

I'm interested in your project. I graduated in the 1980s. It seems like yesterday I was at Epstein's bookstore (the now extinct trailer mall in front of the new mall) visiting a college bookstore for the first time and buying books on philosophy and science. For a small town kid from Muscatine, the University of Iowa was the gateway to a new world. I bought a slide rule and CRC handbook of chemistry and physics at Iowa Book and Supply and had my first kiss with my wife (of over 30 years now) in the basement of the English and Philosophy building. I earned my bachelors, masters in environmental engineering at Iowa and later an MBA at Edgewood College (Madison, WI) and MS at the University of Michigan in Industrial Hygiene. I've worked for Olin Chemicals, managed the University of Wisconsin Hazardous Substances program (26 campuses and state agency facilities) worked at 4 top rated environmental engineering firms and currently administer a respiratory protection program for plutonium workers at the Hanford site in Washington state. Some say that the most dangerous jobs in America are at Hanford. I've also been an adjunct Professor for Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI.

One day while I was a student, I went from doing electron microscopy for Pediatrics/Oncology in the morning to taking astrophotography that night at the university observatory - while I was a student of Dr. Van Allen's; all in the same day (that's about 20 orders of magnitude!) My education at the U of I was mind expanding.

My U of Iowa education has taken me from to hazardous waste sites around the country, to star-wars projects with the Defense Nuclear Agency and to gold mines in Peru at 14,600 feet elevation.

Now I have made a career of applying science and engineering to protect human health and the environment. I'm no Prof. Jerry Schnoor (he was a new professor when I was a student, but I hope I've represented the University well.

Sincerely,

Mike Schmoldt, PE, CIH --50 year old Hawkeye.