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Advice to Your 20-Year-Old Self?
I would give myself a list of everyday life skills and say, “Work on these; you only think you’ve mastered them.”

If You Could Be Any Character in Fiction, Who Would It Be?
I’m happy to live my comparatively boring nonfiction life, but I would choose Admiral William Adama from Ronald D. Moore’s reimagining of Battlestar Galactica.

What’s Your Greatest Achievement and How Has It Shaped You?
Many years ago, I wrote my girlfriend a love song. One of my brothers played and recorded two guitar tracks for it. I recorded the vocal melody and harmony, mixing everything on my computer. I presented it to her on Valentine’s Day. She was so impressed, she later married me! My wife has been a wonderfully important influence in my life.

Favorite Travel Destination?
For me the drive can be the destination, because on a short enough highway, I may drive just to see the end of the road (looking it up on Google Street View isn’t quite the same). If I had to pick a destination I’ve been to again and again, I’d choose a local one, the Wildwood Preserve Metropark in Toledo. It’s a great place to relax after work, even when you look around and see a few hundred other people had the same idea.

Words to Live By?
The Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you,” is a principle to aspire to, but difficult to live by.

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