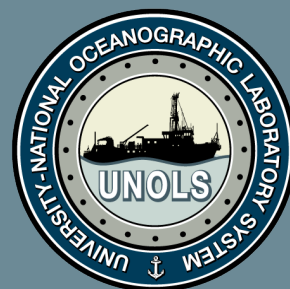


YOU'RE INVITED TO:

UNOLS 2024 Annual Meeting



FEATURED SPEAKER:

Dr. Paula Bontempi

Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island.
Chair of the Coalition for Ocean Science and Education Advocacy (COSEA)

Dr. Paula Bontempi has been Dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island since September 2020. Previously, she served as acting deputy director at NASA's Earth Science Division and spent over 16 years as a physical scientist and program manager at NASA Headquarters.

Her research interests encompass Earth and ocean remote sensing, phytoplankton ecology, marine bio-optics, and ocean exploration's connection to global economics. Bontempi earned her Ph.D. in Oceanography from URI-GSO, a Master's from Texas A&M University, and a Bachelor's from Boston College.

She has overseen NASA flight missions, including Suomi NPP, MODIS-Aqua, and the PACE missions, and was a member of the NASA Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Independent Study Team. Bontempi is a co-Chair of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine study on Future Directions for Southern Ocean and Antarctic Nearshore and Coastal Research, a Fellow and President-Elect of The Oceanography Society and is actively involved in DEIAJ initiatives in STEM. She is the inaugural Chair of the Coalition for Ocean Science and Education Advocacy (COSEA) and hails from Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Be a part of the future of U.S. sea-going science. We look forward to your attendance and participation in this important event.

LOCATION: HOTEL INDIGO SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT, SAVANNAH GA

The University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) provides a primary forum through which the ocean science research and education community, research facility operators, and the supporting Federal agencies can work cooperatively to improve access, scheduling, operation, and capabilities of current and future academic oceanographic facilities.

UNOLS is an organization of 58 U. S. institutions that have academic research and education programs in the ocean sciences and an interest in promoting the best possible national shared-use facilities to support these programs. Fourteen of the UNOLS institutions are operators of these major shared-use facilities, including research vessels, deep submergence vehicles, and aircraft. Facilities are either owned by one of the Federal agencies or by the individual institutions. UNOLS serves in an advisory role to the facility operators and the supporting Federal agencies and as a coordinator or facilitator of community-wide efforts directed toward scheduling, access, quality improvement and planning for future facilities.

This meeting is open to all investigators, users, operators, and sponsors of university oceanographic facilities. It is a public forum for discussing the utilization, scheduling, current support, and future planning of research vessels and other oceanographic facilities.

More information about the meeting and the agenda can be found on the [2024 UNOLS Annual Meeting event page](#).

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Deborah Bronk, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Russell".

Doug Russell, Executive Secretary