Peter Harries Biography

My academic career started at Yale University where I earned a BS in Geology & Geophysics in 1984. From there, I worked as a Curatorial Assistant at the American Museum of Natural History in NYC prior to starting my PhD at the University of Colorado, Boulder. I started as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida (USF) in 1992 and rose through the academic ranks to Full. I became the Interim Associate Dean in the Graduate School in 2011 and moved to NC State as the Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School in 2015. Currently, I am a Professor in the Department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences as well as the Interim Dean of the Graduate School. In terms of research, I am an invertebrate paleontologist with wide-ranging research interests, although my focus is on post-mass-extinction dynamics and variability between green- and icehouse climate regimes. I have served on the Grants-in-Aid-of-Research committee for many years and currently serve as the committee Chair. I also have served as the Treasurer of the Paleontological Society, am currently on the Executive Committee of the Council of Southern Graduate School, and as Associate Editor for several journals, including Cretaceous Research and the Journal of Paleontology as well as the Series Editor for Topics in Geobiology. Finally, I have been a member of far too many university, college, and department level committees to elaborate on.