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Research Interests: Stratigraphy and petrography of microbial deposits, particularly with regards to astrobiology. After an initial start on the modern stromatolites of the Bahamas in the late 1980s, Russell has worked on a variety of deposits ranging back to the Paleoproterozoic. His publications encompass many scales, from field mapping to isotopic signatures of microbial deposits. For the past eight years, he has focused his efforts on the Biwabik Iron Formation stromatolites. In addition to teaching courses in sedimentology, paleontology, and field mapping, Russell has consulted for Anadarko Petroleum and has served on the NASA Astrobiology Panel.