



**Human
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Ergonomics
Society**

FELLOW PROFILE

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etc.:** Ph.D., Human
factors/Ergonomics, North
Carolina State University
(1972)

M.S., Research Psychology,
University of Bridgeport
(1969)

B.A., Human Physiology and
Psychology, Washington
University (1967)

CPE #007, Board of
Certification in Professional
Ergonomics (1992)



Current status: Active

Home page: www.erroranalysis.com

Biography (How you got involved in the field, your major career activities and milestones):

Major career activities: Forensics, commercial safety consulting, standards and codes development.

Employment History (List top 5 positions):

Present, Founding Senior Consultant, Error Analysis, Inc., San Diego, CA (May 1988 – Present)

Co-Owner, Safety Sciences, Inc., San Diego, CA (1977 - May 1988)

Research Scientist, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) (1972-1977)

Post Doctoral Research Fellow, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) (1971-1972)

Graduate Research Fellow, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) (1969-1971)

What were your significant contributions to the field?

Founding Board member of BCPE; founding early Ergonomics practice firm; mentoring young professionals in Forensic practice; extensive applied research in slip/trip/misstep/falls, warnings and products safety.

Did you receive any notable awards or recognition during your career?

My most valuable rewards have all been intrinsic to the work.

Which articles in the journal *Human Factors* would you say were the most influential to you and your research or practice?

Zohar, D. (1978). Why do we bump into things while walking? *Human Factors*, 20(6), 671-679.

Please provide any links to your online articles, essays, blogs, Wikipedia pages, etc., that pertain to your research, publications or practice.

<http://expertpages.com/news/The-Human-Factors-Expert-In-Litigation.htm>

<http://www.lawyersandjudges.com/productdetails.cfm?PC=945>

<http://www.lawyersandjudges.com/productdetails.cfm?PC=1286>

<http://www.lawyersandjudges.com/productdetails.cfm?PC=965>

What advice would you give someone considering HF/E as a profession?

Go for it! Find a mentor early in your career in a practice area of interest.