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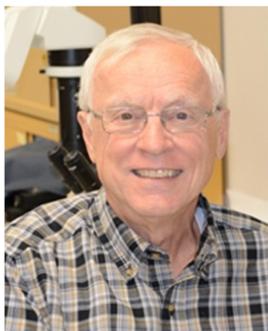
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## DEDICATION

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### ROBERT G. LOUCKS



The annual dedication of the *Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies Transactions* gives us the opportunity to acknowledge an outstanding Gulf Coast geologist who has dedicated their career to the betterment of the field. Thus, we, the members and officers of the Austin Geological Society and the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies, are very pleased to dedicate the 2021 *GCAGS Transactions* volume to Robert G. Loucks, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to carbonate geology and the Gulf Coast geological community.

A northeasterner by origin, Bob hails from Syracuse, New York. He received his B.A. degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1967, then moved to Midland, Texas, in 1968 to begin his career as a petroleum geologist with Texaco.

After four years, he moved to Austin, Texas, to begin his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin. There, he was advised by Don G. Bebout, a titan in Gulf Coast carbonate geology. Bob finished his dissertation, titled “Pearsall Formation, Lower Cretaceous, South Texas—Depositional facies and carbonate diagenesis and their relationship to porosity,” in 1976. Thereafter, he served as a Research Scientist at UT Austin’s Bureau of Economic Geology, working closely with his former advisor and other researchers on topics such as carbonate deposition and diagenesis, as well as assisting with a geothermal project drilling the world’s first geopressured geothermal test well.

In 1980, he left the Bureau of Economic Geology for greener pastures, starting at Mobil Research Lab as a research geologist, then migrating to Cities Service Research Lab where he was a senior research geologist and stratigraphy research group manager. Finally, he landed at ARCO in 1983, where he spent the remainder of his industry career. While at ARCO, Bob worked as a research advisor in multiple research groups and served terms as both the director of the Basin Evaluation Group (1987–1988) and the director of the Carbonate Depositional Systems and Diagenesis Analysis Group (1988–1990). During his tenure at ARCO, Bob continued to lead the way with research in carbonate stratigraphy, sedimentology, and diagenesis; he also excelled with work in sandstone stratigraphy and diagenesis.

Eventually, Bob realized that the grass really is greener on the other side, and returned in 2000 to the Bureau of Economic Geology, where he has been ever since. He splits his time between the Reservoir Characterization Research Laboratory and the State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Group, both of which are greatly improved by his work; he has also served as the Principle Investigator of both groups. Despite being kept constantly busy, Bob has become a publishing machine, authoring and contributing to over 200 papers over the course of his career. He is acclaimed for his research across not just one, but several geologic subdisciplines, including mudrock geology, pore characterization, karst processes and paleocaves, carbonate diagenesis, and of course carbonate sedimentology and stratigraphy. To date, his work has been cited over 12,500 times, with that recognition increasing each year due to his excellent work and ever-increasing number of publications.

Bob has been a significant contributor to GCAGS publications, authoring twelve and contributing to another nine *GCAGS Journal* articles since the *Journal’s* inception in 2012. He has also authored fifteen and contributed to another fourteen *GCAGS Transactions* papers, and has authored or contributed to nearly 50 additional abstracts published in *GCAGS Transactions*. That work has not gone unnoticed, and he has received the *GCAGS Journal* Best Paper Award three times. He has also received the A. I. Levorsen award for best paper of the Gulf Coast Section. Outside of GCAGS, Bob has received another A. I. Levorsen Award for best paper of the South-

west Section and the Wallace E. Pratt Award for best *AAPG Bulletin* paper once, in addition to been awarded the AAPG Bob Berg Outstanding Research Award and the Karst Water Institute Research Award.

Bob's thirst for the betterment of the field of sedimentary geology extends into his service record, where he has a long history of leadership and advisory contributions. In 2005, he served as the President of the Gulf Coast Section of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists; he also has an extensive track record of additional service with SEPM on their research and steering committees. He served as an AAPG Associate Editor in 1998, 2002, and from 2007–2011, a thankless job that most don't try more than once! He has also organized and chaired dozens of sessions at geologic conferences, including GCAGS (now GeoGulf), AAPG, and GCSSEPM (Bob F. Perkins Research Conference). This history extends back over 40 years, with one of his first contributions being his work as Editor of the 1981 *GCAGS Transactions*.

Beyond his impressive publication and service record, Bob has served as a mentor and advisor to dozens of students throughout his career, many of whom are still practicing geologists in industry today. He has always had a reputation for "an intense interest in anything sedimentary" and has always readily imparted his knowledge to others. He is particularly well-known for always being ready for a "vigorous discussion" about hot topics in carbonate and mudrock geology. Even as he continues his exhaustive investigations—these days, they're centered around characterization of the Austin Chalk across the Gulf Coast—he always takes the time to help other researchers with their work. There is no doubt that Bob has been surpassingly instrumental in "raising" the next generation of geologists, as well as in bettering those already in the field.

There is one thing more important to Bob than rocks: his family. Bob met his wife, Deborah, through a friend at the Bureau of Economic Geology; they recently celebrated 42 wonderful years of marriage. He is father to three beautiful daughters, Laura, Sarah, and Hayley. He is also a grandfather to four young grandchildren, Rowen (age 4), Sutton (2), Knox (5), and June (3), who keep him young but perpetually tired! When not at work, Bob can always be found with his family—either relaxing at home, or adventuring with them up in the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado.

Although Bob would argue that he still has thousands of things to investigate and that he hasn't even come close to reaching the peak of his career yet, we feel that he has done more than enough to merit recognition of his work. Thus, it is with great enthusiasm and pleasure that we dedicate this volume of the *GCAGS Transactions* to Robert G. Loucks, in hopes that the true extent of his contributions to the field of sedimentary geology are recognized—and now immortalized.

*Kelly E. Hattori*  
Bureau of Economic Geology

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## IN MEMORIAM

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This year, GCAGS would like to honor the many victims worldwide, and in the U.S. Gulf Coast region, of the Covid-19 pandemic. As of this writing, there have been over 232 million cases reported worldwide, with almost 4.8 million deaths. The death toll in the U.S. has exceeded 688,000 and continues to grow. The Gulf Coast region has not been immune. For example, Texas trails only California with the most deaths of any U.S. state with over 64,000. A significant number of Gulf region geoscientists and engineers have been impacted by the pandemic, many of the Covid-related deaths are senior knowledge holders and mentors who will be sorely missed. In addition, a significant number of other Coast professionals and academics survived after having Covid-19 symptoms, in many cases severe and life threatening. Their lives and those around them were significantly disrupted and, in some cases, still are. Those we have lost over the past couple years will not be forgotten and we mourn their loss.

