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Profiles of Geoscientists



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Advice to Students:

"I think the idea of keeping a broad view is important."

Video Transcript 1:

"If I had a license plate, my license plate would say Lingula. Lingula is a Brachiopod that showed up in the Cambrian and although many Brachiopods are now extinct, Lingula is not. And Lingula survived because Lingula is a generalist. It never got too specialized. And so my advice to almost anyone is, it is now becoming a world of generalists. If one evolves too rapidly into a specialized niche, one niche might become extinct and one is, therefore, done. So I think the idea of keeping a broad view is important."

Video Transcript 2:

"I think geology is a game an intellectual plays out of doors. And I love the process part of it; I love the connections part of it. There's nothing more exciting than talking to Leslie (co-worker) and saying 'gee we figured out how that worked!' And I guess it's the ability to crack the nut - to solve the puzzle - it's the light bulb coming on, that's what's fun about it I guess. That's the most fun."

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