



Director Of UNH Research Institute Will Lead New Climate Initiative

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DURHAM, N.H. — Berrien Moore III, founding director of the University of New Hampshire's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space (EOS) since 1987, announced today he has accepted leadership of a new climate initiative, Climate Central, based in Princeton, N.J. and Palo Alto, Calif.

Climate Central is an emerging, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to providing the public, business and civic leaders, and policymakers with objective and understandable information about climate change and potential solutions.

A mathematician by training, Moore has been a prominent participant in both the scientific investigation and policymaking aspects of climate change for nearly 30 years. He has written more than 150 papers on the carbon cycle, global biogeochemical cycles, and global change, written numerous policy documents in the area of the global environment, chaired international scientific committees, and testified before congressional committees.

From 2004-2006, Moore co-chaired a National Research Council decadal survey, "Earth Observations from Space: A Community Assessment and Strategy for the Future." Most recently, Moore was among the network of scientists who shared in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). For the IPCC's Third Assessment Report, published in 2001, Moore served as the coordinating lead author for the final chapter, "Advancing our Understanding."

Moore joined the UNH faculty in 1969, soon after earning a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Virginia. A professor of systems research, he received the university's 1993 Excellence in Research Award and was named University Distinguished Professor in 1997.

"We thank Berrien for his leadership in establishing and building EOS into the world class institute that it has become," said UNH President Mark W. Huddleston. "We are extremely grateful for his leadership and service to UNH and for his substantial service to science and society in general. While we are sad that Berrien is leaving, he has many wonderful opportunities ahead of him and he will remain connected with us here at UNH."

Since the mid-1980s, Moore has served on many National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) committees working on aspects of Earth observation and study using space-based technologies. In 1987, he was appointed chairman of NASA's senior science advisory panel and was a member of the NASA Advisory Council. In May 1992, upon completion of his chairmanship, Moore was presented with NASA's highest civilian award, the

NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal, for outstanding service to the agency. He was the recipient of the 2007 Dryden Lectureship in Research by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

“EOS has become an internationally recognized center of excellence in graduate education and research, providing unique research opportunities for UNH undergraduates,” Moore said. “EOS is well positioned to advance its role in understanding our complex Earth, ocean and space systems.”

