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## Dedication to James M. Broadus

In September 1994, the United States ocean policy community lost one of its brightest stars in Jim Broadus, who perished suddenly and shockingly, off the coast of Maui, Hawaii. Broadus was far and away this community's most articulate spokesman for the "economic" use of ocean resources. Often the skeptic, but always cordial and somewhat wry, Broadus' ability was so great that his death impoverishes the world ocean policy community, along with that of the United States.

At Woods Hole's Marine Policy Center (MPC), Broadus singlehandedly shifted the disciplinary emphases of policy research from anthropology and political science to economics and law. This reorientation was resisted at first, but the brilliance of this move became apparent when it was viewed in terms of the potential for MPC's growth and its acceptance within the broader community of natural scientists in Woods Hole. Under his guidance, MPC emerged as one of the leading ocean policy research centers in the world. When Seoung-Yong Hong designed his program in marine policy at the Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI), it was modelled explicitly after MPC.

Broadus was often one step ahead of the mainstream in the marine policy field, perceiving deep seabed mining as an illusion, working with the Soviet Academy of Sciences (IMEMO) on environmental security issues *before* the Berlin Wall was razed, building research programs with Andy Solow and other colleagues to focus on the policy implication of biological diversity and global warming-induced sea level rise, estimating worldwide demand for oceanographic research vessels, analyzing the economic structure and performance of the markets for high-technology marine electronics, studying the "effectiveness" of international agreements in controlling land-based sources of marine pollution, among many other accomplishments.

Broadus was, at heart, an "internationalist" in the best sense of the term, although he would have been amused to hear himself described as such. In his career, he established close working relationships between MPC and ocean policy centers in England, Russia, Japan, Korea, and China and organized projects with marine policy colleagues in Ecuador, Colombia, Jordan, Norway, and many other countries.

This volume addresses the role of the oceans in the 21st century. In this memorial, we must, with deepest regret, acknowledge that there will be no Jim Broadus to help shape this role. Those of us who intend to influence the development of ocean policy now bear a



significantly heavier burden. We can, however, be thankful that Broadus has left us a legacy of his taste for internationalism, his critical approach to problem-solving, and his knack for discerning early on the central issues that must be addressed.

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