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Professor Yau joined the faculty of the Department of Electrical Engineering, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1961 and is now professor and chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He is a fellow of the IEEE and a life fellow of the Franklin Institute from which he received the Louis E. Levy Medal in 1963; he also received the Golden Plate Award of the American Academy of Achievement in 1964. In addition to the many positions he has held within the IEEE and the Computer Society, Steve has been a director of AFIPS since 1972, is now a member of its Executive Committee, and is a member of ACM and several other professional and honorary organizations. He received his BS degree from the National Taiwan University and his MS and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana—all in electrical engineering.

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