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Program

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Education

- PhD, 1978 WSU
- Master's degree, 1976 WSU
- Bachelor's degree, 1973 University of Texas, Austin

Professional Experience

Dr. Michael R. Thomas has over thirty years of experience in developing and managing advanced electronic and information system technology as a senior manager in the aerospace industry and as a chief technology officer for the US Government.

Dr. Thomas spent 1976 in Indonesia on a Fulbright Fellowship, and returned there in 1978 to conduct post-doctoral research on a previously unrecorded language.

Mike co-founded a software company in San Antonio, Texas in 1984 that specialized in the application of Artificial Intelligence to data mining and natural language understanding. He sold the company in 1989 and became a Principal Research Scientist at Sterling Software. In 1992 he joined the Grumman Corporation as a Senior Systems Engineer, and in 1994 he became the Manager of Advanced Electronic and Information Systems R&D at the Northrop

Grumman corporate research laboratories in Bethpage, New York.

Dr. Thomas entered government service in 1998 as the Deputy Director of NASA's Commercial Remote Sensing Program, and in 2000 he was selected to manage NASA's Earth Science Applications Directorate.

Mike retired from government service in January 2016.

Mike Thomas is a lifelong sailor, and is a volunteer at the Seattle Center for Wooden Boats. In addition to sailing he enjoys golf, cycling, and hiking.

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