*Emery Goodman*  
on behalf of the GeoGulf 2021 Committee

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## 2021 GCSSEPM DORIS MALKIN CURTIS MEDAL

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### JOHN SNEDDEN



The Gulf Coast section of SEPM's Doris Malkin Curtis Medal recognizes geologists for their career contributions to the development of new concepts for understanding the geology of the Gulf of Mexico Basin and other basins globally. The award is named in honor of Doris Malkin Curtis, one of the pioneers of Gulf Coast paleontology and stratigraphy. This year's Doris Malkin Curtis medalist is John Snedden. GCSSEPM is recognizing John for his contributions to the understanding of the depositional systems and extensive petroleum systems in the Gulf of Mexico Basin. John is the Director of the Gulf Basin Depositional Synthesis Project (GBDS) in the Institute for Geophysics at The University of Texas at Austin. In 2019, John and GBDS-founder Bill Galloway published "The Gulf of Mexico Sedimentary Basin"—a landmark volume that encapsulated decades of work by John, Bill, their students, and their colleagues at UT Austin.

John's close ties to Gulf of Mexico geology go back to his undergraduate work at Trinity University in San Antonio and his Master's degree at Texas A&M University working on lignite deposits of South Texas. John took a break from the academic life to work for Mobil Oil for 4 years in Houston where he worked on production in Texas and New Mexico and did a stint of fieldwork in Arizona.

In 1983, John took a leave of absence from Mobil to return to academia. He did his Ph.D. research at LSU working with Dag Nummedal on modern shelf sediments of the Texas coast. This work led to influential papers on the storm and fair weather transport of sand across the shelf. In the 1980s, the formation of shelf sandbodies as reservoirs was a topic of much interest and controversy in sedimentary geology. John's work on the modern Texas coast landed him right in the middle of this question. He continued to contribute to the understanding of shelf sandbodies with work on the New Jersey shelf and the publication of several more papers after re-joining Mobil.

Mobil got John out of the Gulf Coast with a job in Stavanger, Norway, where he worked on deltaic and shallow marine reservoirs in the North Sea and Nigeria. In 2000, he returned to Houston just in time for the Exxon-Mobil merger. Many of Mobil's stratigraphers had retired or left ExxonMobil at the time of the merger. John stayed and prospered. He was the skill area coordinator for stratigraphy, a job not for the faint hearted given the outsized personalities of many Exxon stratigraphers at the time. I got to know John when we were working on a new, multi-disciplinary reservoir connectivity project at ExxonMobil Research. John's leadership and technical expertise were critical to the success of this project that not only led to several papers and patents, but more importantly to valuable new reserves found in and around existing fields. The success of reservoir connectivity analysis led to it moving out of the research lab and into the business units. John moved to Germany to open a new chapter in his career by working on unconventional resources.

Ten years ago, John made a major career change by retiring from ExxonMobil after returning from Germany and taking over the Directorship of GBDS. Bill Galloway founded this program in the 1980s, working primarily with well logs and biostratigraphy to reconstruct the depositional history of the Gulf of Mexico Basin. John very successfully built on this foundation by adding seismic data and expanding the project into Mexico just as Mexico was opening up their oil industry to outside investment. His research interests since joining UT have not been restricted to petroleum geology. He has, for example, published on the Chicxulub impact and associated deposits of the KT boundary. The longevity of this consortium is a testimony to John and

Bill's contribution to Gulf Coast geology and their impact on both the petroleum and academic geology communities.

Having completed "Gulf of Mexico Sedimentary Basins" and a synthesis of the Gulf of Mexico Superbasin in the recent *AAPG Bulletin* Superbasins Special Issue, John is taking more time to enjoy hiking in the mountains of Colorado and escaping the hot Austin summers. Nonetheless, I am sure that he will continue to make important contributions to understanding the Gulf of Mexico.

*Mike Sweet*  
GCSSEPM Vice-President

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

### GULF COAST ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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#### MARK W. SHUSTER



2021 has been a dynamic year. We have continued to deal with the impacts of COVID, but for the most part with a resolve to get on with business, school, and life in general. With that resolve in mind, as the 2021 Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) President, I and the Executive Committee members felt that it was important and timely to hold the GeoGulf 2021 Conference to provide a forum for Gulf Coast geoscientists to meet and interact. It is important because the geosciences community plays a critical role in the region to provide energy, water, and mineral resources, to identify and address potential geohazards, to shape approaches to responsibly manage resources and mitigate risks for the future, and to share knowledge that advances the geosciences. It is timely because we are seeing transitions in energy, the environment, and the work place that impact the geosciences community, and conversely, that the geosciences community can impact.

We have seen changes in the oil and gas industry reflecting increasing societal pressures and mandates for Environment, Society, and Governance (ESG) approaches to be applied across the industry. We have seen continued changes in the workforce from company reorganizations and strategic shifts. We have seen companies, large and small, developing new businesses to position for new opportunities such as carbon storage, water management, hydrogen, and geothermal. We have also seen the resiliency of industry to continue to deliver oil, gas, water, and materials critical to society.

Unfortunately, with these changes, we have also continued to see less availability of funds from industry for funding professional societies and associations, including the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS), and decreasing membership. It is unfortunate because a regional geological society like GCAGS and its member local societies play a key role in sustaining the regional and local geoscientific community, providing opportunities for regional and local knowledge sharing and professional development. I would argue that the need for GCAGS in this role has increased given the ongoing transitions in the energy scene and in the workforce. In other words, we need GCAGS more than ever and need to support GCAGS more than ever.

The rocks that comprise the reservoirs and aquifers, and the seals or aquicludes overlying them, and the minerals, water, and hydrocarbon resources that are produced from these rocks, and the rocks as materials for construction or manufacturing, are foundational for our economy and way of life. Understanding the origin, evolution, and characterization of these rocks in order to develop and manage them as resources requires state-of-the-art science and engineering. In my perspective, the science and engineering are often not fully appreciated or perhaps taken for granted. Having spent most of my professional career in oil and gas exploration, drilling both discoveries and dry holes onshore and in the deepwater, and having for the last several years been actively involved in geoscientific research, I have a deep appreciation of the technical challenges and the needs for and value of geosciences and engineering to overcome these challenges. There is newfound appreciation for accurate geologic characterization amongst those who may have discounted its importance for developing shale gas and tight oil resources. Geosciences deal with significant uncertainties and data limitations. As we witnessed in 2020, we have the science and technology to land and fly a drone on Mars remotely, which is fantastic. However, given myriad uncertainties about the subsurface, we are challenged to make accurate and repeatable predictions whether exploring for hydrocarbons, or forecasting aquifer performance or predicting changes in stress-state from rock-fluid interactions, just to name a few. We are

improving, but none of these challenges are easy, and collectively, we need to keep pushing technical know-how and scientific understanding.

