



## 2010 SPECIALIZED AWARDS, SPONSORED BY THE GSA FOUNDATION



The committee selected the following recipients for specialized awards named in honor of Foundation donors or as memorials to former Society members.

### **Gretchen L. Blechschmidt Award**

**Carlie Pietsch**, *University of Southern California*. This award supports research by women interested in achieving a Ph.D. in the geological sciences and a career in academic research, especially in the fields of biostratigraphy and/or paleoceanography, and who have an interest in sequence stratigraphy analysis, particularly in conjunction with research into deep-sea sedimentology.

### **John T. Dillon Alaska Research Award**

**Casey J. Huff**, *University of California–Davis*. John Dillon was particularly noted for his radiometric age-dating work in the Brooks Range of Alaska; this award supports research that addresses field-based studies dealing with the state's structural and tectonic development and/or those 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**

**Erica Bigio**, *University of Arizona*. This award honors the memory of Fahnestock, a former member of the GSA Committee on Research Grants who died as a result of service on the committee, and recognizes the best proposal in sediment transport or related aspects of fluvial geomorphology, Fahnestock's field.

### **Lipman Research Award**

**Sarah A. Bromley**, *Oregon State University*. Established in 1993, this award is supported by gifts from the Howard and Jean Lipman Foundation; the president of the Lipman Foundation, Peter W. Lipman, was the recipient of a GSA research grant in 1965. The fund's purpose is to promote and support student research grants in volcanology and petrology.

### **Minority Award**

**Robert W. Boessenecker**, *Montana State University*. This award was established to promote and support minority students in the geosciences.

### **John Montagne Fund**

**Kerry Riley**, *Boise State University*. Established in 2000, this award supports one recipient's research in the field of Quaternary geomorphology.

### **Bruce L. "Biff" Reed Scholarship Award**

**Joel Unema**, *Northern Arizona University*. This award provides research grants to graduate students pursuing studies primarily on the tectonic and magmatic evolution of Alaska but can also fund other geologic research.

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

**Michael D. D'Emic**, *University of Michigan*. Established in 2002, this fund supports research in the fields of biostratigraphy, stratigraphy and stratigraphic correlation, paleogeography and paleobiogeography, interpreting past environments of deposition and their biological significance, and the integration of these research areas into better global understanding.

### **Alexander Sisson Research Award**

**George Daly**, *Miami 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.

### **Parke D. Snavelly, Jr., Cascadia Research Award Fund**

**Pasquale Del Vecchio**, *University of Nevada–Las Vegas*. This award provides funds to support field-oriented graduate-student research that contributes to understanding the geologic processes and history of the Pacific Northwest convergent margin or to evaluation of its hazard or resource potential.

### **Harold T. Stearns Fellowship Award**

**Kayla D. Holleman**, *University of Hawaii–Manoa*; **Sarah M. White**, *University of California–Davis*. Established in 1973, this fellowship supports student research on aspects of the geology of the Pacific Islands and the circum-Pacific region.

### **Alexander & Geraldine Wanek Fund**

**Jennifer R. Dierauer**, *Southern Illinois University*. Established in 2002, the Wanek Fund 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.