

JON HARBOR

Professor of Environmental Geosciences,
Director of Digital Education, and
Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning,
Purdue University



Experience:

Previous positions include: Associate Vice President for Research, Dean of a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Interim Dean of a College of Sciences, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, Department Head, Sustainability Institute Founder and Interim Director, and Learning Research Center Founder and Co-Director

Education:

University of Washington: PhD, Geological Sciences, 1990
University of Colorado: MA, Geography, 1984
Cambridge University: BA, 1st Class Honours, Geography, 1982

Honors:

Honorary Doctorate, Stockholm University, 2015
American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow, 2014-15
Marie Curie International Incoming Fellow, European Commission, 2013-14
Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2010-present
Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (U.K.), 2010-present
Fulbright Senior Scholar, 2000-2001, New Zealand
Purdue University:
Provost's Award for Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor, 2013 (top university graduate teaching award)
Inducted in to Purdue University's "Book of Great Teachers", 2008
Murphy Teaching Award, 2000 (top university undergraduate teaching award)

Biography:

Jon Harbor was recently appointed Director of Digital Education and Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning at Purdue University, after completing the American Council on Education's national leadership development program (ACE Fellow). In his current role Jon provides long-term vision and management for a transformation of Purdue University's digital education portfolio (including educational technology and online courses and programs), as well as leadership for undergraduate programs serving the entire campus: the Entrepreneurship Certificate program, Exploratory Studies, Learning Communities, Undergraduate Academic Advising, and Summer Sessions. He also assists with academic policy development and resource allocation, and in planning, directing and evaluating undergraduate academic programs.

In 2013 Jon completed concurrent terms as Head of the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences at Purdue and serving as the founding/interim director of the university's Global Sustainability Institute. He then spent a year as a Marie Curie International Incoming Fellow at Stockholm University. Jon has held a range of additional administrative positions at the university level, including serving as an Associate Vice President for Research, Dean of a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Interim Dean of a College of Science, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate

Education, and Founding Co-Director of Purdue's Discovery Learning Research Center. The breadth of Jon's appointments reflects his institution's recognition of his ability and willingness to contribute across a wide range of areas when there is a need for leadership during periods of transition. Jon has considerable experience in change management and strategic planning, including completion of the strategic planning institute organized by the Society of College and University Planning.

Jon was born in England and completed his undergraduate studies in Geography at Cambridge University. He moved to the USA in 1982 for his MA in Geography at the University of Colorado, and subsequently completed his PhD in Geology at the University of Washington. After working as a Senior Associate Scientist for an environmental engineering company he served as an Assistant Professor in Geology at Kent State University before being recruited to Purdue University in 1994 as an Associate Professor focusing on environmental geosciences. He was promoted to Full Professor in 2000 and has held regular and adjunct/visiting/fellowship appointments at the University of Colorado Denver, the University of Tennessee, Stockholm University, and the University of Canterbury (New Zealand).

With research and education interests in applied hydrology, environmental education, and glacial geology, Jon has authored or co-authored over 130 peer-reviewed papers in scientific journals and he currently co-directs two multinational research teams. His research and education initiatives have been supported by research grants totaling over \$10M from agencies including the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, and National Geographic. Jon is a member of several disciplinary societies, and is a past chair of the Association of American Geographers' Geomorphology Specialty Group and served on the Executive Committee of the American Geophysical Union Heads and Chairs Board.