We, as GCAGS, need to rise to this challenge and lead the way. We need to change and adapt in such a way that we can energize and broaden our community. We need to build on our exceptional legacy of Gulf Coast geosciences and geoscientists to forge a relevant and forward-looking GCAGS that is perceived as vibrant and relevant for the needs of today and the future. GeoGulf 2021 was intentionally designed to provide a spectrum of relevant content including existing and emerging themes, new approaches, and opportunities to see and touch the rocks through field trips and short courses. Perhaps more importantly, GeoGulf 2021 was designed to bring geoscientists back together again to share knowledge, interact, and strengthen the community.

I want to thank each of you for your participation in GeoGulf 2021. In particular, I want to give a big THANK YOU to the GeoGulf 2021 Executive Committee, sponsors, exhibitors, presenters, field trip and short course leaders, and volunteers who contributed significantly to this conference and the GCAGS community.

*Mark W. Shuster*  
GCAGS President

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT GULF COAST SECTION SEPM

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### NATHAN D. WILKENS



2021 once again finds us all in a challenging year with personal decisions on vaccinations, Delta variants, booster shots, and “breakthrough” Covid cases. Some companies have recalled people to their offices, while others are only doing it in a limited capacity. We are starting to see face to face meetings come back. IMAGE 2021 in Denver Sept. 26-Oct. 1 will include a combined AAPG and SEG meeting with a limited SEPM presence. GSA Connects 2021 will be in Portland, Oregon, Oct. 10-13. Closer to home, the GeoGulf 2021 meeting will be held in Austin on Oct. 27-29. The decision to attend a face to face conference is a personal risk-based decision for all of us, but I would encourage folks to at least consider attending a conference, even if that’s limited to digital attendance.

In these challenging times, many organizations have taken a step back to rethink what they can best bring to their members. GCSSEPM has started having some of these discussions as well. What is the niche that we can best fill to help our members, whether they are students at University, mid-career energy industry members, academia, and even as some folks transition to other industries or retire? A ship cannot turn on a dime, nor should an organization ignore its long and cherished history in favor of what works for today. The GCSSEPM Executive Committee will take things slowly and deliberately, and have discussions in a transparent and respectful manner.

The 2021 Doris Malkin Curtis Medal has been awarded to John Snedden in recognition of his contributions towards the understanding of the depositional systems that have created extensive petroleum systems in the Gulf of Mexico Superbasin. Honorary Memberships were awarded to Jim Pindell and Dorene West for their long term support of GCSSEPM. Distinguished Service Awards were awarded to Justin Gosses and Mehmood Shahid. At GeoGulf 2021, we will also be recognizing 2020 awards that were approved after the 2020 conference, including James J. Willis for Honorary Membership and J. Carl Fiduk and John R. Suter for Distinguished Service Awards.

On a personal note, I’ve been helping my wife with her hay business, which is something I grew up doing in northern Minnesota. I spend my evenings and weekends cutting, tedding, raking, baling, and stacking hay, along with the inevitable repairs that seem nearly non-stop when working with 50+ year old equipment. Weather and mechanical breakdowns are out of your control, and when it’s 97 degrees out and hay on the ground and rain coming and something catastrophically breaks on a baler, a person can quickly lose hope. But, I remember that I cannot control these things, take a deep breath, and get back to work. It is a reminder that in life, we often cannot control the things that go wrong, but instead are measured by our reaction to those events. May the rest of 2021 find you all doing better and prospering.

*Nathan D. Wilkens*  
GCSSEPM President

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## REPORT OF THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN

### 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION, 2021

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#### BRENT A. ELLIOTT



On behalf of the Austin Geological Society and GEOGULF 2021 conference organizing committee, I am honored to invite you to this year's Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies / Gulf Coast Section SEPM Annual Convention and Exhibition. Austin is more than just centrally located in the State of Texas, it is center to so many geoscience related industries, innovation and technology—and one of the fastest growing areas in the United States over the past two years.

The past two years have been challenging for everyone. The planning process for this GEOGULF started before COVID and was postponed and delayed due to the global pandemic, but the committee has worked tirelessly to develop an outstanding conference program with fieldtrips and short courses—with all the considerations for attendee health and safety in a post-pandemic conference paradigm. Moreover, the theme of adaptability and innovation in a transforming energy landscape is especially appropriate as our industries continue to adapt to social, environmental and technological challenges. Our ability to adapt and overcome these challenges has been remarkable and a real testament to our resiliency.

Critical to the future success of the geosciences is the development of young professionals, the integration of a new generation, diversity and inclusion. The GEOGULF 2021 committee has made a real effort to develop a comprehensive program that is inclusive and diverse. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a program that includes:

- Outstanding presentations in 17 Technical Sessions across themes of the Future of Exploration and Production, Geohazards and Resource Management, Sustainable Energy and the Future of Technology in the Geosciences;
- 9 field trips—Both Virtual, taking advantage of advances in technology to facilitate access, and In-Person to fantastic localities across Texas;
- 2 poster sessions in the Grand Exhibit Hall;
- 4 panel discussions: Economics of unconventional plays, geoscience careers in a new era, diversity and inclusion in the geosciences and updates on new legislation and regulatory topics that could impact the energy industry;
- 7 short courses on a wide variety of technical and geoscience subjects provided by experts in their respective fields;
- 3 core workshops—the Wilcox Group, Eagle Ford Shale and Cow Creek / Trinity Aquifer;
- Numerous Networking opportunities at Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Entertainment Events, including workshops for young professionals, mid- and late-careers;
- All Convention Luncheon—Dr. Scott Tinker, Director, Bureau of Economic Geology;
- All Divisions Luncheon—Gretchen Gillis, AAPG President;
- GCSSEPM Luncheon—Dr. Liz Hajek, Professor, PSU, and SEPM President;
- Dinner, Dancing, and Austin Vista at County Line Restaurant, Bee Cave; and
- Great Venue and Location at the Renaissance Hotel in the Arboretum of north Austin.

GEOGULF 2021 is a great opportunity to connect and reconnect after a long hiatus. I encourage all professionals across all geoscience disciplines, especially those with a connection to the Gulf Coast and the energy sector, to attend and be part of an innovative and transformative experience at GEOGULF 2021 in Austin, Texas.

*Brent A. Elliott*

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## REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM CHAIRS

### 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION, 2021

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**TOTI LARSON, MICHAEL SWEET, KELLY HATTORI, AND CARLOS FONSECA RIVERA**



The geoscience landscape is evolving at a pace that many of us have not experienced during our long or short careers. The GEOGULF2021 Technical Committee decided to face these changes head-on; hence, this year’s technical program is centered around the theme of “sustaining geoscience through the energy transition.” We are proud to deliver a diverse program that highlights traditional and emerging concepts across the geosciences. Four forward-looking themes, divided into seventeen technical sessions, outline the major focuses of the technical program: (1) The Future of Exploration and Production; (2) The Future of Geohazards and Resource Management; (3) The Future of Sustainable Energy; and (4) The Future of Technology in the Geosciences. The GEOGULF2021 Technical Committee accepted 137 abstracts that will be presented in 99 oral and 38 poster presentations across two full days of the conference.

