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Earth is his expertise! Professor and Head of the Department of Geosciences at Penn State University, Dr. Lee Kump has been at the forefront of cutting-edge science throughout his career as an educator and researcher. His main academic interests include biochemical cycles, environmental biogeochemistry, and atmosphere/ocean evolution.

Collaborative, congenial and scholarly, Lee is committed to preparing his students – and the general public – to make informed decisions about natural resources, natural hazards, and environmental impacts.

An editor for Earth and Environmental Sciences, Nature Scientific Reports, Lee is also a prolific author of journal articles and book chapters. He has penned popular and text books in the areas of Earth science, climate change, and numerical modeling. Since 2004, Lee has provided his expertise as Associate Director of the Earth Systems Evolution Program at the Canadian Institution for Advanced Research. Among his myriad accolades, Lee was named Fellow of the Geochemical Society and the European Association of Geochemistry (2012); recipient of the Wilson Research Award, Penn State College of Earth and Mineral Sciences (2007); Fellow, Geological Society of London (2001); and Fellow, Geological Society of America (1997). Lee received the USF Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2009.

“The campus at USFSP has always served as a second home for the marine science students. Not just because we spent so much time in the lab and studying in our offices, but because it offered so much more, both academic and recreational. I benefitted from expert instruction in sailing (too bad I retained so little of it!) and the opportunity to take sailboats out for the day or even for the weekend, participating in regattas in Sarasota. So many great memories!”
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