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### Research Interests:

My research is concerned with the perceptual and cognitive processes underlying complex behavior. The basic research problems I am working on include visual space perception, visual control of locomotion, and spatial cognition, including navigation. Much of my work involves virtual environment technology, a tool that greatly expands the possibilities for experimental research. On the applied side, I have been director of a project developing a [navigation system for blind people](#).

### Information for prospective students:

I have retired from teaching and am not accepting new students but may wish to sponsor interested postdocs.

### Selected Publications and Talks by Topic

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