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Since 2002, C. Neal Stewart, Jr. has held the Ivan Racheff Chair of Plant Molecular Genetics at the University of Tennessee. After finishing a PhD from Virginia Tech in 1993 and a two-year postdoc at the University of Georgia, he was on faculty at UNC-Greensboro before taking his current position. His research spans the use of cellular, molecular, and synthetic biology tools for advanced plant genetics. He is also interested in policy issues and the ethics of using genetic engineering and synthetic biology in agriculture. He joined the editorial board of BMC Biotechnology in 2005 and has been the Plant Biotechnology section editor since 2011. Stewart served as a member of the National Academies Committee that produced the 2016 report “Genetically Engineered Crops: Experiences and Prospects.” In 2015 he was elected as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).