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EDUCATION

1995	Dr. rer.-nat. (Ph.D.) in computer science and statistics, University of Bonn, Germany, summa cum laude.
1993	Diplom (M.Sc.) in computer science and statistics, University of Bonn, Germany.
1988	Vordiplom (B.Sc.) in computer science, economics, and medicine, University of Hildesheim, Germany.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011–	Google Fellow.
2011–	Research professor of computer science, Stanford University.
2007–2011	Professor of computer science and electrical engineering, Stanford University.
2003–2007	Associate professor of computer science and (since 2006) electrical engineering, Stanford University. Since 2004 director of the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (SAIL).
1998–2003	Assistant professor and (since 2001) associate professor of computer science, robotics, and automated learning and discovery, Carnegie Mellon University.
1995–1998	Research Computer Scientist, Carnegie Mellon University.

INDUSTRIAL, AFFILIATE, AND CONSULTING POSITIONS

2009–	Senior Advisor, Charles River Ventures.
2007–	Principal Engineer, Google, Inc.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2011	Fast Company: Fifth most creative person. Inaugural AAAI Ed Feigenbaum Prize. Max Planck Research Award, 2011.
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- Crunchy, Best Technology Achievement, 2010.
- 2010 Time Magazine, The 50 Best Inventions of 2010.
IEEE ITSS Distinguished Researcher Award.
Fortune Magazine: 50 Smartest People in Tech, Academic Runner-Up.
- 2008 PC World list *Best 100 Products of 2008* (for Google Street View)
- 2007 Braunschweig Research Prize.
Member, National Academy of Engineering.
Member, Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina (German Academy of Sciences).
- 2006 Scientific American 50.
World Technology Network Award (category: Information Technology) and WTN Fellow.
AAAI Fellow (American Association of Artificial Intelligence).
ECCAI Fellow (European Coordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence).
Vance D. and Arlene C. Coffman Scholar II, Stanford School of Engineering.
Wired Magazine *best robot of all times*.
Forbes Magazine E-Gang.
- 2005 Leader of the Stanford Racing Team that won the DARPA Grand Challenge.
Popular Science Brilliant Ten.
- 2004 Honorable mention, 2004 IJCAI-JAIR best paper prize.
- 2003–2006 Reid and Polly Anderson Scholar and (until 2004) David Filo and Jerry Yang Faculty Scholar, Stanford School of Engineering.
- 2003 Best conference paper, International Conference of Field and Service Robotics (FSR).
Best conference paper, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
Best student conference paper, International Joint Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS).
- 2002 Finmeccanica endowed faculty chair, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University.
- 2001 Olympus award, German society for pattern recognition (DAGM).
- 2000 Best conference paper, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
- 1999 Best conference paper, German Conference of the German society for pattern recognition (DAGM).
- 1999–2003 NSF CAREER.
- 1998 Best conference paper, National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI).
- 1996 First place, AAAI autonomous mobile robot competition.

1994 Second place, AAAI autonomous mobile robot competition.

FIELD SERVICE

- 2013 General Chair, IJCAI Conference.
- 2009– President, Robotics Science and Systems Foundation.
- 2005–2008 AAAI Councilor.
- 2005 Founding conference chair, Robotics Science and Systems conference (RSS), Boston.
Co-chair, International Symposium on Robotics Research (ISRR), San Francisco.
- 2003–2009 Vice President for Development, NIPS Foundation.
- 2003 Program co-chair, International Conference on Field and Service Robotics (FSR), Japan.
- 2002–2003 Program chair (2002) and general chair (2003), Neural Information Processing Systems conference (NIPS), Vancouver.
- 1998 Conference chair, Conference on Automated Learning and Discovery (CONALD).
- 1990– Member of numerous editorial boards and organizing committees.

MAJOR PLENARY KEYNOTES

- 2010 nVidia GPU Conference, San Jose.
SIGSPATIAL, San Jose.
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Anchorage.
- 2009 International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, Thessaloniki, Greece.
International Conference on Engineering Design, Stanford.
Electric Aircraft Symposium, San Bruno.
Annual Conference, Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Detroit.
- 2008 Linux World, Opening Keynote, San Francisco.
International Conference on Multimedia and Entertainment (ICME), Germany.
- 2007 Institute of Navigation (ION) GNSS, Fort Worth.
Florida Artificial Intelligence Conference, Key West.
- 2006 IEEE Sensors, Korea.
MIT Emerging Technologies Conference, Cambridge.
Automated Software Engineering Conference (ASE), Tokyo.
European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML), Berlin.
IFAC Mechatronics, Heidelberg.
IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence (WCCI), Vancouver.
Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI), Boston.

- Workshop on Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR), New York City.
- International Multisensory Research Forum (IMRF), Dublin.
- German National Conference on AI (KI), Bremen.
- International Symposium on 3D Data Processing, Visualization and Transmission (3DPVT), Chapel Hill.
- Sensors Expo and Conference, Chicago.
- 2005 Neural information processing systems (NIPS), Vancouver.
- German National Conference on AI (KI), Koblenz.
- International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR), Seattle.
- DARPA Cognitive Systems Conference, Arlington.
- 2004 IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Sendai.
- National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), San Jose.
- 2002 International Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), Edmonton.
- European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI), Lyon.
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Sydney.
- 2001 Belgium Netherlands Artificial Intelligence Conference (BNAIC), Amsterdam.
- International Conference on Field and Service Robotics (FSR), Helsinki.
- 2000 Joint Brazilian and Ibero-American AI conference (SBIA/IBERAMIA), Atibaia, Brazil.
- Australian Conference on Robotics and Automation (ACRA), Melbourne.
- 1999 German National Conference on AI (KI), Bonn.
- Neuro-Fuzzy Conference, Leipzig.

BOOKS (MONOGRAPHS)

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- [11] J. Franklin, T. Mitchell, and S. Thrun, editors. *Recent Advances in Robot Learning*. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, MA, 1996.

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