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Title:

Associate Dean for Student Research, College of Physicians and Surgeons
Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Mechanical Engineering
Vice Chair for Research, Department of Otolaryngology

Education:

BS: Michigan State University, Biochemistry, 1981
MD: University of Michigan School of Medicine, 1985
Internship: Duke University Medical Center, 1985-87
Residency: Otolaryngology, University of California San Francisco, 1987-91
Fellowship: Neurotology, University of California San Francisco, 1991- 92
Fellowship: NIDCD, Laboratory of Molecular Genetics (Mentors: Jorgen Fex, PhD & Edward Wilcox, PhD), 1992-94

Previous Service to ARO:

1998-2001 Physician Research Training Committee;
2003-2006 Media Relations Committee
2009-2016 Publications Committee (Chair, 2010-2016)
2012 Nominating Committee
2019-2022 Diversity and Minority Affairs Committee

Leadership Experience:

Past President: American Neurotology Association; American Auditory Society; Otosclerosis Study Group; New York Otological Society
Past Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, New York University
Chair, Council of Scientific Trustees, Hearing Health Foundation
Member, National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council (DCAC), NIDCD

Research Interests:

Development of microneedles for inner ear diagnostics and therapy
Molecular genetics of deafness and development of gene-based therapeutics for hearing loss

Outside Interests:

Biking, Tennis, Traveling, Reading

Statement of Goals:

“To be, or not to be—that is the question.” For ARO, the answer is clear: to be bold, inclusive, and visionary in advancing hearing and balance science. As President, I will champion our community’s shared purpose — to foster discovery, mentorship, and collaboration across disciplines. My priorities include empowering early-career investigators, promoting inclusion, strengthening interdisciplinary partnerships, and advocating for sustained research support. Together, we will continue to foster a vibrant, connected community where science inspires innovation and transforms lives.