

## Vita

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Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, MS in Chemical Engineering, BS in Chemical Engineering

- 48 years experience in the fibers, textile, apparel industry
- For the last 20 years President of Cunning & Assoc., Ltd.
  - Developed and managed major university research consortium: National Textile Center.
  - Developed \$150 million NTC research program with over 150 projects. Projects covered all phases of industry: apparel, textile, spinning, retail, product and process development
  - Conceptualized and installed major new information management technology to a new European fiber manufacturing plant.
  - Evaluated new technologies for several companies. Recommended purchase of equipment and patents.
  - Developed product introduction strategy for a startup sensor company
- Previously 28 years experience with the Dupont Company
  - 10 years as R&D Director in charge of worldwide research in all fiber types. Major input on all fiber manufacturing plant expansion. Responsible for end-use research.
  - 10 years manufacturing management experience: nylon, polyester, spunbonded products
  - 8 years experience in R&D of nylon and polyester fiber. Brought polyester POY from laboratory to commercial production. Developed and managed new plant POY expansion.
- Currently on the Advisory Boards of Instrumar Ltd, (Canada) , SmartLife Technologies (UK), Kraig Biocraft Laboratories (USA)
- Board of Directors, 2005 to 2013, Optimer Brands Inc (USA)
- Awarded Companionship in the Textile Institute, 2010. One of 50 living persons having a significant impact on the textile industry.
- Awarded The Textile Institute Medal for outstanding contribution to the industry, 2000
- Awarded 1997 Textile Leader of the Year by the College of Textiles, North Carolina State University
- Awarded Professional Achievement Citation by the Department of Textiles, University of Manchester Science and Technology (England) 1992
- Awarded Professional Achievement Citation in Engineering by Iowa State University, 1988
- Adjunct Professor at College of Textiles, North Carolina State University
- Author of over 20 speeches given around the world
- Currently serving on the Board of Governors of the Iowa State University Foundation
- Currently serving on the Council and Board of Directors of the Textile Institute
- Served on the Board of Directors of the AMTEX Partnership (American Textile Partnership with the USA National Laboratories)
- Served on the Board of Directors of the AATCC Foundation
- Served on the Technical Advisory Boards for the Textile Clothing Technology Corporation (TC2), Textile Research Institute – Princeton and the Institute for Textile Technology
- Served as adviser to the National Academy of Science and the National Academy of Engineering
- Served on President Reagan's Private Sector Survey of Government Management Practices
- Served as moderator of New Castle Presbytery.
- Married – 2 Children

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