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I was born and raised in central Pennsylvania; moved to Syracuse, N.Y., where I attended Syracuse University and received my PhD in Anthropology. I stayed in central New York while teaching Anthropology, Gender Studies, World Cultures and Religions, and Information Studies at Syracuse U., Eisenhower College, and Cornell University. In 1987 I switched my focus to Information Technology, first working in Academic Computing at Syracuse U, and then joining AppliedTheory, Inc., an Internet Service Provider. In 1998 I moved to Atlanta, Ga, where I have worked at Emory University as a Senior Technical Project Manager, before becoming Director of IT for AtheroGenics, Inc, a pharmaceutical company in Alpharetta, where I currently work. I started coaching in June 2006, with a focus on Life and Relationship Coaching.

I have been married twice: the first lasted 17 years, and my second is now in its twentieth year. I have four children (ages 26 to 31) and four grandchildren (ages 3 months to 9 years).

I have traveled extensively around the US and the world, including living for three years in India, where I was doing anthropological research on (a) population growth and economic change and (b) family systems and relationships.

My coaching has focused on helping individuals face changing circumstances in their lives, mostly occupational and relationship changes. I love working with and helping people. All my jobs (teacher, mentor, manager, coach) and my roles as husband, father and grandfather have focused on helping people deal with life and its changes.