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Anne received her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Department of Zoology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Dr. Archie Carr, her major professor, guided her doctoral efforts as she studied the feeding ecology of the hawksbill turtle. Today her research interests include studying the status, ecology, and migrations of marine turtles. She is especially interested in the hawksbill turtle.

Dr. Meylan began her career teaching in the New York City area. She has been employed at the Florida Marine Research Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida since 1987. As a research scientist, she conducts research on the life histories and migrations of sea turtles. She also coordinates the Statewide Nesting Beach Survey program which documents marine turtle nesting activity on the state's 800 miles of coastline. The data are collected by a network of volunteers, government employees, and researchers.

She views the best part of her job as observing turtles in the wild, particularly in their water habitats. She enjoys fieldwork that involves hands-on activities such as capture, tagging, and data collection.

She would like students to know that there is still much to be learned in the field of biology, including that pertaining to marine turtles. There are new discoveries all the time that alter the way we understand these animals. A career in this field can be very rewarding.