratory

A gift to MSC from Massa Products Corporation supported the renovation of the Generator Room of Bunker 104 area as the physical facilities for the Marine Systems Engineering. This adds ~4000 sq. ft. of habitable laboratory space to MSC. This space is currently used as a Lecture Hall and houses the robot program.

Mariculture Laboratory

Through support of R.V. Trappist (Gloucester, MA) we established a mariculture laboratory in Bunker 104 that has been augmented by state funds and is currently used for the K-12 outreach program.

Robotics Laboratory

During 1998, we have renovated the muffler gallery in the Frank Massa Marine Systems Engineering Laboratory to house the DARPA Biomimetic Robot Project.

Biological Imaging Laboratory

The Biological Imaging Laboratory contains 5 Macintosh-based workstations including:

- (1) A Videotape-based motion analysis system
- (2) A Video microscope with color acquisition and segmentation capability.
- (3) A Macrophotography system
- (4) A slide scanner system
- (5) A color flatbed scanner system

Microbiology Laboratories

This provided laboratory facilities for Slava Epstein in addition to a Radiation Laboratory

Running Seawater/Preparation Area

This shared facility is available to all MSC staff and students.

CAS Multimedia Laboratory

Gerry Herman and I established a Multimedia Laboratory in Richards Hall.

New Boats

We received gifts of a 23 ft Steiger Craft from Charles Labron and a 25 ft Allman Cruiser from Richard Andersen. The Steiger craft has been in operation since we received it. We recently restored the Allman.

MSC Programs

K-12 Outreach

Since 1993, we have continued an extensive K-12 outreach program involving primarily the Lynn and Minuteman (Lincoln, Concord, Acton) Regional School Districts. We have maintained a formal Junior and Senior High School Outreach program with the Lynn School District in collaboration with the Lynn Business and Educational Foundation that provides financial support.

GE Foundation Marine Biology Experience

Through 1997-1998 we received a grants from the GE Fund to conduct the Summer Marine Biology Institute. 16 students and 8 faculty from 8 College Bound highschoools were housed in Northeastern Dorms and bussed to the Marine Science Center for the one week program. The Institute resulted in a web page which can be found at:

<http://www.dac.neu.edu/msc/collegebound/>

This program was featured in GE's Annual Report to Stockholders.

Marine Biology Concentration/Minor

I established the Marine Biology Concentration and Marine Biology Majors. The programs were initially proposed in 1995 and eventually approved in 1998.

East/Weat Marine Biology Program

The East/West Program is now entering its 16th year as eminent source of leading marine biologists.

Personnel Recruitment:

As Interim Director and Director, I personally recruited the following scientists and staff to MSC

Scientists

Slava Epstein, Senior Research Scientist, Currently Asst. Prof. Department of Biology

Dennis Bazylnski, Adjunct Research Associate

Sergei Kashin, Senior Research Scientist

Dick Blidberg, Director Marine Systems Engineering Laboratory

Jim Jalbert, Senior Projects Engineer, MSEL

Steven Chappel, Senior Software Engineer, MSEL

Dr. PoKay Ma, Senior Scientist

Dr. Jan Newton, Adjunct Research Associate

Dr. Roy Turner, Senior Scientist, Marin Systems Engineering Laboratory

Dr. Frank Kirchner, Senior Scientist

Dirk Spennenburg Research Assistant

Dr. Geoff Trussel, Research Associate

Lowell Gray, Adjunct Research Associate

Senior Intern

Al Badger: Senior Intern

Staff

Sarah Jordan, MS. : Education Coordinator.

Captain Douglas O'leary: Maintenance Supervisor/Skipper

Joshua Mahoney Maintenance Assistant/Mate

Cricket Wilbur, MS. Senior research technician

Chris Olcott, Technical Assistant

Dr. Sal Genovese,: Education Coordinator

Elizabeth Clinton, CPA: Administrative Officer

John McDonough: Maintenance Assistant/Mate

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Member, Computer Curriculum Committee. Nahant School District. Nahant, Massachusetts 1981-1982.

Chairman, Valley Road School Study Committee. Nahant, Massachusetts, 1986-1988.

Chairman, Conservation Commission, Town of Nahant, 1997-2001. Reappointed for 1990-1992, 1993- 2001.

Member, Open Space Committee, Town of Nahant, 1988-1995.

Member, Board of Directors. Nahant Education Foundation, 1994-Present

Member, Board of Directors. Safer Water In Massachusetts (SWIM)

Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Nahant, School District, 1994-1995

Project Leader, Mariculture and Hypercard Clubs and 6th grade science projects, Johnson School, Nahant, MA 1994-1998

Member, Swampscott School District PALMS Leadership Team 1996-1997

Member, Greater Lynn Region School-to-Work Council