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Jeremy Jackson
Doctor of Science

Internationally renowned marine ecologist and professor of oceanography, you, Jeremy Jackson, are an inspiration to young scientists and environmentalists worldwide. As the William E. and Mary B. Ritter Professor and Director of the Geosciences Research Division at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California in San Diego; and as a senior scientist at the Center for Tropical Paleoecology and Archeology of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in the Republic of Panama, you are a pioneer in marine biology and ecology, ecologic and evolutionary theory, and marine paleoecology.

Earning undergraduate and master's degrees from George Washington University and a PhD from Yale University, you began your career as professor of ecology at Johns Hopkins University in the 1970s. You served on committees of the National Research Council, the Advisory Board of the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, and the Science Commission of the Smithsonian Institution.

Having written more than 100 scientific publications and five books, and created a short educational film, you have contributed greatly to scholarly research and knowledge in marine biology and ecology.

Your scholarship has been recognized with numerous honors and awards for your excellence in research in science and engineering. You are a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The Smithsonian Institution awarded you its Secretary's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service in 1997.

Inspiring current ecologic thinking, your interest and research in the historical ecology of human impacts and their implications for marine conservation biology and management; your mastery of geology, paleontology, and marine biology, including your extensive work on the ecology of coral reef communities; and your study of speciation in the sea and macroevolution have all made invaluable contributions to the scientific community.

Your contribution to the restoration of biodiversity in the seas is revolutionary. An international team of scientists and you studied the long-term environmental and biological consequences of historical overfishing on marine ecosystems. Discover magazine chose this groundbreaking work as the outstanding discovery of 2001.

For being a world leader in marine ecology, and for being an inspirational educator, environmentalist, and marine conservationist, Pace University is honored to confer upon you, Jeremy Jackson, the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto.

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