The GEOGULF2021 technical program was greatly improved by the 27 Technical Session Chairs who helped design the individual technical sessions and attracted high-quality conference abstracts. When designing the technical program, we specifically brought in geoscientists with a wide range of specialties across geoscience subdisciplines including onshore and offshore oil and gas, geothermal, carbon capture, critical minerals, induced seismic events, and hazards associated with rising sea level. We also brought in water rights advocates and professionals within the regulatory framework of drilling and permitting to discuss the balance of water and energy demands. To foster conversation across these subdisciplines, we also designed four panel discussions targeting important and timely topics. These panels, which will commence at the end of the morning and afternoon technical sessions, include conversations on the regulatory frameworks in an evolving energy landscape, Economics & Environmental, Social, and (Corporate) Governance (ESG) of unconventional plays, the creation of a stronger workforce through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I), and geoscience careers for 2021 and beyond.

The initial planning for GEOGULF2021 began before we knew and understood the effects of Covid-19. While the uncertainty presented by Covid-19 affected every aspect of GEOGULF2021 planning, we did our best to push through and present a top-notch conference despite the logistical challenges. We feel that the changes we made to the program, which includes hybrid technical presentations, will greatly improve the accessibility of the GEOGULF2021 program. Of particular note is the addition of a virtual field trip. “Water resources and innovative water strategies—A virtual field trip in the Texas Hill Country,” presented by Linda McCall, Chock Woodruff, and Brian Hunt, will use Zoom and Google Earth to ‘visit’ field sites around Austin and Central Texas.

In addition to the virtual field trip, Field Trip Chair Kelly Hattori (Bureau of Economic Geology) lined up an incredibly diverse suite of nine traditional (in-person) field trips, sure to cover topics of interest for any geologist! Members of the Austin Geological Society and researchers at the Bureau of Economic Geology have prepared exceptional opportunities for geoscientists to visit world class outcrops of all types and learn from experienced field leaders.

In-person field trips (a phrase never said before 2020) will take participants to local gems. They can explore Longhorn Caverns, swim in Barton Springs, hike outcrops of the Wilcox Formation and the Cow Creek Formation / Trinity aquifer system, investigate the Hill Country remnants of the Wichita Paleoplain, visit the TV-famous volcanoes of south Austin, and even kayak along the spectacular Upper Cambrian microbial reefs of Mason County. For those who are more inclined to see the subsurface expression of these rocks, we are offering three core workshops, two of which pair with their accompanying field trip for an even better understanding of their respective formations: a clastics-oriented workshop focusing on the subsurface Wilcox Formation; a carbonate-oriented workshop focusing on the subsurface Cow Creek Formation; and a mudrocks-oriented workshop focusing on the subsurface Eagle Ford Shale. Participants of the mudrocks core workshop will also have the chance to “visit” the Eagle Ford Shale outcrops of Junction, Texas, without the long drive—by instead viewing them in full-immersion virtual reality during the workshop!

A comprehensive geoscience conference would not be complete with short courses, and as with other parts of the technical program, GEOGULF2021 has arranged an exceptional collection of geoscientists to teach novel geoscience tools. Seven short courses cover machine learning and geostatistics, salt tectonics, water in Texas, advanced multi-well formation evaluation, deep-water sedimentation, shallow marine reservoirs, and Python geoscience tools. All of these topics fall within the forward-looking theme of sustaining geoscience through the energy transition.

We look forward to joining you at GEOGULF2021!

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## REPORT OF THE EDITOR

### 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION, 2021

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#### JAMES J. WILLIS



This year marks my 6th time as serving as the GCAGS/GCSSEPM (now GeoGulf) *Transactions* Editor, with 16 years as the GCAGS Publisher and in various editorial capacities, and a decade plus as the GCAGS Managing Editor. Many persons might ask why would you subject yourself to that. My answer is that it has provided a huge giveback to an important association with a long history of quality contribution to Gulf Coast geoscience. I have to read many papers that in all honesty if not operating in this volunteer capacity would likely not read, yet I'm a better geoscientist for doing so. My favorite snippet per se thus far—did you know that a single hurricane event (Ivan, if I'm not mistaken) cleared out as much sediment from Mobile Bay as had been deposited the entire Century before?!!! But there has been so much more over these years that I've learned and am thus grateful to the many contributors over the years. This year we have an ever-increasing diversity of contributions that I hope you enjoy—still way too many abstracts in my opinion but publishing dues cost money.

To Norm Rosen, you have been so helpful these past few years and I will be forever grateful for your efforts. To Jill Willis, well, you already know how appreciative I am and I love you for that. None of my efforts over these last 16 years of serving GCAGS would have happened without you, and that doesn't include your own actual efforts for GCAGS over those same 16 years.

*James J. Willis*  
Permanent GCAGS *Transactions* Editor

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## 2021 GCAGS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

### 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION, 2021

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#### LINDA STERNBACH



Linda has provided extraordinary service to GCAGS for over 30 years that has included her role of technical chair for the GCAGS annual meetings in 2015 and 2019—these have been the last two in-person GCAGS conferences held in Houston. Linda is a great “hands on” organizer and manager of the many moving parts for the organization of these meetings that included spearheading the call for content that involved reaching out to many professionals and students, creating a high-quality website that helped advertise the event by sharing the information on what was being offered, and planning impactful technical talk and poster sessions on topic of interest for the meeting participants.

She has been an active member of AAPG since 1984. She is the current AAPG Vice President Sections representative (2020–2022) on the AAPG Executive Committee. AAPG has recognized Linda’s contribution by presenting her with the AAPG Distinguished Service Award in 2015 and AAPG Honorary Membership in 2020. She has served in AAPG committees as a leader in Geophysical Integration and as the 2011 AAPG Annual Meeting Technical Chair.

Linda’s other service efforts included her serving the Houston Geological Society since the 1990s, serving as Board Member, HGS Bulletin Editor, Vice President, and President in 2007–2008. The Houston Geological Society has recognized Linda with Honorary Membership and the Jerry Cooley Award in 2014.

Linda was born in Philadelphia, PA, and earned a B.S. in Geology from Syracuse University in 1981, and an M.S. in Geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1984. She studied carbonate geology with Dr. Gerald Friedman at RPI, and married fellow student Charles Sternbach in 1983 just before leaving school to go to Texas to start jobs in the oil industry. Linda worked for ARCO Oil and Gas from 1984–1993, in the Gulf Coast onshore and offshore areas. She then consulted as a geophysical specialist using workstation interpretation for 10 years, working domestic and international plays. Linda worked for Pennzoil, Kerr McGee, Globex International, and Oxy before joining Star Creek Energy as Vice President in 2008.

