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Research: The research in my lab focuses on the study of the complex interactions between a lake's biota and the environment. Most of our research uses paleolimnological techniques, which allow us to reconstruct the environmental histories of lakes. Because historical reconstructions are dependent on an understanding of living algal and invertebrate communities, a variety of studies dealing with present-day lake systems are also being investigated. A central theme is often the close linkage between aquatic and terrestrial systems. Projects are split between studies dealing with applied aspects of environmental degradation (and recovery), and studies dealing with more theoretical subjects related to long-term successional patterns in lake systems. A large number of studies are now in progress dealing with problems such as lake acidification, eutrophication, taste and odour problems, as well as other issues. In addition, a long-term research program is ongoing studying the limnology and paleolimnology of Arctic ecosystems.  
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Steve has an interest in the taxonomy, ecology and palaeoecology of freshwater insects and their response to environmental change. He has had a long and varied career at the Natural History Museum, during which he has published widely on dragonflies, lacewings and chironomids. He has also had the opportunity to work on projects communicating science to the public and run public engagement projects on environmental monitoring. The main focus of his current research is in the use of chironomids to quantify past environmental change. He has worked extensively on chironomid faunas in northern and central Europe, Patagonia, northern Russia and China to quantify changes in late-glacial and Holocene summer temperature, salinity and lake trophy.

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Piero is a Senior scientist, and he has been involved in palaeolimnology since 1978, when he built, together with M.S. Adams (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison), a first attempt of a calibration data set to infer primary production from the concentration of algal pigments in lake sediment. After more than thirty years, he still enjoys sailing every kind of lake to take new cores, and he likes to sample mountain lakes in August, when all his younger colleagues are having holidays. Piero's main interests are algal fossil pigments, and in general all biological remains and geochemistry, but he explains that he must spend too much time writing papers, research applications and reports, which elicits much understanding and concurrence from colleagues who share that experience! Piero has worked on lakes in Italy, Switzerland, France, UK, Vermont, high mountain regions (Alps, Himalayas), and remote regions (Arctic, Patagonia, Pampas, Antarctica, Tibet, Finnish Lapland, and Siberia).

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My primary research interest is lacustrine carbon cycling, including carbonate sedimentology, stable isotope geochemistry, and radiocarbon age-depth modeling. I also work on the neopaleolimnology of urban lakes, the past ~1000 years of wild rice lakes with Tribal resource management collaborators, and the spatial and geochemical distribution of natural and iron-mining-derived sulfur in Minnesota water bodies. Developing interests include geoinformatics, especially with respect to NSF’s EarthCube initiative. I’m an advocate for careful lithological core description, including the use of petrographic smear slides, and to this end have developed the free online resource TMI (Tool for Microscopic Identification). Since starting at the Limnological Research Center (LRC) in 1996, and as manager of LacCore since 2002, I have learned a little bit about a lot of different things.  
I was lucky enough to be a Ph.D. student of Kerry Kelts, and my undergraduate degree is in English literature. I have been Vice-Chair and Chair of the GSA Limnogeology Division and am on the organizing committee of the 2015 ILIC6 meeting in Tahoe-Reno, Nevada. When not doing research with undergraduates and colleagues, I am the Director of Outreach, Diversity, and Education for the NSF-funded Continental Scientific Drilling Coordination Office at the University of Minnesota, which works closely with the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program to achieve the best possible results from not only lacustrine sequences but in any continental geologic setting worldwide. I was appointed Associate Editor of the *Journal of Paleolimnology* in 2013.  
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