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Honors, Awards and Grants

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Professional experience

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1996-1998 Research Assistant Professor. Department of Neurobiology and Behavior. The State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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Publications

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