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"I would recommend *Deserts and Desert Environments* as a useful starting point for any undergraduate student wishing to explore a range of dryland environments and landforms for the first time. The well-illustrated and accessible nature of this text-book will suit them well". (The Geographical Journal, 1 March 2010)

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### From the Back Cover

*Deserts and Desert Environments* focuses on geomorphic systems, providing a comprehensive introduction to the physical, biological, temporal, and human components of drylands. Taking a global perspective, the book:

- examines physical systems, including climate, hydrology, past and present lakes, weathering, hillslopes, geomorphic surfaces, water as a geomorphic agent, and aeolian processes
- investigates the nature, environmental requirements, and essential geomorphic roles of plants and animals in this stressful biological environment
- considers the impact of human population growth on climate, desertification, water resources, and dust-storm activity
- covers surface/atmosphere interactions and the impact of El Niño Southern Oscillation events, exploring recent advances in understanding the temporal and spatial variability of deserts.

The breadth of coverage and accessible style make *Deserts and Desert Environments* ideal for introductory students of desert systems or desert geomorphology, as well as a useful reference for scientists and environmental professionals.

### About the Author

**Julie Laity** is a Professor at California State University, Northridge, USA. Her work has focused on deserts, looking at aeolian, fluvial, and groundwater systems, and the impact of environmental degradation on wind-

blown sand and dust events. Her research on groundwater-sapping systems and wind erosion has been used to aid our understanding of Martian environments.

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