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**Administrative Appointments**

Faculty Director for the Sustainability, Science, and Practice Master's Program, Stanford University, 2017-Present  
Senior Fellow, Woods Institute for the Environment, 2005 – Present  
Naramore Dean of the School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences, Stanford University, 2002 – 2017  
Co-director Center for Environmental Science and Policy, Stanford University, (2000-2002)  
Sant Director of the Earth Systems Program, Stanford University, (1999-2002)  
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Professor of Environmental Sciences, Stanford University, 1997 - Present  
Professor, University of California, 1993 - 1997  
Research Scientist, NASA-Ames Research Center, 1983 - 1993  
Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Entomology, North Carolina State University, 1983

**Honors and Awards**

Faculty Women's Forum Deborah Rhode Lifetime Achievement Award, Stanford University (2021)  
Tellus Mater Distinguished Fellow, Cambridge University (2019)  
Honorary Doctorate, McGill University (2017)  
Honorary Doctorate, Princeton University (2017)

Fellow, California Academy of Sciences (2015)  
Doctor of Science Honorary Degree, Arizona State University (2014)  
Honorary Member, British Ecological Society (2013)  
Sustainability Science Award, Ecological Society of America (2013)  
Top 100 Women of Influence, Silicon Valley Business Journal (2013)  
Fellow, Ecological Society of America (2012)  
Einstein Visiting Professor, Chinese National Academy (2011)  
Eminent Ecologist Award, Colorado State University (2009)  
Major contributor to Nobel Peace prize awarded to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Norwegian Nobel Committee (2007)  
The 2005 Richard W. Lyman Award, Stanford University (2005)  
McMurty University Fellow for Undergraduate Education (2002)  
National Associate, National Academy of Sciences (2002)  
Leopold Leadership Fellow, Leopold Leadership Program (1999)  
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Professorship, Stanford University (1999)  
School of Public and Environmental Affairs Distinguished Alumni Award, Indiana University (1998)  
Distinguished Alumni Award, Oregon State University (1998)  
AAAS Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1997)  
Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1996)  
MacArthur Fellowship (1995-2000)  
Elected Member, National Academy of Sciences (1994)  
Exceptional Service Medal, NASA (1993)  
Elected Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1992)  
Fellow, Ames (NASA) Associate (1992)  
Research Paper Award, Oregon State University (1984)

## **Education**

Ph.D. in Forest Ecology, Oregon State University, 1983  
M.S. in Environmental Science, Indiana University, 1980  
B.S. (magna cum laude) Biology and English, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, 1975

## **Boards, Advisory Committees, Professional Leadership**

### ***External To Stanford:***

Chair, Gund Institute (University of Vermont) Advisory Board (2018-Present)  
Chair, World Wildlife Fund -US Board of Trustees (2018 - Present)  
Member, World Wildlife Fund – International Board of Directors (2018-2021)  
Member, FutureEarth Advisory Council (2018 - 2020)  
Member, Board of Directors, FFAR (Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research)  
(2014 – 2015)  
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, World Wildlife Fund (2012 - 2018)

Member, ClimateWorks Board of Trustees (2011 - 2020)

Member, External Advisory Board for School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Colorado State University (2010 – 2016)

Member, Advisory Board, National Park System (2010 - 2012)

Member, Advisory Board, Climate Central, Inc. (2009 - 2012)

Member, NAS Committee on America's Climate Choices and Chair of Advancing Climate Science Subcommittee, National Academy of Science (2009 - 2012)

Member, NAS Committee on Climate, Energy and National Security, National Academy of Science (2009 - 2011)

Member, NAS Science Ambassador Program Advisory Board, National Academy of Science (2009 - 2010)

Member, NAS Certification Committee, National Academy of Science (2009)

Member, Board of Advisors, Global Institute of Sustainability, Arizona State University (2007 - Present)

Member, Advisory Board, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University, (2007 - 2019)

Member, Editorial Board, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2006 – 2015)

Member, Board of Trustees, World Wildlife Fund (2003 - Present)

