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Dr. Douglass recently visited almost all of America's beaches and wrote "Saving America's Beaches: the causes of and solutions to beach erosion" a book that explains where beach sand comes from, how waves are formed and how they break and move sand down the coast, how "works of man" have blocked this movement and caused beach erosion, and what can be done to save the beaches for future generations of Americans. The book has received excellent reviews for explaining beach issues in non-technical terms. One reviewer said, "*I found it to be incredibly good. I highly recommend the book to anyone who loves the beach and or will be making decisions on beach programs.*"

Dr. Douglass is a Professor of Civil Engineering and the director of the Coastal Transportation Engineering Research Center at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. His research focuses on constructed systems in the unique coastal wave and water level environment including how to design environmentally friendly solutions to beach erosion and transportation problems along the coast. He has written over 100 papers on coastal engineering, science and management.

Dr. Douglass attended high school in Clear Lake, Texas and then went on to college at Virginia Tech and has advanced degrees from Mississippi State and Drexel Universities. Dr. Douglass is a member and past chair of the American Society of Civil Engineers' Coastal Zone Management Committee and he has prior professional experience in coastal engineering consulting and on the staff of the Coastal Engineering Research Center of the Corps of Engineers. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of New Jersey.