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While still a student at Columbia University School of General Studies, Michael accompanied Bruce Heezen and Marie Tharpe as a student Oceanographer on the R/V *Thomas Washington* cruise from Honolulu to Tokyo in 1971. Introduced to rock dredging on seamounts, he was instantly enamored of the science of Marine Geology.

Subsequent cruises as a part-time research assistant, responsible primarily for logistics and data collection associated with Bruce's projects on a variety of research vessels delayed graduation from Columbia for a number of years but provided an invaluable hands-on experience in Marine Geology on a variety of research vessels ranging from the *Eastward* to the *Kane* and submersibles including the *Turtle*, *Sea Cliff*, *Alvin* and *NR-1*. Following Bruce's death in 1977, under the guidance of Bill Ryan, Michael served as Project Manager for the BLM Canyon Processes Study, the Submersible Science Study and the *Titanic 1980* search. He then served for several years as Purchasing Supervisor while also receiving an MBA from Pace University. In 1982 Michael joined the Marine Office as Marine Science Coordinator for the Lamont-operated research vessels *Vema*, *Robert D. Conrad*, *Maurice Ewing* and *Marcus G. Langseth*. He retired in 1999 but returned in 2001 to assist in the implementations of the Safety Management System for the Marine Office and, subsequently, the Marine Mammal Observation program in compliance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act as detailed for marine seismic programs. The rumor is that Michael retired again in 2008 and currently resides most of the time in his Airstream trailer catching up on the land geology field trips that he missed while going to sea.