

FHL ADVANCEMENT BOARD



Rachel Anderson

Rachel and her family came to FHL with the R/V Centennial in 2004. Her earlier work experience included museum and art education work (in Colorado and NYC) as well as event planning. With this background, Rachel joined the FHL staff to help coordinate the 2004 Centennial celebrations and related symposia. She soon moved into fundraising, becoming the Associate Director for Advancement. In the years that followed, Rachel greatly appreciated having the opportunity to work with AB members and other FHL donors to benefit the Labs. After 19 amazing years at FHL, she retired in February 2023.

William H. (Bill) Calvin

Bill is a Professor Emeritus from the UW Medical School and is president of the CO2 foundation. He is broadly interested in complex dynamical systems, ranging from the evolution of brains to the processes of climate change. He has written 17 books for general readers about brains, human evolution, and climate, especially extreme weather.

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Cathryn Campbell

Cathryn did summer research at FHL on the population genetics of marine organisms that was integral to her PhD studies — and solidified her deep admiration and respect for FHL. While she left academia for a career as an Intellectual Property attorney, she was pleased to draw on her FHL experience to represent several clients searching for pharmaceuticals in the marine biosphere. She is now honored to serve on the Board as a firm advocate for the importance of continuing and increasing support for FHL.

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Katherine Graubard

Katherine is a Professor Emerita in UW Biology, with a PhD in Neurobiology. She took a marine invertebrates course and did research as a graduate student at FHL in 1968-73; later, as a faculty member, she did research and taught an FHL apprenticeship. Currently, she serves on the AB and was a long-time member of the Whiteley Center Administrative Committee.

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Charles (Chuck) Greene

Chuck received his PhD in Oceanography from the University of Washington in 1985 and spent a year as a postdoctoral fellow at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. In 1986, he joined the faculty at Cornell where he served as Director of the Ocean Resources & Ecosystems Program. His research interests range from the ecological dynamics of marine animal populations to the effects of global climate change on ocean ecosystems. During recent years, he has led international research efforts focused on growing marine microalgae to develop sustainable solutions to the global challenges of climate, energy, and food security. He is a Fellow of several national Oceanographic societies.

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Catherine (Drew) Harvell

Drew is Professor Emerita of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Cornell University. Her research on the health and sustainability of marine ecosystems has taken her from the reefs of Mexico, Indonesia, and Hawaii to the cold waters of the Pacific Northwest and resulted in over 180 academic journal articles. Her current research is focused on health of the Salish Sea. She is a Fellow of the Ecological Society of America and the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, and has numerous awards including for her two books, *Ocean Outbreak* and *A Sea of Glass*. She also serves on the Science Board of the Ocean Health Initiative of Centre Scientifique Monaco.

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Carolyn Haugen

Carolyn is a career public school educator. Her professional path included: elementary classroom teacher, elementary school principal, district coordinator of professional development and district superintendent-principal. She actively endorses Friday Harbor Labs K-12 Student Outreach Program (FHL K-12 SOP) along with other FHL programs fostering and supporting student learning and research. Involved in the SJI Community, she currently serves on the San Juan Island Community Foundation Board.

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Michael (Mike) Honey

A former southern civil rights organizer and conscientious objector to war, Michael went on to graduate school at Howard University and Northern Illinois University. He has written six acclaimed books on labor and civil rights history and helped revise our understanding of Martin Luther King as a labor and economic justice as well as civil rights advocate. He has won numerous book awards and fellowships. He is currently working on a memoir and history and a new book on nonviolence, as part of a fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute at Harvard. He did much of his writing at the Whiteley Center at FHL and teaches in an interdisciplinary program at UW Tacoma.

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Marcia Johnson-Witter

Marcia is convinced she has Dawg DNA. A third generation Husky, she has familial, academic, professional and philanthropic connections to the UW. She began her island life in 1952 with her Grandmother on Lopez, spent endless summer days on the beach, fishing, clamming, crabbing and exploring tide pools on Whidbey, sailing among the islands on her family's ketch and property hopping on Orcas. Marcia is passionate about kids, having served on the boards of the Seattle Children's Theater and the Pike Place Market Foundation, coached cross-country running, and was a K-8 guest teacher at Seattle Country Day School for many years. Her philanthropy is focused on environmental and science education, conservation and preservation.

