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Dr. Swanson earned his doctorate in Pharmacognosy at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His graduate work focused on the ability of retinoids to modulate carcinogen metabolism and binding to nuclear macromolecules such as DNA. He studied tumor biology and hormonal modulation of mammary carcinogenesis with Satyabrata Nandi in the Cancer Research Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley. For three years, Dr. Swanson served on the faculty of the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he used animal model systems to elucidate the cellular mechanisms by which dietary substances modulate carcinogenesis. In 1998, he was recruited back to UIC as an assistant professor where his research has focused on two areas: the discovery of anticancer drugs from natural sources and understanding the role of hormones, particularly growth hormone, in cancer. His research programs have been continuously funded by federal agencies for over 20 years and he has published over 135 peerreviewed articles, review articles and book chapters. Dr. Swanson's academic leadership positions have included Director of Graduate Studies in Pharmacognosy, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, Visiting Vice Dean and Acting Dean of the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Swanson has served on the advisory board of *Endocrinology* and the *Journal of* Natural Products. In July of 2014, he became the Dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.