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# Inaugural Award of the Jardetzky Medal and 17th Annual W.S. Jardetzky Lecture



#### Honored Past Lecturers

**Stephen R. Rintoul**, 2010 CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research

Sallie W. Chisholm, 2009 Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Donald W. Forsyth**, 2008 Brown University

**Inez Fung, 2007** University of California, Berkeley

Barbara Romanowicz, 2006 University of California, Berkeley

Nicolas Gruber, 2005 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Alan R. Levander, 2003 Rice University

David M. Karl, 2002 SOEST, University of Hawaii

Veerabhadran Ramanathan, 2000 Scripps Institution of Oceanography University of California, San Diego

John R. Delaney, 1999 University of Washington

Peter H. Raven, 1998 Missouri Botanical Garden

Sir Nicholas Shackleton (1937-2006), 1996 University of Cambridge

## Ellen Mosley-Thompson

Distinguished University Professor Department of Geography, Atmospheric Science Program Director, Byrd Polar Research Center The Ohio State University

#### Past and Contemporary Climate Change: Evidence from Earth's Ice Cover

Ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica as well as from glaciers and ice caps at high elevations in lower latitudes provide unique insights on Earth's climate history and the long term context critical for assessing contemporary climate variability. Abrupt climate change is not a recent phenomenon. Current widespread glacier retreat suggests large and rapid changes in the climatic regimes that sustain them and some tropical glaciers no longer retain the unique paleoclimate records they once archived.

### Friday, 5 April 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Monell Auditorium Reception to follow

Dan M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie, 1995 University of Cambridge

Sean C. Solomon, 1994 Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Columbia University

Edward A. Irving, 1993 Geological Survey of Canada

Frank Press, 1992 U.S. National Academy of Sciences The Jardetzky lecture in geophysics honors the late Wenceslas S. Jardetzky, a renowned researcher and educator whose flourishing scientific career in Europe was halted by World War II and revived after he emigrated to the United States. From 1949 until his death in 1962, he was a research associate at Lamont-Doherty.

The Jardetzky lecture was established in 1992 by Dr. Jardetzky's son Oleg, who is the founder of the Magnetic Resonance Laboratory and professor of molecular pharmacology at Stanford University. In endowing the lectureship, Dr. Jardetzky said he hoped it would "help enrich the outstanding tradition of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, which provided a much cherished intellectual home to my father after he emigrated to this country."