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## Professional Background

2020 – 2022 Retired  
2014 – 2020 Dean of the Honors College, University of Massachusetts Lowell  
2011 – 2013 Director of the Honors Program, University of Massachusetts Lowell  
1994 – 1999 Head of the Department of Computer Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell  
1992 – 2013 Associate Professor of Computer Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell  
1985 – 1991 Assistant Professor of Computer Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell

## Education

1985 PhD in Computer Science, Virginia Tech University  
1981 MS in Computer Science, Iowa State University  
1976 BA in Mathematics, University of Maine Orono

## Achievements

- Elevated the Honors Program to an Honors College. It quadrupled in size to 1,600 honors students.
- Established the *Honors College Fellowship Program*. Students received a \$1,200 stipend to engage in academic enrichments for 100 hours working alongside a mentor.
- Served as principal dissertation advisor to four students who earned their PhD in Computer Science. All four received full-time employment offers from universities.
- For 30+ years, I taught honors and non-honors sections of undergraduate/graduate computer science courses.
- Encouraged and empowered Honors Faculty to design and teach honors seminars.
- Grew the number of honors undergraduates who completed the Honors Program by writing and presenting their undergraduate honors thesis from 19 to 187 per year.

## Recognition

- Received the campus-wide *Distinguished Pillars of Excellence Award* in 2018. This award is given annually to one person for their significant, sustained, multi-year impact on UMass Lowell.
- Recognized as best teacher in the College of Pure and Applied Science (one year).
- Recognized as best teacher in the Department of Computer Science (two years).
- <http://www.teamgauss511.com/canning.pdf> Press release issued by UMass Lowell upon my retirement.

## Volunteer Activity

- Volunteer tutor for inmates at a women's reformatory in Mitchellville, Iowa for two years.
- Volunteer Little League, Babe Ruth, and Junior Legion baseball manager for 14 years.
- Volunteer recreation and travel youth basketball coach in Pepperell/Townsend for 6 years.
- Volunteer tutor for Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area, May 1, 2022 - present