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Mimi Koehl

Mimi is a professor in the Dept. of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley. She earned her Ph.D. in Zoology at Duke University and did a postdoc at FHL. She studies the physics of how organisms interact with the environment, using both field and lab studies of their hydrodynamics and biomechanics. Mimi is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society, and of AAAS. Her many professional awards include a MacArthur "genius grant", Presidential Young Investigator Award, Rachel Carson Award (American Geophysical Union, for "cutting-edge ocean science"), and Martin Award (ASLO, for "research that created a paradigm shift in aquatic sciences"). <https://ib.berkeley.edu/labs/koehl/>

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Gretchen Lambert

Gretchen was a researcher at FHL for over 40 years, working on her own projects and with her late husband Charles. She is an international expert on ascidians and consults on ascidian taxonomy and biology for many government agencies. She has authored 79 peer-reviewed papers and continues to publish. She was on the editorial board of the Canadian Journal of Zoology for seven years. She has taught ascidian workshops and participated in biodiversity surveys around the world. She has maintained the online newsletter Ascidian News for 46 years. In 2011 she established an endowed FHL fellowship in Charles' memory.

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Florence (Flo) McAlary

Flo is a retired marine biologist and college professor. She received her M.A. & Ph.D. in Biology from UCLA. Her underwater career includes volunteer work with the Channel Islands Research Project and the Channel Islands National Park in the kelp forests of California. She and her husband Bill McFarland went on to explore the visual world of fishes. Current Interests include underwater photography, marine biodiversity, and conservation. She is a strong supporter of the FHL mission and students and has been a member of the FHL Advancement Board since 1998. She calls herself an "afishionado!"

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M. Patricia (Trish) Morse

Trish is a marine biologist and science educator at the UW. She was Professor of Biology at Northeastern University for 34 years. She has awards from the American Institute for Biological Sciences, is a past president of both Sigma Xi and the American Society of Zoologists, and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was a member for 36 years of the Board of Trustees at Bates College in Maine and also served on the Board of Trustees of the Spring Street International School.

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Lesley Nilsson

Lesley is president of Eureka Group, Inc. a family-owned investment company. She has served on boards of directors and trustees in Tokyo, Japan; Brussels, Belgium; Beijing, China; Palo Alto and Carmel, California and now resides in Friday Harbor.

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Tom Reeve

Born and raised in Honolulu, Tom lives with his family on their Lopez Island farm, which they protected by conservation easements. Tom is a member and past Chair of the San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee. He is also a member and past Chair of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. Tom serves on, and previously chaired, The Trust for Public Land's National Board, its Northwest Advisory Board, and serves on its Hawaiian Islands Advisory Board. Tom also served on the National Council of the Land Trust Alliance. Tom has a bachelor's degree from Harvard University.

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Lynn Riddiford

Lynn received her BA at Radcliffe and her PhD from Cornell. After a postdoc in protein physical chemistry at Harvard, she taught at Wellesley for two years. She then changed fields and spent a year studying insect endocrinology at Harvard before joining the faculty. She and Jim Truman moved in 1973 to the Department of Zoology (now Biology) at UW. They "retired" in 2007 and moved to Janelia Farm Research Center of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Virginia. They retired again in 2016 and came to work at FHL. Most of her research has been on the hormonal control of molting and metamorphosis in the tobacco hornworm and at FHL, she also works on *Drosophila* and mysid crustaceans.

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Véronique Robigou

Véronique is an artist, geologist, and educator. Since the creation of the Ocean et Terra Studio www.oceanetterrastudio.com in 2011, she weaves aesthetics and scientific rigor into projects that engage curious minds in environmental awareness. She has exhibited in the US, France, and the UK and has a permanent exhibit in “Why is Earth Habitable” at the American Museum of Natural History. Véronique’s former research career at the School of Oceanography at the University of Washington focused on the exploration and mapping of the seafloor using deep-sea submersibles and remotely operated vehicles. She received a Marine Education Award for creating one of the first open ocean, seagoing programs for K-12 teachers.

