

Kevin and Carlene Allred met inside a Utah cave in the mid-1970s. Since then, they have studied and documented hundreds of caves in the western United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. They reside with their four children in a semi-remote, self-built log house in southeastern Alaska.



William R. Halliday recently retired as Chairman of the NSS's Hawaii Speleological Survey and as President of the Commission on Volcanic Caves of the International Union of Speleology. A graduate of Swarthmore College and of George Washington University School of Medicine, he has published many papers in vulcanospeleology, calcareospeleology, glaciospeleology, and spelean history.



Dr. Vladimir Maltsev mostly works in the fields of applied geostatistics, software design, and ore estimation methodology. In these fields, he has written about 20 articles, 3 books, and 3 programs with circulation above 500 copies. His avocational interest in mineralogy, including mineralogy of caves, has led to about 40 published articles. Dr. Maltsev is a widely recognized photographer with 400 photos published on calendars and magazine covers. His films have won awards at several nature film

Stewart B. Peck is professor of biology at Carleton University. He has long been interested in the ecology and evolution of cave insects in both North America, the West Indies, and throughout Latin America.



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Veronica A. Toth, MSc (McMaster University) is a geologist and remote sensing specialist at Universal Systems, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Derek C. Ford (Professor of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Canada) is a leading innovator in cave genetic studies and dating of cave deposits. Henry Schwarcz (Professor of Geology, McMaster University, Canada) has contributed directly to geology, archaeology, and anthropology through his stable isotope research studies.



Dr. Donald W. Webb is an insect systematist. His research focuses on the systematics and ecology of the Diptera families Rhagionidae and Therevidae for the world. Currently, he is developing a database on the macroinvertebrate biodiversity in Illinois caves and springs and examining the effects of water quality on this biodiversity.