

Celebrating National Mentoring Month

In celebration of National Mentoring Month, our Acting Director and two of our Executive leaders have agreed to be panelists, discussing the value of mentoring to the individual as well as to the USGS. They will be revealing how mentoring impacted their lives and fielding some questions from the webinar audience regarding mentoring.

This webinar is limited to the first 40 people to register. Please consider attending as a group with others in your area to save registration spaces for others since the spots are limited.

Suzette Kimball

Acting Director (February 2013)

Dr. Suzette Kimball is internationally known for work in coastal processes and has served as Deputy Director since 2010.

Dr. Kimball was named Associate Director for Geology in 2008, coming to that position from being the Director of the Eastern Region since 2004.

Dr. Kimball joined the USGS as Eastern Regional Executive for Biology. In that position, she built many partnerships, helped shape programs, and led the establishment of the USGS Florida Integrated Science Center. She came to the USGS from the National Park Service in Atlanta, where she was Associate Regional Director.

She was assistant professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia, co-director of the Center for Coastal Management and Policy and marine scientist at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and managed coastal morphology and barrier island studies in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

She serves on executive boards and many State and national committees, including the DOI Climate and Energy Task Force, the U.S. National Committee on GeoScience, the National Academy of Science Roundtable on Environmental Health, The DOI Senior Ocean Policy Team, and the International Steering Committee for "OneGeology." She was on the board of directors of the Coastal Society and has served as secretary of the American Geophysical Union's Ocean Sciences Section.

She has authored numerous publications on barrier island dynamics, coastal ecosystem science, coastal zone management and policy, and natural resource exploration, evaluation and management. She has twice received the Presidential Rank Award and

twice received the Secretary of the Interior's Gold Level Award for Executive Leadership, and the Secretary of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. Kimball has a doctorate in environmental sciences with a specialty in coastal processes from the University of Virginia, a master's in geology and geophysics from Ball State University, and a bachelor's in English and geology from the College of William & Mary.

Dave Applegate

Associate Director, Natural Hazards

Dr. Applegate is the Associate Director for Natural Hazards. In this position, he oversees the geologic hazards and coastal and marine programs of the USGS and coordinates the long-term planning and hazard response activities for earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslides, geomagnetic storms, floods, severe storms, tsunamis, and wildfires.

Dr. Applegate came to the USGS in 2004 as the first senior science advisor for earthquake and geologic hazards. Since 2006, he has chaired the National Science and Technology Council's Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction, an interagency body providing guidance to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In addition to his USGS duties, Dr. Applegate is an adjunct full professor in the University of Utah's Department of Geology and Geophysics.

Dr. Applegate recently completed a 4-year term on the council of the Geological Society of America, received GSA's Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker Public Service Award in 2005, and became a fellow in 2006. In 2010, he received the USGS Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Communication. He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a past president of the Geological Society of Washington.

Prior to joining the USGS, Dr. Applegate spent 8 years with the American Geological Institute, where he served as the director of government affairs and as the editor of Geotimes. Dr. Applegate has also served with the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources as the American Geophysical Union's Congressional Science Fellow and as a professional staff member.

Dr. Applegate has a B.S. in geology from Yale University and a Ph.D., also in geology, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jeff Keay

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region

Jeff Keay received a B.S. Degree from Michigan State University in Zoology and an M.S. Degree from the University of Idaho in Wildlife Biology. He started his career with the National Park Service in Yosemite National Park, California as a management biologist directing Yosemite's Human/Bear Management Program, reintroducing bighorn sheep to the Park, and guiding Peregrine Falcon Recovery.

While there he completed a Ph.D. from the University of Idaho studying black bear population dynamics in Yosemite. He then transferred to Denali National Park in Alaska where he worked as a research scientist studying grizzly bear population ecology and Dall's sheep movements. While in Alaska Jeff transferred to the USGS and worked in the Alaska Science Center. His career as a manager began in 1999 with a transfer to the Eastern Region Biology Regional Executive Office in Leetown, West Virginia, and then on to Florida in 2002 where he participated in the formation of the Florida Integrated Science Center. Jeff accepted a position as Deputy Regional Director for what is now the Pacific Region in the fall of 2008. Jeff is a former leadership instructor for USGS and has served as a mentor for several employees over the past 10 years.