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Gordon Robilliard

Gordon received his B.Sc. from University of Victoria B.C., and his M.S. and Ph.D. in marine ecology and biology from UW. Most of his graduate career was spent at Friday Harbor Labs with extended tours to Antarctica, Hawaii, and California for scuba-facilitated marine ecological research. He became an environmental consultant when major environmental regulations were implemented in the early 1970s. Gordon spent the next 45 years dealing with oil and chemical spill impacts and habitat restoration, including helping develop methods for both assessment and restoration. In retirement, Gordon has focused on kids, grandkids and a wide variety of woodworking projects ranging from furniture to buildings.

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Mary Ruckelshaus

Mary Ruckelshaus is the Executive Director of The Natural Capital Project and a Senior Research Associate at Stanford University. Her ties to FHL run deep, starting with her PhD research in intertidal and subtidal habitats of False Bay, to bringing grad students out from FSU to the FHL for research. The main focus of her recent work is on developing standard approaches for valuing nature and mainstreaming them into high-leverage decisions globally. Mary has a bachelor’s degree in human biology from Stanford University, a master’s degree in fisheries from the University of Washington, and a doctoral degree in botany, also from Washington.

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Alex Shapiro

Most of the homes in which composer Alex has lived have been on the water's edge, or in the case of her sailboat, on the water itself. Ms. Shapiro's longtime affinity for the health of the ocean and its creatures is reflected in several of her celebrated electroacoustic multimedia concert works, many of which include sounds from the natural world. Alex's music is heard daily in concerts and broadcasts across the U.S. and internationally and can be found on over thirty commercially released recordings. Since 2007 Alex has lived on San Juan Island, and when not composing, she can be found communing with the sea life, as seen on her music and photo-filled blog, www.notesfromthekelp.com and her website, www.alexshapiro.org.

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Megumi Strathmann

Megumi's research for her graduate degree was at FHL in the 1960s, where she obtained her master's degree in Zoology. Megumi's projects at FHL included the book *Reproduction and Development of Marine Invertebrates of the Northern Pacific Coast*, studies of marine embryos and larvae, and studies of the taxonomy of a surprisingly diverse group of seastars. She obtained the initial donations for student support at FHL, prior to appointment of a development person. Megumi also enjoyed studies of animals in different parts the world at other marine laboratories. The Strathmann Fellowship Endowment was established to offer graduate students opportunities for inspiration and freedom in their studies at FHL, like the opportunities that the Strathmanns enjoyed.

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Richard Strathmann

Richard's graduate research was at FHL in the 1960s, where he obtained a masters in Oceanography and doctorate in Zoology. In 1973 Richard became Resident Associate Director at FHL and a member of the UW faculty in Zoology (now combined with Botany as the Department of Biology). Richard taught Marine Zoology, Comparative Embryology, and Larval Biology. His continued research, mostly on the functional morphology, evolution, and ecology of marine embryos and larvae, was supported by the National Science Foundation and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Advising students during their dissertation research was a fascinating and educational experience. Megumi and Richard also enjoyed studies of animals in different parts the world at other marine laboratories.

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James (Jim) Truman

Jim is Professor of Biology Emeritus from the University of Washington and former Group Leader of the Janelia Research Campus of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. His long-term interests are in the roles of hormones in directing development and behavior. His recent focus is on the role of hormones in the evolution of metamorphosis in Arthropods. Most of his studies have been on insects but the move to Friday Harbor has allowed him to expand into Crustaceans. Other interests include travel and videography.

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Mason Wiley

Mason Wiley's eclectic career includes being in the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan, attending American University Washington College of Law, and founding a Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Micronesia. He has a Master's in International Affairs and a Juris Doctorate. While in law school he worked with the Public International Law & Policy Group, the US Department of the Interior, and the Native American Rights Fund. He worked as Associate Director and General Counsel for the non-profit University Heights Center in Seattle, and served for 5 years on the Board for the Foundation for International Understanding Through Students. He connected with FHL when he relocated to San Juan Island in early 2021 with his family (wife Jessi and daughter Nell) to become the Academic Services Manager. He is now the Land Use Attorney for San Juan County.



George Willoughby

George is a graduate of Whitman College and Stanford Law School. He practiced law for 16 years, then moved to the broadcasting business and retired from King Broadcasting Company in 1987. He is involved with several nonprofits in Seattle, and lives part of each year on Lopez Island. He pursues his interest in the oceans and fishes through scuba diving and underwater photography, mainly in the tropical western Pacific.

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