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Education

- **1982** Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dissertation: *Verifiably Correct Code Generation Using Predicate Transformers*; advisor: David L. Parnas.
- 1977 M.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 1972 B.A., Columbia University.

Employment

2025-now	Senior Affiliate Scholar, Institute for Technology Law & Policy, Georgetown University.
2025-now	Percy K. and Vida L.W. Hudson Professor Emeritus of Computer Science and former affiliate law faculty, Columbia University.
2017-2025	Affiliate faculty member, Columbia University Law School.
2014–2025	Percy K. and Vida L.W. Hudson Professor of Computer Science, Columbia University.
2018-2019	On sabbatical, Center for Law and Information Policy, Fordham University School of Law
2016	Technology Scholar, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.
2005–2014	Professor of Computer Science, Columbia University.
2012-2013	Chief Technologist, Federal Trade Commission.
2002-2004	Adjunct Professor of Computer Science, University of Pennsylvania.
2005–2012	AT&T, consultant
1998–2004	AT&T Fellow, AT&T Labs—Research.
1987–1998	Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff, AT&T Bell Laboratories and AT&T Labs—Research.
1982–1987	Member of the Technical Staff, AT&T Bell Laboratories.
1977–1978	Instructor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Honors

- 2023 Usenix Lifetime Achievement Award ("The Flame"), along with Matt Blaze and Susan Landau, for our "profound and lasting impact on Computer Science, Computer Security, Law, and Public Policy through their groundbreaking research, their influential publications, and their dedication to advancing knowledge that informs public policy."
- **2019** "Test of Time" award for Bellovin and Merritt, "Encrypted key exchange: Password-based protocols secure against dictionary attacks"
- 2016 ESORICS Outstanding Research Award
- **2016** EFF Pioneer Award (co-winner with the other authors of the "Keys Under Doormats" paper)
- **2015** J.D. Falk Award (co-winner with the other authors of the "Keys Under Doormats" paper)
- **2014** Elected to the Cybersecurity Hall of Fame
- 2006 Received the 2007 NIST/NSA National Computer Systems Security Award
- **2001** Elected to the National Academy of Engineering.
- 1998 Named an AT&T Fellow.
- 1995 Usenix Lifetime Achievement Award ("The Flame"), along with Tom Truscott and Jim Ellis, "for their work in creating USENET."

Books and Chapters

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