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Charles F. Kennel is Distinguished Professor, Vice-Chancellor, and Director *emeritus* at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. He was educated in astronomy and astrophysics at Harvard and Princeton. After a year at the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, he joined UCLA's Department of Physics and its Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics. There he pursued research and teaching in theoretical space plasma physics and astrophysics, eventually chairing the Physics Department. He served as UCLA's Executive Vice Chancellor, its chief academic officer, from 1996 to 1998.

From 1994 to 1996, Kennel was Associate Administrator at NASA and leader of its Earth science satellite program. Kennel's experiences at NASA influenced him to change into Earth science, and he became the ninth Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, serving from 1998 to 2006. During winter terms 2007, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2015 he was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Christ's College, Cambridge. He had visiting appointments with the Cambridge Department of Engineering in 2007, the Centre for Energy Studies of the Judge Business School in 2010, and with the Centre for Science and Policy in 2014 and 2015.