With this Honorary Membership Award, GCAGS thanks Linda Sternbach for her dedication and service to GCAGS and for her efforts in making two of its annual meetings such a great success.

*Paul Mann*  
University of Houston

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## GCSSEPM HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### GCSSEPM 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, 2021

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#### JAMES J. WILLIS (2020 HONOREE)



Honorary Membership in GCSSEPM is granted to James J. Willis for his significant contributions to GCSSEPM through his many efforts over the years contributing to the *GCAGS/GCSSEPM Transactions* and Conventions as presenter and writer of outstanding contributions, organization leadership, GCAGS Managing Editor, and *Transactions* Permanent Editor. Recently, he has helped transform with other colleagues the GCAGS/GCSSEPM Convention into the GCAGS/GCSSEPM GeoGulf Convention and served as General Chair of GeoGulf 2020 in which he led the way to a first in hybrid geoscience conferences. This Honorary Membership recognizes his tenacity through many contributions to the Convention and now GeoGulf, an important conference for GCSSEPM's membership and a venue for GCSSEPM's regionally focused geoscience discourse. Further, his determination to ensure GeoGulf 2020 happened despite the many obvious obstacles we all faced, and the not so obvious obstacles, required to allow the conference to proceed.

James J. Willis received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geology from the now University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 1989 and 1990, respectively, and his Ph.D. as a National Science Foundation research fellow at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1993. From 1994-1996, he studied planetary tectonics as a NASA-funded postdoctoral fellow at Southern Methodist University. In 1996, he returned to UL-Lafayette, where he was awarded in 1997 the Hensarling-Chapman Endowed Professorship in Geology. He began independent consulting activities in 1991, and in 2001 left academia for full-time consulting for clients ranging from one-man shops to supermajors. He rejoined UL-Lafayette as an adjunct professor from 2011-2018. James is an active researcher, receiving several million dollars in grants from federal, state, and industry sources, presenting numerous talks, including a 2019 AAPG Levorsen award, and publishing on a diversity of geoscience topics, including a Grover E. Murray Best Published Paper award in 2017 and co-author of the inaugural *GCAGS/GCSSEPM Transactions* Best Student Paper award in 2018. He served as the GCAGS Publisher since 2006 and in various *GCAGS/GCSSEPM Transactions* editing capacities since 2006, including the 2014 and 2017-2020 Editor (named Permanent *Transactions* Editor in 2017), and Managing Editor since 2011, receiving a GCAGS Distinguished Service Award in 2018. He served as the General Chair for GeoGulf 2020 (70th GCAGS/GCSSEPM Convention), the 1st hybrid geoscience conference in the world. He is a Past President of the Lafayette Geological Society and served as its Editor and Publisher from 2002-2018. In 2018, he founded the Willis School of Applied Geoscience, reformulating decades of industry-training experience to include providing graduate students zero-cost training. He also joined the LSU faculty as an adjunct professor in 2020.

*Don Van Nieuwenhuise*  
GCSSEPM Past-President

**JAMES L. PINDELL (2021 HONOREE)**

The Executive Council of GCSSEPM conveys honorary membership to James L. Pindell for his outstanding contributions in tectonism and sedimentation. He was previously awarded GCSSEPM's highest honor, the Doris Malkin Curtis Medal, in 2020.

James Lawrence ("Jim") Pindell was born on October 9, 1957, in Syracuse, NY, and was gifted from birth with an eidetic memory and a natural curiosity about the world. This curiosity initially led him to Colgate University, where he earned a B.A. in geology in 1979. Jim earned his M.S. in geology in 1981 at SUNY Albany under the guidance of John Dewey and Kevin Burke, and this partnership with Dewey led to the publication of Jim's landmark M.S. synthesis, Permo-Triassic reconstruction of Western Pangea and the evolution of the Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean region in 1982. With this promising start, Jim entered the oil industry with Pennzoil in Houston but left after a year to pursue his Ph.D. in geology under Dewey and (external advisor) Walter Pittman at the University of Durham (England). It was from this work that Jim published what is now considered to be his groundbreaking paper on the origin of the Gulf of Mexico, Alleghanian reconstruction, and the subsequent evolution of the Gulf of Mexico, Bahamas, and Proto-Caribbean Sea in 1985. After brief stints at Lamont-Doherty and the University of Puerto Rico (Mayagüez), Jim settled in at Dartmouth College for the longest stay of his academic career (1987-1997). During his time at Dartmouth, Jim built on his initial work with 28 major publications on the geology and tectonic evolution of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean regions. His 1990 Decade of North American Geology paper with Steve Barrett, "Geologic Evolution of the Caribbean Region: A Plate-Tectonic Perspective," is still considered to be the starting point for all those working on tectonic problems in the region.

Jim's pursuit of geological problems pulled him into the field in many countries, including Venezuela, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Mexico, and this work obviously made him think more deeply about the interplay of tectonics and sedimentation on hydrocarbon accumulations in Mexico and the Caribbean borderlands. In 1986, Jim started Tectonic Analysis, Inc., one of the first and most successful industrial associates programs in E&P research. Along with coworkers and former students Sam Algar and Johan Erikson and synergistic relationships with Roger Higgs and Tomás Villamil, Jim produced numerous voluminous industry reports and publications and made many key advances in our understanding of the geology of northern South America. Upon leaving Dartmouth, Jim worked full-time through Tectonic Analysis, Ltd. (TAL) with Lorcan Kennan to combine and synthesize TAL products with industry data in a universal digital format, especially improving our understanding of the geology of Trinidad and Tobago. In 2009, Jim and Lorcan published "Tectonic Evolution of the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean and Northern South America in the Mantle Reference Frame: An update," a major leap forward in our understanding of circum-Caribbean geology and evolution. While Jim maintained his academic ties as an adjunct professor with the University of Cardiff and Rice University, the industry-related portion of TAL continued to grow. In 2011, Jim began a fruitful working relationship with ION-GXT that helped return his focus to the Gulf of Mexico, but also allowed him to branch out into new project areas like Brazil, Suriname, and Mexico, from which Jim co-taught numerous ION workshops for industry around the world with colleagues Rod Graham and Brian Horn. Since 2017, Jim and Rod along with Gary Gray have conducted field studies together in Mexico, the three of them teaming to author four papers in the recently published Geological Society of London Special Publication 504, "The Basins, Orogens and Evolution of the Southern Gulf of Mexico and Northern Caribbean." Jim's expanded focus on Mexico has also allowed him to collaborate with key coworkers Diego Villagómez, Bodo Weber, and Roberto Molina-Garza.

