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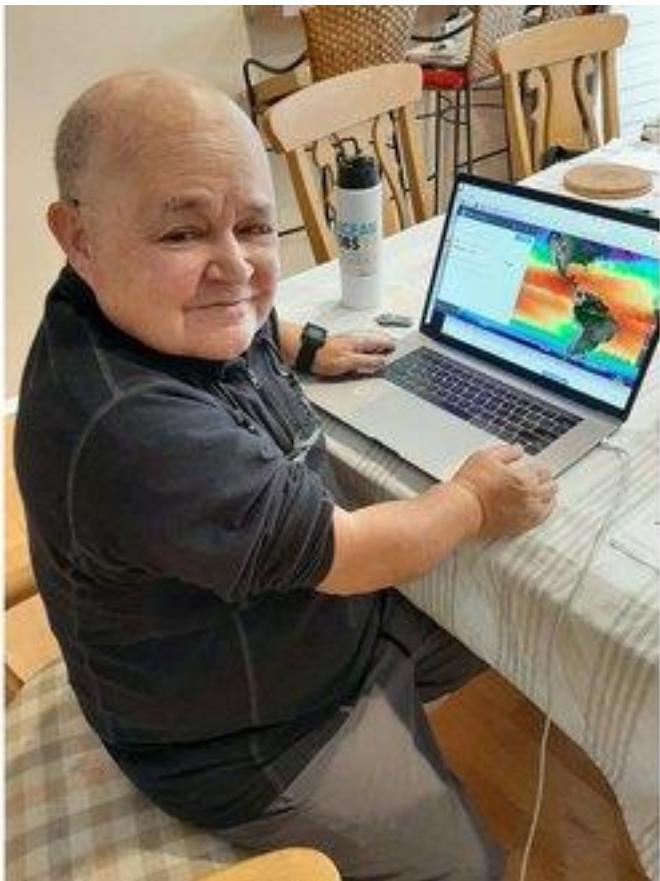
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- BS, Physics, University of Miami, with honors (1980)
- MS, Oceanography, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island (1983)
- PHD, Geological Sciences, University of Southern California (1991)

Professional Experience

- Jet Propulsion Laboratory (1993-present)
 - Project Science Lead for Sea Surface Temperature and Sea Surface Salinity for the Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center(2002-Present)
 - Research on the validation of satellite derived sea surface temperature products (1995-2002)
 - Principal Investigator for NOAA/NASA AVHRR Oceans Pathfinder Sea Surface Temperature Project. (1995)
 - NASA representative to the Advisory Council for the Group for High Resolution Sea Surface Temperature (GHRSSST). CEOS COVERAGE NASA Team (1993-2002)
- Visiting Scientist, Institute of Marine Science, Barcelona, Spain. Spanish Grant to apply remote sensing techniques to study the Mediterranean (1993)
- Guest Editor for Deep Sea Research for special edition on Satellite Oceanography and Climate change
- Guest Editor for Remote Sensing for Special Edition on Sea Surface Temperature Retrievals for satellites
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Research Interests

- Applying High Resolution Remote Sensing Data to Coastal Studies
- Validation of satellite derived sea surface temperature data sets
- Development and analysis of climate data records
- Statistical Modeling of remote sensing data
- Improvement in quality of sea surface temperature data records

Selected Awards

- Voyager Award for Support of Sea Surface Temperature Products
- NASA MANNED FLIGHT AWARENESS PROGRAM in recognition of excellence and support of the NASA manned space program and its mission payloads.
- Who's Who in Science and Engineering
- NASA Group Achievement Award for implementation of the Global Data Assembly Center
- National Ocean Partnership Award for Excellence
- NASA Group Achievement Award for the Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center.
- National Ocean Partnership Award for excellence supporting joint programs between NASA and NOAA.

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