



2009 Specialized Awards

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The committee also selected recipients of the following specialized awards, which are named in honor of the donors or as memorials to former Society members.

Gretchen L. Blechschmidt Award
Amelinda Webb, Yale University

The Gretchen Louise Blechschmidt Award funds women in the geosciences who have an interest in achieving a Ph.D. in the fields of biostratigraphy and/or paleoceanography, sequence stratigraphy analysis, particularly in conjunction with research in deep-sea sedimentology, and a career in academic research.

John T. Dillon Alaska Research Award

Matthew Malkowski, Michigan State University

The John T. Dillon Alaska Research Award honors the memory of this geoscientist. Dillon was particularly noted for his radiometric age-dating work in the Brooks Range, Alaska. The award supports field-based studies dealing with the structural and tectonic development of Alaska and studies that include some aspect of geochronology (either paleontologic or radiometric) to provide new age control for significant rock units in Alaska.

Robert K. Fahnestock Award

Adam Lee, Texas A&M University

The Robert K. Fahnestock Award honors the memory of this former member of the Research Grants Committee, who died indirectly as a result of service on the committee. The grant is awarded for the best proposal in sediment transport or related aspects of fluvial geomorphology, Fahnestock's field.

Lipman Research Award

Duane Smythe, University of Toronto

The Lipman Research Fund was established in 1993 and is supported by gifts from the Howard and Jean Lipman Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to promote and support student research in volcanology and petrology. The president of the Lipman Foundation, Peter W. Lipman, was the recipient of a GSA research grant in 1965.

Bruce L. "Biff" Reed Scholarship Award

Corrine Griffing, University of Nevada—Las Vegas

The Bruce L. "Biff" Reed Scholarship Fund provides research grants to graduate students pursuing studies primarily on the tectonic and magmatic evolution of Alaska and also can fund other geologic research.

Alexander Sisson Research Award

Emily Gercke, Indiana University

Family members of Alexander Sisson established a fund in his memory to promote and support research for students pursuing studies in Alaska and the Caribbean.

Harold T. Stearns Fellowship Award

Sean Bryan, University of Colorado—Boulder

Adam Springer, University of South Florida

The Harold T. Stearns Fellowship Award, established by Stearns in 1973, funds student research on the geology of the Pacific Islands and the circum-Pacific region.

John Montagne Fund

Isaac Larsen, University of Washington

The John Montagne Fund was established in 2000 to support one recipient's research in the field of Quaternary geology/geomorphology.

Alexander & Geraldine Wanek Fund

Elisha Hughes, The University of Texas at Arlington

The Wanek Fund, established in 2002, supports research dealing with coal and petroleum resources, mapping, and engineering geology; marine resources; petroleum economics, appraisal, and evaluation; and the geology of phosphate resources.

Charles A. & June R.P. Ross Research Fund

Bronwen Konecky, Brown University

The Ross Research Fund was established in 2002 to support research in the fields of biostratigraphy, including, but not limited to, fossil age dating and the study of evolutionary faunal successions; stratigraphy and stratigraphic correlation; paleogeography and paleobiogeography; interpreting past environments of deposition and their biological significance; and the integration of these research areas into a better global understanding of (1) past plate motions (plate tectonics and sea-floor spreading); (2) past sea-level events, including their identification and ages; and/or (3) climate changes and the effects of those changes on Earth's inhabitants over geologic time.

Parke D. Snavely, Jr., Cascadia Research Award Fund

Walter Frueh, Oregon State University

The Parke D. Snavely, Jr., Cascadia Research Award Fund provides US\$1500 to support field-oriented graduate student research that contributes to the understanding of the geologic processes and history of the Pacific Northwest convergent margin or to the evaluation of its hazard or resource potential.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS

Farouk El-Baz Student Research Grant

Christopher Hein, Boston University, "Sea-level changes and the regressive Wadi infilling of a Pharaonic harbor."

Sarah Kennan, University of Bristol, "Rare earth elements and rates of fossilization in dinosaur bones from various depositional environments of the Late Cretaceous, Montana."

This Farouk El-Baz grant encourages and supports desert studies by students worldwide who are either in the senior year of their undergraduate studies or at the masters or Ph.D. level.

The Maurice "Ric" Terman Fund

The recipient will be named in autumn 2009.

The Maurice "Ric" Terman Fund provides one-year grants to fund the Ph.D. theses and post-doctoral research of East Asian scientists. Countries currently include Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and Vietnam.