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I am interested in what Viktor Frankl called the “will to meaning” and C. S. Peirce described as the “fixation of belief.” I have explored aspects of these phenomena in a granular sense in small-sample studies (i.e., so-called ‘porcupine studies,’ because we are focused on one quill at a time) in attitude and impression formation, rumor and gossip, interpersonal acumen (i.e., the ability to read intentions and actions), what Martin Orne called “the good subject effect,” and so on. Methodological, ethical, and statistical issues (which can often intersect) are other interests. I have had the great pleasure of exploring and writing about them for 50 years with my colleague and old friend, Robert Rosenthal. With others, I have written about extensions of what Stephen C. Pepper coined as contextualism.

Academic Career:

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1960-62	The American University, Washington, Ph.D. 1962

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