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Dr. Richard Alley to be Keynote Speaker at 98th AMS Annual Meeting

June 27, 2017 – BOSTON, MA – The American Meteorological Society
AMS is excited to announce that the keynote speaker for the upcoming 98th Annual Meeting will be renowned glaciologist and climate scientist Richard Alley, who serves as the Evan Pugh Professor of Geosciences at Penn State University. He will be speaking during the “Presidential Forum” program of the AMS Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Alley’s work in glaciology and global climate change is highly regarded and he is also known as a top science communicator by colleagues and peers, members of Congress, and the public. He was bestowed with the AGU Climate Communication Prize in 2016, where Tom Wagner of NASA characterized Richard Alley as an “exceptional researcher...an outstanding communicator...a central figure in policy discourse.... His audiences at scientific meetings typically overflow the room, and he is enviably comfortable speaking to eight-year-olds.”

He has appeared on a number of television programs and has authored or coauthored more than 200 articles over the years. He also contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report, which shared the 2007 Nobel Prize with Al Gore. Dr. Alley has also provided testimony numerous times to both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

AMS Acting-President Dr. Roger Wakimoto said, “Richard Alley is a superb scientist who also has an uncanny ability to communicate effectively with the public. I cannot think of a better person that fits under the theme of the meeting, “Transforming Communication in the Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise.”

Dr. Alley has received a number of distinguished honors during his career, including receiving the BVAA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award, the Heinz Award, and is a Foreign Member of the Royal Society. He has also been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was named to the National Academy of Sciences.

The 98th AMS Annual Meeting, held from January 7-11, 2018 in Austin, Texas, will be host to more than 4,000 weather, water, and climate scientists, one of the largest gatherings of scientists and professionals of its kind. The theme of the meeting is “Transforming Communication in the Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise.” For more information, visit <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2018/>

About AMS

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Headquartered in Boston, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across 11 peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 3,500 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of the latest scientific understanding and high-impact research, and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K—12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.