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His work has appeared in some 70 magazines and science journals, including *Nature*, *Scientific American*, *Science*, *Popular Photography*, *New Scientist*, *Sky & Telescope*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Physics Today*, *Electronics*, *PC Magazine*, and *IEEE Spectrum*.

Forrest's consulting clients have included the National Geographic Society, the National Science Teachers Association, and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Forrest also teaches experimental Earth science once or twice a year at the University of the Nations at their campuses in Kona, Hawaii, and Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1993, he was named a Laureate in the Rolex Awards for Enterprise competition for his efforts in establishing a global ozone measuring network that used instruments of his own design.

In 1975, Forrest wrote *The Altair 8800 Operator's Manual*, the manual for the world's first personal computer. While he was writing the Altair manual, a couple of young programmers named Bill Gates and Paul Allen were creating a version of BASIC for the Altair. (That was the start of a company called Microsoft.) Thus, Forrest holds the honor of having written the very first book about personal computers.

Today, Forrest simultaneously carries out a variety of scientific and technical projects. He recently worked with the Space Science and Engineering Center at the University of Wisconsin to compare measurements of atmospheric water vapor made from satellites and the surface. From 2000-2006 he was a co-principal investigator for GLOBE, a network of 8000 schools in 83 countries that involves students in scientific research projects.