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Graduated with M.A. in Orientation and Mobility at Western Michigan University in 1987 ,

I work at the Institut de réadaptation en déficience physique de Québec since then as O & M specialist with blind and visually impaired adults and in small research projects. I became involved in BiOptic driving in 1994 with a small research project intended to build a program to train visually impaired individuals to drive with Dr Jean-Paul Lachance, OD. One objective was to demonstrate that BiOptic driving can be safe under certain conditions. The project was finally put in concrete form in 2000 when the Quebec licencing authority, Société d'assurance automobile du Québec, accepted to collaborate in an experimental project on driving with BiOptics. The project started with its first candidate in October 2001 and is still going on; evaluation of the effects and impacts of the training program are still to come.