

though Michener is the world's foremost authority on bees, he writes in a characteristically gentle and unassuming style: 'I greatly doubt if I have written anything here that would help young or aspiring professional entomologists make their life decisions. I think important qualities to develop, especially for those in academic life are: (a) the ability to return seamlessly to what you were doing or thinking after being interrupted by someone with an entirely different problem, and (b) the resolve to keep doing and

publishing the research that you enjoy when most of your time has to be devoted to something else'. This volume is certainly a celebration of the collective enjoyment and passion of its many contributors.

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## **The Orphan Tsunami of 1700 – A Transoceanic Detective Story**

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Dr Brian Atwater is known for uncovering earthquake and tsunami hazards at the Cascadia subduction zone, which extends 1100 km along the Pacific coast of North America. As part of this year's IRIS/SSA distinguished lecture series, Atwater will speak on the geologic detective story of the 1700 Cascadia earthquake, which attained magnitude 9 as judged from Japanese accounts of the associated tsunami. He will also present new geologic findings about tsunami hazards on Indian Ocean shores. Atwater is a recently elected member of the National Academy of Sciences (Washington, D.C.). For more information on him and the IRIS/SSA lecture series, visit: [http://www.iris.edu/services/lectures/iris\\_ssa.htm](http://www.iris.edu/services/lectures/iris_ssa.htm)

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