



Suzette Kimball, Deputy Director

Dr. Suzette Kimball is internationally known for work in coastal processes and has served as Deputy Director for the past two years following a year serving as Acting Director.

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 entered the National Park Service as a research coordinator in the Global Climate Change Program, became Southeast Regional Chief Scientist, then 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.