

Much of our understanding of temporal variability associated with ocean biogeochemistry derives from sustained, systematic, shipboard time-series observations. Time-series science programs provide the oceanographic community with multi-year, high-quality data needed for characterizing ocean climate, biogeochemistry, and ecosystem variability. The principals from the BATS, HOT and CARIACO time-series are putting together the third special issue in Deep Sea Research II dedicated to research at these time-series stations. We warmly invite contributions from authors, both established researchers and graduate students, who have used time-series data from these sites in their research. We especially encourage studies that examine interconnections between time-series sites and datasets to help elucidate changes in ocean biogeochemical processes, ecosystem structure and function, long-term trends, and linkages and feedbacks with the Earth's climate system.

If you or your student(s) are interested in contributing to this effort, please send a list of suggested authors and a general topic/title for your contribution, and a short 'abstract' to Mike Lomas (Michael.Lomas@bios.edu). If you'd like to discuss an idea for a paper, please feel free to contact me as well. The timeline for this special issue is as follows: final drafts submitted for the review process by June 1, 2011 and revisions completed no later than June 1, 2012 at which point all accepted manuscripts will be turned over to DSR II for type-setting and final edits. Publication will then be either late 2012 or early 2013. While any draft manuscript submitted to us by June 1, 2011 will be sent for review, it is better for us to know what to expect, so please send the list of authors and tentative title as soon as practical. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Lomas (Michael.Lomas@bios.edu), Matt Church (mjchurch@hawaii.edu), or Frank Muller-Karger (carib@marine.usf.edu).