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Ethan previously directed diverse science education improvement programs at the University of Washington's Center for Nanotechnology and Department of Molecular Biotechnology, Institute for Systems Biology (Washington), and at the Teachers Academy for Math and Science. Earlier in his career, he served as Exhibit Developer for the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. He received his undergraduate degree in biology from the State University of New York at Binghamton, his PhD in neuroscience from the University of Oregon, and did postdoctoral research both there and at the University of Texas at Austin.