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**Education**

1976 Marywood College, B.S., Biology

1983 Michigan State University, Ph.D., Genetics

# Professional Experience

2009 – 2013: Director, Cellular, Molecular and Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program

1995 - present: Associate Professor - Department of Plant Biology, University of Vermont

1993 – 1995: Assistant Professor - Department of Botany and Agricultural Biochemistry,

University of Vermont

1987 – 1993: Assistant Professor - Department of Agronomy, Ohio State University

1983-1987: Research Associate, Washington University, St. Louis MO

# Professional organizations

American Society of Plant Biologists

# Awards

Fellow, American Society of Plant Biology

**Current teaching**

PBIO 3990; Molecular Cell Biology

PBIO 6990; Ethics in Graduate Research

PBIO1040; Introduction to Botany

# Publications

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Kleis-San Francisco, S., ML Tierney (1990) Isolation and characterization of a proline-rich 30 kD cell wall protein from soybean seedlings. Plant Physiol. 94:1897- 1902.

Tierney, ML., J. Weichert, D. Pluymers (1988) Analysis of the expression of extensin and p33-related cell wall proteins in carrot and soybean. Mol. Gen. Genet. 211:393-399.

Tierney, ML and J.E. Varner (1987) The Extensins. Plant Physiol. 84: 1-2.

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# Grants

# Current:

# Agency: USDA (Hatch): Role of endosomal pathways in controlling cell wall structure.

# 10/2021 – 9/2026; $75,000 for first 3 years

# Pending:

# Agency: NSF: Collaborative Research: Harnessing deep evolutionary divergence,

# proximity labeling and genetics to reveal mechanism of endosomal

# recycling in plants; $548,122, 2025-2029.