Since the beginning of his career, Jim's work has shaped how we think and what we know about the post-Pangea world of the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and South America. A list of his major contributions and publications (over 100 papers, plus countless abstracts and presentations) would be too long to include here. Some of his most important contributions include:

- Recognition of the importance of the Tuxpan-Chiapas Transform margin, now known as the East Mexico or Western Gulf Transform which facilitated the counterclockwise rotation of the Yucatán Block out of the Gulf of Mexico.
- Understanding the amount and extent of stretching/extension of the West Florida crust into the Great Bahamas Bank.
- Strontium dating of salt in the principal Gulf of Mexico salt basin (not just the interior salt basins) as Bajocian, and not Callovian.
- Proponent and champion of the Pacific origin of the Caribbean Plate.
- Clearly documenting the Maastrichtian to Present eastward migration of the Caribbean foredeep along northern South America.
- Balancing 1100 km of Cayman Trough offset across the multiple fault strands of Hispaniola (and not just the Oriente Fault Zone).
- The realization of the transition from transpression to transtension in eastern Venezuela and Trinidad at 10 Ma.
- Recognized the Chiapanecan Orogeny in southern Mexico was not caused by the passage of the Chortis Block, but rather by the onset of subduction beneath Chiapas in the wake of Chortis.

For my part, I've had the pleasure to know Jim personally and professionally for the past 36 years, during which Jim and I have worked together on Florida, Trinidad, Colombia, Venezuela, and the opening of the Atlantic. Besides his many achievements and prodigious intellect, I know Jim as a family man and a good friend. Never having been accused of being timid, Jim will fiercely defend his ideas and his friends, and cares deeply about the science of geology. I am therefore honored to have been asked to write the citation for this award, which is so richly deserved.

*Bob Erlich*  
Executive Director, Cayo Energy LP.

### **DORENE B. WEST (2021 HONOREE)**



This year, 2021, the Gulf Coast Section SEPM Honorary Membership has been awarded to Dorene B. West, a consulting geologist in Houston, Texas. Dorene was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. She attended the School of Business at Indiana University, where she was first exposed to geology when she took an earth science course to fulfill a curriculum requirement. Earth science was a revelation to her and radically changed her academic aspirations. She completed the coursework for an Associate Degree in Business Management and Administration and then changed her major to geology and her future career was set. She graduated and then obtained her master's degree, also at Indiana, in structural geology. Her thesis is titled "Analysis of Structural Fabric Data on the Unit Sphere."

Upon leaving Indiana, Dorene relocated to Midland to take up a post with Gulf Oil. She initially worked in Gulf's Geoscience Exploration Data Processing Group and latterly in their Exploration/Operations teams in Midland and New Orleans, and Frontier Exploration team in Houston. In 1984, her activities were responsible for 25% of Gulf's New Orleans District booked reserves. Over the following years she held permanent positions at Sohio, GECO, Pacific Enterprises, Pennzoil, Kerr-McGee, Phillips/ConocoPhillips, and Nexen. In addition, she provided consulting for Total Minatome, Arco, Phillips, Maxus, Newfield, Hess, Camac, Tectonic Analysis, and Lloyd's Register. Building on her structural geology expertise, she became particularly interested in salt-associated plays, and was one of the first geologists to recognize that there was untapped exploration potential in such systems. Her papers presented orally at the Gulf Coast SEG in 1987, the AAPG Annual Convention in 1988, and the 28th International Geological Congress in 1989. Her paper in the *AAPG Bulletin* in 1989 titled "Salt Deformation on Deep Margin of Central Gulf of Mexico Basin" was seminal in this respect. With this extensive experience under her belt, she also taught salt tectonics seminars.

Dorene's interest in salt tectonics also led to her long association with GCSSEPM and particularly the Annual Research Conferences. This relationship began when she co-chaired the very successful 10th Annual Research Conference titled "Gulf of Mexico Salt Tectonics, Associated Processes and Exploration Potential"; this was the Section's first salt conference, as well as the first time in the history of the section that attendance was sold out. After this auspicious start, she continued to serve the society, including editing papers for the 15th Annual Research conference titled "Rates of Geologic Processes, Tectonics, Sedimentation, Eustasy and Climate—Implications for Hydrocarbon Exploration," and serving in various editorial capacities for the *GCAGS/GCSSEPM Transactions* since 2015. She also served as Vice-Chairman for the 2015 Annual GCAGS Convention. In addition to volunteering to fill these roles for the annual meetings, she also served our society administratively: President-Elect in 2015, President in 2016, Past-President in 2017, and she is beginning a 4 year term as a Foundation Trustee in 2017.

In 2017, Dorene became a worthy recipient of the Gulf Coast Section SEPM Distinguished Service Award.

Since semi-retiring in 2016, Dorene has volunteered for professional societies by editing papers for GCAGS/GeoGulf and AAPG. She has served as a Special Agency judge yearly for Houston Geological Society (HGS) at the Science and Engineering Fair Houston (SEFH) and is chairing the committee for HGS SEFH in 2021. Dorene continues to serve as a Trustee for GCSSEPM Foundation and knowledge resource for the GCSSEPM Executive Committee.

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## GCSSEPM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

### GCSSEPM 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, 2021

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#### JOSEPH CARL FIDUK (2020 AWARDEE)



The Distinguished Service Award is given to those members who have given significantly of their time to support the activities of the Section or Foundation. Carl recently received the same award in 2018 for his lengthy contributions of service to GCSSEPM and the geoscience community as previously described by Bruce Hart in the member section of the GCSSEPM webpage. Nevertheless, it was overwhelmingly appropriate and timely to honor Carl again with a 2020 Distinguished Service Award for his service through outstanding leadership for the 2019 in the Perkins-Rosen Conference. The Perkins-Rosen Conference is the premier event of the GCSSEPM Foundation, which provides a venue for the GCSSEPM membership and world leaders to share their experiences and knowledge through publications and presentations on various aspects of Gulf Coast geology and its application to hydrocarbon exploration and production. These topics include Salt Tectonics, which was the theme of the conference in December 2019. Carl significantly contributed to the efforts required for this conference to happen, even though many conferences had been cancelled due to the downturn in industry prior to the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic in early 2020.

Carl Fiduk is presently an independent consultant and owner of Fiduk Consulting, LLC. He has far too many years of combined exploration, production, research, service-company, and private consulting experience in the petroleum industry and academia. He earned his B.A. and M.S. in geology from the University of Florida, an M.B.A. from the University of Texas-Permian Basin, and a Ph.D. in geology and geophysics from the University of Texas at Austin. Carl has previously been an explorationist at Gulf Oil, BP, and Freeport McMoran, a researcher at the Bureau of Economic Geology and the University of Colorado, and the Chief Geologist at CGG, CGGVeritas, and WesternGeco. At various times he has been employed as either a geophysicist or a geologist. He has been asked to do everything from prospect generation to regional seismic mapping, from modelling petroleum systems to detailed sequence stratigraphic analysis, from 2D structural restorations to seismic project management, from mentoring young professional to teaching industry training classes, and much in between. To his consulting clients he provides expertise on petroleum exploration, salt tectonics, marine depositional processes, basin analysis, seismic interpretation, seismic processing, and structural geology. He has explored in almost all the major salt basins of the world. He has published just over 100 peer reviewed abstracts/papers and is a past AAPG Distinguished Lecturer.

