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Research Interests: Interdisciplinary aspects of biogeochemistry and ecology, including stable and radioisotope composition of organic materials and natural waters; aquatic plant physiology; high latitude oceanography and hydrology

Education:

B.A., Biology, w/ Honors, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1978
M.S., Botany, University of Washington, Seattle, 1980
Ph.D., Oceanography, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1987

Experience:

Research Professor, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, 2008-
Research Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996, 2001-2008 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (formerly Graduate Program in Ecology) University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996, 1992-2001
Research Staff Member, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, 1995-2000; Research Associate, 1991-1995
Research Associate, Geology Dept, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996, 1988-1991
Postdoctoral Associate, Earth and Space Sciences Dept., Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles, 1987-1988.

Synergistic Activities:

Member, National Oceanographic Laboratory System Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee, 2008-
Member, National Academy Study Committee, Design of an Arctic Observing System, 2004-2005.
Chief Scientist and Co-Chief Scientist, eight research cruises of the USCGC Healy, 2002-2008; four research cruises of the USCGC Polar Star and Polar Sea; multi-team shipboard experience aboard RV Alpha Helix (ten cruises), Sir Wilfrid Laurier (ten cruises), N.B. Palmer and Russian vessels Rift, Hydrobiologist and Okean
Independent Contractor to the Ecosystems Center, Marine Biological Laboratory (Woods Hole), Pan-Arctic River Transport of Nutrients, Organic Matter, and Suspended Sediments ([PARTNERS](#)) project, 2003-2007
Director, Project Office, Russian-American Arctic Land-Shelf Systems Initiative/Land-shelf Interactions, Arctic System Sciences Program, National Science Foundation, 2002-2006.
Consultant to YAHSGS, LLC (Richland, Washington), Small Business Technology Transfer project: Polar On-Line Acquisition Relay And Transmission System, 2003-2004.
Lead editor, Land-Shelf Interactions Science Plan, supported by the National Science Foundation, Arctic System Program, 2000-2003
U.S. Delegate, International Arctic Science Advisory Committee, International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic, 2001-
Member, Science Advisory Committee, Barrow Arctic Science Consortium, 2001-2005.
Lead Principal Investigator, NSF Long-term Arctic Environmental Observatory, Bering Strait, 1999-2006.
Participant, Interagency Working Committee on Environmental Security, Black Sea, 1997-1999

Member, International Steering Committee Russian-American Arctic Land-Shelf Systems Initiative, Arctic System Sciences Program, National Science Foundation, 1996-2005.

Instructor, Upper Division course, "Oceanography," Univ. of Tennessee, Fall Semester, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2006

Instructor, University of Tennessee, undergraduate and graduate level seminars, Spring Semester, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2005.

Contributor, Office of Technology Assessment report on Arctic Nuclear Contamination, 1995

Chief Scientist, USCG Polar Star Arctic Radioisotope Contamination Study, 1993

Delegation leader, Oak Ridge Nat'l Lab exchange, Shirshov Institute of Oceanology, Russia, 1992

Consultant for stable isotope mass spectrometry lab, Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute, Ansan, 1991

Manager, (under subcontract to Univ. Tennessee) stable isotope laboratory facilities, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge Nat'l Lab, 1988-1991

Coordination of docent programs for elementary education, Univ. of Alaska Museum, 1984-1986.

Teaching Assistant, University of Alaska, 1982, 1985, 1986, Organic Chemistry, Phytoplankton Ecology and Phycology

Developed directory of public transportation access to national parks and wilderness areas, 1981-1985, published as two editions of *How to Get to the Wilderness Without a Car. Public Transportation to Wilderness in Western North America* by Frosty Peak Books.

Intern, California State Legislature, 1977

Publications:

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- Polar Research Board, National Academies, September 2010
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- Horn Point Laboratory, Univ. Maryland Center for Environ. Science, Nov. 2008
- North Pacific Research Organization, October 2008, Dalian (China)
- Ocean Sciences Meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 2008
- Estuarine Research Federation meeting, Providence, November 2007
- Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, April 2007
- Invited speaker, Gordon Research Conference on Polar Science, March 2007, Ventura
- Shelf-Basin Exchange Workshop, Sopot, Poland, September 2006
- Shelf Basin Interactions PI meeting, Kauai, Feb. 2006
- Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Feb. 2006
- American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Santiago de Compostela, June 2005
- American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, Dec. 2004
- University of South Carolina, Dec. 2004
- Society for Environmental Toxicology, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 2004
- Arctic Climate Impact Assessment, Iceland, Nov. 2004
- Ocean Research Conference, Honolulu, Feb. 2004

Barrow Arctic Science Consortium Outreach Series, July 2003
 Arctic Research Commission, Washington, Jan. 2003
 American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, Dec. 2002
 Arctic Division meeting, AAAS, Fairbanks, AK, Sept. 2002
 NSF ARCSS All-Hands Meeting, Seattle, WA, Feb. 2002
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 North Pacific Research Program Principal Investigators Meeting, Fairbanks, AK, Oct. 2001
 Arctic Consortium of the United States, Annual meeting, Washington, DC, May, 2001
 International Arctic Research Center, Fairbanks, AK, May, 2001
 University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Feb. 2001
 Shelf-Basin Interactions Pan Arctic Meeting, Callaway Gardens, GA, Nov. 2000
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 U.S. - Russia Environ. Agreement, Area V BERPAc synthesis, Shepherdstown, WV, Feb. 1999
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 Biogeomon, Third International Symposium on Ecosystem Behavior, Villanova, PA, June, 1997
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 Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute, June, 1996
 NSF ARCSS & ONR ANWAP P.I. meetings, Snowbird, UT, May, 1996
 AGU/ASLO Ocean Sciences, San Diego, CA, Feb. 1996
 Science Planning Meeting, Research Priorities for Russian Arctic Land-Shelf Systems, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, October 1995
 College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, October 1995
 Arctic Nuclear Waste Assessment Program, Woods Hole, MA, May 1995
 Workshop on Monitoring of Nuclear Contamination in Arctic Seas, Naval Research Lab, Jan. 1995
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 Briefing, Office of Technology Assessment, Washington, DC, Sept. 1994
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