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**Employment**

1987 - Present	<i>Program Manager, Center for Earth &amp; Planetary Studies, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution</i>
1979 - 1987	<i>Geologist, Center for Earth &amp; Planetary Studies, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution</i>
1974 - 1979	<i>Research Assistant, Center for Earth &amp; Planetary Studies, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution</i>

**Education**

B.A. Geology, 1974, Smith College, Northampton, MA

**Memberships**

Geological Society of America  
American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

**Professional Summary**

I first joined the Air and Space Museum to work under a NASA grant to study the photography of the Moon collected by the Apollo missions. At the completion of these studies, I undertook the development of the “Looking at Earth” exhibition, a major gallery devoted to the history and science of aerial and orbital imagery of the Earth. During my career at the Museum I have conducted research in the fields of lunar and terrestrial remote sensing. I am the author, jointly with Frederick Engle, of *Looking at Earth*, a book of satellite imagery of the world, and I am currently the lead curator for the new *Kenneth C. Griffin Exploring the Planets* gallery. As Program Manager, I work with exhibits and outreach programs that inform the public on topics of planetary science and exploration, and that bring the work of CEPS to the public.

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