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Professor Brazill studies how proteins in human serum regulate cell function. Loss of regulation can lead to defects and diseases including metastatic cancer and atherosclerosis. This research has received over $2 million in grant funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.