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Professor Dokka joined the Department of Geology & Geophysics at LSU in 1980 as an assistant professor after receiving his Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from the University of Southern California. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1990 became the first recipient of the *Adolphe G. Gueymard Professorship in Geology & Geophysics* in 1998. In 2001, he became the first Executive Director for the Center for GeoInformatics. Recently, Dr. Dokka joined the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and is helping build new research and academic programs in Geodesy and Geoinformatics. In 2002, he initiated the Louisiana Spatial Reference Center, a partnership with the National Geodetic Survey-NOAA focused on creating a state-of-the-art positional infrastructure for the state. In 2003, he was selected as the *Fruehan Endowed Professor of Engineering*. He has the unique distinction in that he is the only professor in LSU history to have been honored with endowed professorships from two different colleges (Basic Sciences and Engineering). His current research interests center on the application of the Global Positioning System (GPS) and geodetic leveling to study the massive subsidence that is affecting Louisiana's coast and mid-continent, and on understanding the role that tectonism and climate play in creating landscapes.

Dr. Dokka is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and was awarded a lifetime honorary membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Freshman Honor Society for his record of outstanding teaching. Since 1989, Dr. Dokka has been awarded ten University, College, and Departmental teaching awards. This includes the 1990 LSU Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award. He received a Presidential Citation in 2003 for "outstanding service to the surveying profession in Louisiana" from the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors. He is the author of over 55 publications in refereed professional journals. He has proudly served as the major professor for 23 outstanding men and women who have completed their masters and doctoral degrees at LSU.

In 1992-93, Dr. Dokka served as a Program Director at the National Science Foundation. He has been a member of several national policy committees for NSF and NASA dealing with Geology, Geographical Information Systems, and Geodesy. He is currently Past-President of the South-Central Section of the Geological Society of America.