*Don Van Nieuwenhuise*  
GCSSEPM Past-President

#### JOHN R. SUTER (2020 AWARDEE)



The Distinguished Service Award is given to those members who have given significantly of their time to support the activities of the Section or Foundation. It is appropriate and timely to honor John with a Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to GCSSEPM and GCAGS, including the last five years serving on Executive Council and as Executive Director of the GCSSEPM Foundation, a position he continues to hold. In that position, he assisted Carl Fiduk with several aspects of the 2019 Perkins-Rosen Research conference including securing the meeting venue

from a strong supporting company, Noble Energy. The Perkins-Rosen Research Conference is the premier event of the GCSSEPM Foundation, which provides a venue for the GCSSEPM membership and world leaders to share their experiences and knowledge through publications and presentations on various aspects of Gulf Coast geology and its application to hydrocarbon exploration and production. These topics include Salt Tectonics, which was the theme of the conference in December 2019. Additionally, through his leadership skills, John correctly cancelled the 2020 research conference due to a lack of available industry support and lingering COVID 19 issues in Houston. In all, his many efforts have contributed significantly to the continuation of both the GCSSEPM Section and the Foundation through good times and more difficult times.

John R. Suter, Ph.D. is a consulting geologist in Houston, Texas, with primary expertise in clastic facies and sequence stratigraphy. Suter obtained bachelor's degrees in chemistry and geology, and a master's degree in geology from the University of Texas at Austin, followed by a Ph.D. in geology from Louisiana State University. John began his geological career as a marine geologist with the USGS, Louisiana Geological Survey, and Louisiana State University in the early 1980s, working on sea level rise, coastal evolution, and Quaternary sequence stratigraphy. During this time, he held leadership roles in international organizations devoted to Quaternary shoreline studies, including the International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA) and the International Geological Correlation Program (IGCP). Suter shifted to industry in 1988, working with Exxon Production Research, Conoco, Inc., and ConocoPhillips until retiring in 2015. He spent most of his industry career in technology groups, doing research, technology development, and training, as well as working projects involving reservoir, source, and/or seal for conventional and non-conventional deposits at exploration, appraisal, development, and production scales in various basins across multiple continents. Suter has published numerous papers, organized and convened multiple research conferences, and has taught a variety of short courses, field schools, and core workshops for petroleum companies, scientific societies, and universities. He has received awards for papers, presentations, and posters from various professional societies, including AAPG, AASP, CSPG, GCAGS, SEG, and SEPM. He is a Texas Professional Geologist (#3915). Suter was an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer, served as SEPM Councilor for Research, and chaired the AAPG Technical Advisory and Research Committees. John was the President of the Gulf Coast Section of SEPM in 2017 and assumed the duties of Executive Director of the GCSSEPM Foundation in late 2018.

*Don Van Nieuwenhuise*  
GCSSEPM Past-President

### **JUSTIN GOSSES (2021 AWARDEE)**



Justin Gosses grew up on fossiliferous Silurian dolomite and limestone in northern Ohio on the shores of Lake Erie before moving to less interesting Devonian shale. He studied geology at Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania on top of Cambrian & Ordovician limestone & phyllite. His undergraduate thesis was on the sedimentology and stratigraphy of the Tsagantsav Formation, southeastern Mongolia, a series of volcanoclastic, lacustrine shales and sandstones deposited in a failed rift basin. Graduate studies followed at University of Wisconsin-Madison on Cambrian sandstone where interests in volcanoclastic stratigraphy continued with field work in the Chubut province of Argentina unraveling the stratigraphic history and ages of Eocene age caldera lake sediments holding the paleontological important Laguna del Hunco flora.

Upon finishing his studies, Justin started with BP Exploration and Production Inc. in Houston. Based out of an office on Quaternary Beaumont Formation shales, he worked on exploration, development, production, and research teams across the Gulf of Mexico and Rockies. After an expatriate position in Calgary, Canada, Justin came back to Houston and worked offshore Brazil exploration. In 2015 & 2016, Justin started to more seriously pick up coding leading to a NASA contractor position within enterprise IT focused on web development and data visualization that

over time shifted to machine learning and open data. Justin's geoscience activities are now limited to side projects. In addition to volunteering with Gulf Coast Section of SEPM as social media chair, he's created wellio & wellioviz, two javascript libraries that allow for easy programmatic analysis and visualization of LAS formatted well logs on the web without converting and storing the data in other formats. Predictatops is a Python project demonstrating a novel supervised machine learning approach to stratigraphic well correlation. Awesome Open Geoscience is a listing of useful open source subsurface geoscience software that is maintained by Justin and 54+ other volunteers from SWUNG (Software Underground), a free global group of subsurface geoscientists who code. It is the most popular code project on github.com under the geoscience topic.

### **MUHAMMAD SHAHID MEHMOOD (2021 AWARDEE)**



What is quickly apparent upon meeting Muhammad Shahid Mehmood (Shahid) is that he is passionate about geology and science communication/outreach. Born in Islamabad, Pakistan, Shahid earned a diploma in Mechanical Engineering from CTTI Islamabad in 1998. A lifelong learner, he returned to school and received a B.Sc. of Earth Science from Birkbeck University, London, in 2016. With over 13 years of experience in oilfield services, Shahid is a skilled Formation Evaluation specialist and has worked in Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Bahrain. Eager to share what he knows with others, Shahid has volunteered his time to coach University of Houston students on writing CVs and to teach earth science concepts to lower and high school levels. Shahid has served on GCSSEPM's Social Media team from 2019 to present and manages the GCSSEPM LinkedIn and Twitter accounts. This service has proven particularly valuable to create community, share information, and raise the profile of GCSSEPM during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even calling in from an oilfield in Saudi Arabia, Shahid is brimming with energy and ideas for how to better leverage Social Media to improve our society. The Executive Committee would like to recognize his efforts with a 2021 Distinguished Service Award.

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**“Integrated Carbonate Reservoir Analysis and Modeling, Upper Jurassic Smackover Formation, Fishpond Field, Southwestern Alabama, Northeastern Gulf Coastal Plain”**

**Alexander Owen, Ernest A. Mancini, D. Joe Benson,  
Berry H. Tew, Jr., and Ibrahim Çemen**



**Alexander Owen**

Alex has worked for six years in the oil and gas industry and serves as the Executive Vice President of Exploration for Fletcher Petroleum, located in Fairhope, Alabama. He has a bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of South Alabama, a Master's Degree in Geological Sciences from the University of Alabama, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Earth and Environmental Science from the University of New Orleans. Alex's primary research focus has been on the Jurassic Smackover Formation in the U.S. Gulf Coastal region, while also exploring for oil and gas in various plays located along the Gulf Coast. Alex has a professional geologist's license in the state of Alabama and is an active member in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, University of Alabama Geological Sciences Advisory Board, and the Florida Independent Petroleum Producers Association.

