



Profiles of Geoscientists



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Education:

BS, Pittsburgh (Geography)
MS, Univ. of Tel Aviv (Geography)
PhD, Arizona (Hydrology)

Job Description:

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations

Interview:

"My job is very interesting -- very exciting. I am responsible for the daily operations of The National Weather Service, so that I am involved in a broad spectrum of activities on any given day, having to do with insuring and listening and making sure that we can bring a hurricane home and provide the services that required by the public for that. So overseeing that on a day-to-day basis is a part of my job."

Biography:

Dr. Zevin was selected as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations for the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in September 1994. In this position, she is responsible for managing the daily operations of the National Weather Service. Prior to her accepting this position, Dr. Zevin served a six-year tenure as Eastern Regional Director and a year as Deputy Director. Zevin also served as senior hydrologist for Program Plans and Analysis at National Weather Service Headquarters and as a services focal point in the modernization of the program office. Her career has also included service with the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) Operational Multipurpose Subprogramme in the United States, Caribbean Hydrologic Institute in Barbados, and flood forecasting projects in Jamaica and the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers in China. She is a member of the WMO Commission for Hydrology, and the WMO Commission for Basic Services. Dr. Zevin is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, having contributed to numerous activities of that group. She received the University of Arizona Alumni Distinguished Citizen Award in 1996. Dr. Zevin received her bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971; a master's in geography from the University of Tel Aviv, Israel (Cum Laude) in 1974; and a Ph.D. in hydrology and water resources from the University of Arizona in 1986.

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