

Curriculum Vitae

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EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in Law, Boston University School of Law, 2004 –
Visiting Professor, Bowdoin College, Economics, Spring 2005
Visiting Scholar, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2002-3
Editor, *Technological Innovation and Intellectual Property*, 2002-
Director and Founder, Research on Innovation, 1998-
Consultant, 1994-6
CEO, Bestinfo Division, Intergraph Corporation, 1993-4
Founder, CEO, Chairman, Bestinfo, 1983-1993
Systems consultant, 1981-3
Systems analyst, Translog, Day and Zimmerman, 1978-81

EDUCATION

A.B. Harvard College, 1972; Graduate courses in economics

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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