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Miriam Baltuck graduated Magna cum Laude from the University of Michigan in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science from the Department of Geology and Mineralogy. After a summer of field work in Oregon for Mobil Oil Corporation she began graduate work at the University California, San Diego (UCSD) Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dr Baltuck spent her second year of graduate work as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Paris in the Structural Geology Department. Pursuit of her doctoral degree included a mix of field work, laboratory analysis, and ocean-going field studies.

Dr Baltuck received her Ph.D from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1982, and joined the international Deep-Sea Drilling Project based at UCSD as a Staff Scientist. In 1983 she joined the Geology Department at Tulane University as an Assistant Professor of Geology and Lecturer in Oceanography. In 1986 Dr Baltuck joined the staff of the NASA to manage the NASA Geology Program. In 1989 she became NASA branch chief for solid Earth Science, including Geology, Geodynamics and Geopotential Fields.

In 1994 Dr Baltuck served at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) as Senior Analyst for Natural Hazards, coordinating federal agencies involved in natural hazards research and/or natural disaster reduction. OSTP duties included chairing the National Earthquake Strategy Working Group in developing a strategy to reduce the nation's earthquake losses now being implemented by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Dr Baltuck formally returned to NASA in January 1995, with responsibility expanded to include a one year assignment managing NASA's Oceanography programs and the development of a Natural Hazards Research Program. The resulting Solid Earth and Natural Hazards Program has partnerships with more countries and agencies than any other program at NASA.

In June 1997 Dr Baltuck began a four year assignment based in Canberra as the NASA Senior Representative in Australia. Her duties include pursuit of cooperation in NASA Programs with Australia and Southeast Asia.