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Previously, Duane was the EMEA Head of Corporate Development of The Wall Street Journal, and was the Commercial Director of Science|Business. He has a BA Magna Cum Laude from the University of the Pacific where he was also nominated to the Phi Kappa Phi honour society, and an MBA with Distinction from KU Leuven's Vlerick Management School. From 1988-91, he was a recipient of a Leverhulme Trust Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music in London where he won several music performance prizes and competitions while also studying economics on an international exchange programme at Regent's College. He was recently appointed as a senior associate of the UK's Royal Society of Medicine.