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Larry has worked at the Museum of Science in various roles since 1971. He led the Museum in a long-range plan employing constructivist learning experiences to provide visitors with practice in science thinking skills. He is interested in public engagement with societal implications of science and technology, activities that engage the public in dialogue and deliberation about socio-scientific issues, and how research in the science of science communication can inform informal education practices. He has been the Principle Investigator for the NSF-funded Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network since 2005, which has engaged over 600 informal science education organizations and university research groups and over 30 million members of the public. He is currently PI for two additional NISE-funded projects that involve the NISE Net --Multi-Site Public Engagement with Science-Synthetic Biology and ChemAttitudes: Using Design-Based Research to Develop and Disseminate Strategies and Materials to Support Chemistry Interest, Relevance, and Self-Efficacy