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Before joining the faculty at Missouri S&T he was Lecturer in Engineering Geology in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley between 1994-2001. Prior to and during his tenure at Berkeley he served as a principal with Geolith Consultants, Inc. (1998 – 2001), Rogers/Pacific, Inc. (1984 – 1997), and Alan Kropp & Associates (1982-84). Between 1979-82 he was an independent consultant.

He has 20 years of experience in evaluating the stability of natural slopes, embankments, stream channels, highways and hydraulic structures. Between 1979-2001, he managed over 500 projects in the western United States, Hawaii, Taiwan and the Philippines. He also served as principal investigator for research funded by the National Science Foundation, U.S. Geological Survey and California Department of Transportation. Dr. Rogers has served on a number of panels, which currently include the Technical Advisory Committee on Regional Geologic Studies and Slope Stability Models for the California Geological Survey.

Dr. Rogers' research and publications have been recognized by a variety of awards, including: the 2001 Trent Dames Civil Engineering Heritage Speaker for The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA; appointment to the Society of Sigma Xi College of Distinguished Lecturers for the term 1999-2001; 1996 R. H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer in Engineering Geology Award of the Association of Engineering Geologists and Geological Society of America; 1994 E. B. Burwell, Jr. Award of the Geological Society of America, 1994 ; 1994 Distinguished Project Award (designer), American Public Works Association, Northern California Chapter; 1994 Rock Mechanics Award (case histories) of the U.S. National Committee for Rock Mechanics of the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences/National Academy of Engineering; 1993 Award of Merit in Environmental Education by the Association of San Francisco Bay Area Governments; and the 1976 Best Presentation Award of the Society of Mining Engineers, American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, among others.