Founding Editor and Editorial Board Member, Annual Review of Environment and Resources (2002 - 2015)

Founding Co-Chair, National Academy of Sciences Roundtable on Science and Technology for Sustainability, National Academy of Sciences (2001 - 2009)

Founding Editor and Editorial Board Member - Annual Review of Energy and the Environment (2001 - 2015)

Advisory Committee for Environmental Program, Luce Foundation (2001 - 2007)

Chair, Section on Ecology and Environmental Sciences, National Academy of Sciences (2001 - 2004)

President, Ecological Society of America (2001 - 2003)

Member, Board of Trustees, National Park Conservation Association (2000 - 2007)

Member, National Academy of Sciences Temporary Nominating Group on Global and Human Environmental Science, National Academy of Sciences (2000 - 2004)

Member, Coordinating Committee on the Sustainability Transition, National Academies of Science (2000 - 2002)

President Elect, Ecological Society of America (2000 - 2001)

Co-Chair, Section 27, National Academy of Sciences (1998 - 2001)

Lead Author, Working Group 1, Chapter 4, IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change) (1998 - 2001)  
Liaison, Section 27, National Academy of Sciences (1998 - 2001)  
Member, Science Advisory Committee, Organization of Tropical Studies (1998 - 2001)  
Editorial Board, Annual Review of Energy and Environment (1998 - 2000)  
Member, International SCOPE project on nitrogen transport and transformations, SCOPE (1998 - 2000)  
Program Committee for the XVI International Botanical Congress (1998-1999)  
Editorial Board, Ecosystems (1997 - 2002)  
Member, vice chair and executive committee member, Scientific Advisory Committee, International Geosphere-Biosphere Program (1997 - 2001)  
Member, Advisory Committee, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (1996-2000)  
Member, U.S. National Committee, Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) (1996 - 1999)  
Member, Board of Trustees, Institute of Ecosystem Studies (1995 - 2004)  
Member, Board on Sustainable Development, National Academy of Sciences (1995 – 2000)  
Chair, Sustainable Biosphere Initiative Steering Committee, Ecological Society of America (1994 - 2000)  
Editorial Board, Ecological Applications (1994-2000)  
Member, Boreal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Exchange Study Advisory Committee, NASA (1994 - 1998)  
Member, Mission to Planet Earth Advisory Committee, NASA (1994 - 1997)  
Editorial Board, Global Change Biology (1994-1997)  
Member, Advisory Board, Aspen Global Change Institute (1992 - 2012)  
Visiting committee or review committee member for multiple universities (MIT, Cornell, Princeton, Utah, Colorado State, Colorado, etc.)

***Stanford:***

Chair, Provost's Committee on Sustainability, Stanford University (2012 - 2017)  
Member, Advisory Council, Woods Institute for the Environment (2006 - 2017)  
Science Director, Leopold Leadership Program, Stanford University (2004 - 2017)  
Stanford Environmental Initiative Leader, Stanford University (2004 - 2011)  
Ex Officio member of Stanford University Academic Senate, Stanford University (2002 – 2017)  
Member, Executive Committee of the Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources, Stanford University (2001 - 2006)  
Sophomore Advisor, Stanford University (2001-2006)

Chair, Ad hoc Committee for an Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Graduate Program, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)  
Member, Provost's Task Force on University Needs, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)  
Provost's Committee on Environment, Stanford University (1999 - 2004)  
Provost's Committee to form Stanford Institute for the Environment, Stanford University (1999 - 2003)  
Director, Earth Systems Program, Stanford University (1999 - 2002)  
Dean of the School of Education Search Committee, Stanford University (1999 - 2000)  
Institute for International Studies Search Committee, Stanford University (1998-2001)  
Acting Director, Earth Systems Program, Stanford University (1998 - 1999)  
Goldman Honors Program faculty member, Stanford University (1997 - 2002)  
Sexual Harassment Advisor, School of Earth Sciences, Stanford University (1997-2001)

## **Publications**

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