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**NCAR SENIOR SCIENTIST WARREN WASHINGTON EARNS AMERICAN  
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Warren M. Washington, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, in Boulder, Colo., has won the 2007 Charles Franklin Brooks Award by the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the nation's leading professional society for those in the atmospheric and related sciences.

The award for “decades of service to the AMS and as a representative of the atmospheric sciences community at the highest level of policymakers,” will be presented on tonight at the AMS 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The Brooks Award is presented to an individual who has made important contributions to the Society, usually over a period of years. The award is named for Charles Franklin Brooks, who founded the AMS.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Washington earned a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in meteorology from Oregon State University. After completing his doctorate in meteorology at Pennsylvania State University, he joined NCAR in 1963 as a research scientist. Washington's areas of expertise are atmospheric science and climate research, and he specializes in computer modeling of the earth's climate. He has published more than 100 papers in professional journals. His book *An Introduction to Three-Dimensional Climate Modeling*, co-authored with Claire Parkinson (NASA), is a reference on climate modeling. The second edition was published in May 2005.

Washington is a consultant and advisor to a number of government officials and committees on climate-system modeling. From 1978 to 1984, he served on the President's National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere. He participated in several panels of the National Research Council and chaired its Advisory Panel for *Climate Puzzle*, a film produced for the 1986 PBS television series *Planet Earth*. Washington was a member of the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board from 1990 to 1993 and has been on the Secretary of Energy's Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC) since 1990. From 1996-2004, he was the chair of the subcommittee on Global Change for BERAC.

Washington held the office of President of the American Meteorological Society in 1994 and was on the National Science Board for twelve years, of which he was chair from 2002-2006. The

Board oversees the National Science Foundation and advises the Executive Branch and Congress on science related matters.

He also is a Fellow of the AMS and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and from 1991 to 1995 he was a member of the AAAS Board of Directors. He is a Distinguished Alumnus of Pennsylvania State University and Oregon State University. He has won many other awards during his career, including an honorary degree from Oregon State University.

"It is important to contribute to professional societies such as the AMS because it is the vehicle for further development of the entire field of atmospheric sciences," Washington says. "Being an active member has allowed me to grow, too."

Founded in 1919, the AMS has a membership of more than 11,000 professionals, professors, students, and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes nine atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic journals, sponsors multiple conferences annually, and directs numerous education and outreach programs and services. For more information see [www.ametsoc.org](http://www.ametsoc.org)

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