his career with Texas A&M in 1992 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ultimately being named a full professor in 2002 and a Regents Professor in 2009.

He has earned many accolades during his tenure, among the more recent being named a Faculty Fellow by Texas A&M AgriLife Research; Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Award for International Impact, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M; Distinguished Achievement Award for Research, Association of Former Students, Texas A&M; Special Recognition in Fisheries Work and Outstanding Fisheries Research Award, Texas Chapter American Fisheries Society; and Bush Excellence Award for Faculty International Teaching, Texas A&M. In 2007 he was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Ecological Society of America is a professional organization of ecological scientists that established its Fellows program in 2012 “with the goal of honoring its members and supporting their competitiveness and advancement to leadership positions in the society, at their institutions and in broader society,” the press release reported.