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University of Illinois, Chicago, IL	B.S.	06/1972	Biology
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A. Personal Statement: Protein quality control and cell stress responses are fundamental to all biological systems for integrity of the proteome, stress resilience and lifespan, and dysfunction of these essential cellular processes is associated with hundreds of human protein conformational diseases including neurodegenerative diseases, type II diabetes, metabolic pathologies and cancer. Imbalanced proteostasis in aging contributes substantially to proteome mismanagement and the expression of protein aggregates and other toxic species. Protein misfolding results in aberrant protein and membrane interactions, protein mislocalization, imbalanced stoichiometry of subunits of molecular machines, aggregation and improper degradation. Our research examines: (1) the regulation and functional properties of proteostasis networks and the heat shock response to to regulate the robustness and stability of the proteome, to detect damaged proteins and to protect against misfolding and aggregation, (2) how intertissue signaling communicates tissue function to prevent local proteotoxic damage from compromising organismal health and lifespan, (4) how aging leads to proteostasis collapse as the basis for age-associated degenerative diseases, and (6) the properties of small molecule proteostasis regulators as chemical-genetic tools to maintain and restore the proteome in health and disease.

B. Professional Experience: **1978-1981-** Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Harvard University, mentor - Professor Matthew Meselson; **1978-1982-** Tutor in Biochemical Science, Harvard University; **1981-1982-** Research Fellow, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Harvard University, mentor - M. Meselson; **1982-1988-** Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular & Cell Biology, Northwestern University; **1988-1993-** Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular & Cell Biology; **1988-1993-** Director, Undergraduate Program in Biological Sciences; **1990-1993-** Associate Director, Medical Scientist Training Program; **1991-1993-** Arthur Andersen Professor; **1993-1998-** Professor & Chair, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular & Cell Biology; **1994-2005-** John Evans Professor of Molecular Biology; **1995-present-** Director-Rice Institute for Biomedical Research; **1998-2004-**, Dean of The Graduate School and Associate Provost of Graduate Education; **2002-present-** Scientific and Interim (**2019-**) Director of the Chicago Biomedical Consortium; **2005-present-** Bill and Gayle Cook Professor of Biology

Honors and Awards (since 1998): **1998-** Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; AAAS Scientific Program Board; NIGMS Training Grant Review Panel; **1999-** Visiting Professor, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Biologie Moléculaire, (Paris, France), Frank Rose Memorial Lecturer of the British Association for Cancer Research, External Advisory Committee, Kyoto University Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences; **2000-** MERIT award, National Institutes of General Medical Sciences, NIH, Percy Julian Memorial Lecture, Howard University; **2001-** Deans Lecture, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, William Potter Lecturer, Thomas Jefferson Medical School, Deans Lecture, University of Kentucky School of Medicine; **2003-** Visiting Professor, Kyoto University, Institute of Frontier Medical Sciences (Kyoto, Japan); **2004-** Leonardo da Vinci Lecture, San Raffaele Institute and Hospital (Milano Italy), Griffith Lecture, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, St. Louis University School of Medicine; **2005-** Distinguished Lecturer, School of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Illinois, Lynch Lecture in the Life Sciences, University of Notre Dame; **2006-** Visiting Professor, Abo Akademi-University of Turku Center for Biotechnology (Turku, Finland); **2007-** Visiting

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C. Contributions to Science

1. Role of Molecular Chaperones in Protein Folding and the Regulation of the Heat Shock Response (HSR). We cloned the human Hsp70 gene (and other human chaperone genes) and developed *in vitro* assays to demonstrate how specific combinations of chaperones and co-chaperones “hold or fold” clients. We also established *in vivo* systems using mammalian cell culture and *C. elegans* to determine how chaperone networks regulate substrate activity and stress signaling. The properties of the HSR were revealed by cloning the four mammalian heat shock transcription factors (HSFs), the identification of genetic modifiers (HSBP-1, SIRT1, and other) that regulate HSF-1 in stress, development and aging.

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2. Model Systems to Study Age-Associated Neurodegenerative Diseases. We have established dozens of *C. elegans* transgenic lines as folding sensors and models for protein conformational disease by expressing wild type and mutant Huntingtin, polyQ, Ataxin 1, Ataxin 3, Androgen Receptor, SOD1, TDP-43, FUS-1, Aβ, α-synuclein, tau and Sup35 prion domain in neurons, intestine and muscle cells. With these, we showed that the insulin signaling pathway (Age-1/Daf-2 and Daf-16) and HSF-1 regulate proteotoxicity and lifespan. These disease models were used in genome-wide RNAi screens to identify composition of the proteostasis network and to establish the mechanisms by which protein aggregation interferes with cellular function and lifespan.

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3. Physical Chemical Properties of Protein Misfolding and Aggregation. We identified supersaturation as a shared physical biochemical property in Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, ALS and muscle inclusion myositis. We showed that the deposition of insoluble, supersaturated proteins into aggregates and inclusions occurs when their cellular concentration is high relative to their intrinsic solubility. These characteristics likely define why aggregation is a systemic problem in age-associated diseases.

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The most unexpected observation has been intertissue communication and cell non-autonomous regulation of organismal proteostasis. Metazoans have established a complex trans-cellular stress-signaling pathway that communicates between neurons to somatic tissues and between somatic tissues. This was shown: (1) for the HSR that is regulated by the AFD thermosensory neurons to provide centralized control over the induction of the HSR in other tissues, (2) at the neuromuscular junction involves cholinergic and GABA-ergic signaling, and involves release of Ca²⁺ and activation of HSF-1, (3) transcellular chaperone signaling between somatic tissues and neurons to ensure that local proteotoxic damage within any single cell or tissue is protected by a community organism-wide response from adjacent tissues. This ensures that the unique complement of proteins expressed within each tissue is maintained by a combination of autonomous and non-autonomous quality control to prevent misfolding and aggregation from dominating the health of a tissue and compromising the health of the organism, and (4). That the fertilized egg quality resets maternal stress resilience and proteostasis.

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We identified small molecules that induce the HSR, that are HSF-1 selective and pan-stress responsive. These include celastrol, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (salicylate, indomethacin) and ~300 previously unidentified small molecules identified from a ~ 1mil molecule screen for chaperone regulators that suppress aggregation in *C. elegans* and tissue culture models of mutant SOD1, Huntingtin, and Atx-1. We have employed these small molecule proteostasis regulators in multiple mammalian cell-based systems to alter the course of protein misfolding and aggregation and to restore cellular health.

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