In Memoriam: Lee Talbot

Lee A. Solomon

A global ecologist and geographer with expertise in biodiversity, marine protection, resource management, and governance, Lee Talbot was a professor in the Department of Public Policy and a prominent member of the environmental sciences community. He dedicated his life to understanding the complex interactions between humans and the natural world, and his work has had a significant impact on the field of conservation policy.

Talbot was a tireless advocate for the protection of marine environments, working to ensure that marine and coastal areas are managed sustainably. He was a key figure in the development of international mechanisms for marine protection, and his research has been published in leading scientific journals. His work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the National Geographic Society’s; the Wildlife Conservation Society’s; the World Wildlife Fund’s; and the Government of Canada’s; the World Heritage Convention. A senior policy fellow, Talbot was widely respected for his expertise in international environmental affairs, and his advice was sought by governments and intergovernmental organizations around the world.

Talbot’s legacy will continue to inspire future generations of environmental scientists and policymakers. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. We extend our condolences to his family and to all who knew and admired him.

Future Potomac Science Center Pier Named in Honor of Dr. Don Kelso

The Mason Leaders in Energy Forum will take place on Thursday, August 26th, from 1:30 – 3:00pm in Exploratory Hall 3200. The event is free and open to the public. It will feature speakers, panelists, and exhibitors addressing the critical issues in energy, climate, and sustainability. The event will also serve as a recruiting event for the Mason Science Research Spotlight, which will be held on September 9th. The Mason Science Research Spotlight is an opportunity for Mason students to meet potential employers and discuss their research.

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The Mason Environmental Alumni Network is now active and open to any interested Mason alumni. If you are interested in joining, please fill out this information form. The Alumni Chapter Board or would like to join future meetings, please contact us at alumni@environmental.mason.alumni.

Message from the Dean

I hope this message finds our Mason Science family well and enjoying these last days of summer. I am excited to be back on campus, resuming some in-person learning and research (with online options), and finally enjoying the opportunities to meet friends and alumni well and enjoying these last days of summer.

As a scientist—and as a Dean whose first priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff—I am fully vaccinated, and we have encouraged our friends and loved ones to get fully vaccinated as well. Mason has done an admirable job, proactively responding to a rapidly changing environment, and I am proud of our commitment to maintaining your own health.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and friendship, and for your commitment to maintaining your own health.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Don Kelso

Dr. Don Kelso surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren at the future learning pier site.