**Ernest A. Mancini**

Biography and photograph not available as of press time.



**D. Joe Benson**

D. Joe Benson is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Alabama. He received his B.A degree from the College of Wooster and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Cincinnati. During his 37 year career at the University of Alabama, he served as Chair of the Department of Geology, Assistant and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice-President for Research, and Interim Provost. He and his students have been involved in research on the stratigraphy, environments of deposition, and diagenesis of Paleozoic and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks in the southern Appalachians and the Eastern Gulf Coastal Plain.



**Berry H. Tew, Jr.**

Dr. Berry H. "Nick" Tew, Jr. is the State Geologist of Alabama. As State Geologist, Dr. Tew also serves as State Oil & Gas Supervisor and Secretary of the Oil and Gas Board. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Geology at the University of Alabama. He specializes in Alabama's surface and subsurface geology with almost 40 years of professional geological experience in this regard. Nick serves as Alabama's Official Representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and is currently Vice-President of the Groundwater Protection Council. He is a professional geologist licensed by the Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists, a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, and has been a member of American Association for Petroleum Geologists for over 40 years. Nick was awarded the E. W. Marland Award, IOGCC's highest honor, in 2013, and the Medal in Memory of Ian Campbell for Superlative Service to the Geosciences, the highest award of the American Geosciences Institute, in 2016.



**Ibrahim Çemen**

Dr. Çemen has been conducting research in petroleum structural geology, petroleum system analysis, and effects of tectonics and climate in sedimentation since the mid-1990s, when he started to work on the Devonian, Mississippian, and Pennsylvanian Petroleum Systems in the Arkoma Basin in Oklahoma. This work was first supported by a 3 year grant from Oklahoma Center for Advancement in Science and Technology (OCAST) to study "Overthrust natural-gas reservoirs in the Arkoma Basin" by his research group. The OCAST grant was matched by the Gas Research Institute (GRI). The group supported several graduate students' theses and wrote a comprehensive final report to OCAST. Since 2000, Dr. Çemen has been continuing his petroleum system analysis research in the Arkoma Basin with grants and contracts from the energy industry.

Dr. Çemen advised fifteen graduate students M.S. thesis projects in different aspects of petroleum system analysis in Arkoma Basin. He has published many scientific journal articles with his students based on their work in the Arkoma Basin and given numerous scientific presentations in National and International Meetings. Their work inspired a triangle model of strain partitioning from the leading edge-thrust to the basinal sediments. The triangle model has now been proposed for strain partitioning in sedimentary basins in other parts of the world similar to their tectonic settings to the Arkoma Basin.

Since joining the University of Alabama, Department of Geological Sciences in August, 2009, Dr. Çemen has been conducting research in Jurassic to Cretaceous petroleum systems in Gulf Coastal Plain sediments in Alabama and Mississippi with his students and colleagues.

Ed. Note: The 2020 *GeoGulf Transactions* volume incorrectly listed Peter Rose as the 2020 President's Award for the Best Published Paper in the *GCAGS Journal*, v. 9. Peter Rose was the 2019 awardee for the *GCAGS Journal*, v. 8. Note that Peter Rose is also the 2021 awardee for the *GCAGS Journal*, v. 10.

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**“The Wichita Paleoplain in Central Texas”**

**Peter R. Rose**



**Peter R. Rose**

Dr. Pete Rose (Ph.D., Geology, University of Texas, Austin) has been a professional geologist for 63 years, specializing in Carbonate Stratigraphy, Petroleum Geology, E&P Risk Analysis, and Mineral Economics. Before going on his own in 1980 as an independent prospector and consultant, he worked for Shell Oil Company, the United States Geological Survey, and Energy Reserves Group, Inc., a small-cap Independent.

After 10 years as an internationally-recognized authority on economic risking of exploration drilling ventures, he founded Rose & Associates, LLP, in 1998. Pete retired in 2005; the firm continues as the global standard among consulting companies in that field, providing instruction, software, and consulting services on an international scale.

Pete wrote the definitive geological monograph on the Edwards Limestone of Texas (Rose, 1972), and has continued to publish related investigations to the present time. His 2001 book, *Risk Analysis and Management of Petroleum Exploration Ventures*, now in its 7th printing, is considered by many as the “Bible” on that topic, and has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, and Russian. He has authored or co-authored more than 80 published articles on an extremely wide variety of geological topics (Micropaleontology to Petroleum Economics). He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Geological Society of London.

In 2005, he was the 89th President of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

In 2006-07, he was a member of the National Petroleum Council, involved with their summary of the global energy situation, *Facing the Hard Truths about Energy*, and was also deeply involved in successful efforts to encourage the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to modernize its rules governing estimation and disclosure of oil and gas reserves, thus facilitating the investment component of the “shale revolution” in the U.S.

In 2013, the Geological Society of London awarded Peter R. Rose its prestigious Petroleum Group Medal for lifetime contributions to Petroleum Geology, the first American to be so recognized, and in 2014 the American Association of Petroleum Geologists honored him with its Halbouty Outstanding Leadership Award.

Pete is a 5th-generation Texan. He and his wife Alice have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. They divide their time between Austin and their El Segundo Ranch near Telegraph, Texas. In retirement, he took up a new career as a historian: in September 2012, Texas Tech University Press published his book, *The Reckoning: The Triumph of Order on the Texas Outlaw Frontier*, about the coming of Order and Law to the western Hill Country and Edwards Plateau regions of Texas (1873-1883). He is also well known for field trips he leads with Dr. Charles Woodruff into the Texas Hill Country that combine the topics of Geology, Wineries, and Frontier History.

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## GROVER E. MURRAY BEST PUBLISHED PAPER AWARDS

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### FIRST PLACE – 2020

#### **“Advanced Facies Characterization in Clastic Reservoirs from the Gulf of Mexico: Integration of Quantitative Borehole Image Texture and Laminated Deposition Analysis”**

**Indrajit Basu, Anish Kumar, and Elizabeth Ruiz**



**Indrajit Basu**

Indrajit Basu is an independent senior geoscientist with over 20 years of experience in well log and subsurface data interpretation. He has worked in various clastic, carbonate, and unconventional reservoirs from Asia, Middle-East, Africa, Europe, and American basins including offshore Gulf of Mexico, Trinidad, and Guyana with specialization in image log data analysis and applications, mostly with Schlumberger. Indrajit holds a Master of Technology degree in GeoExploration from Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, India.

Indrajit joined Schlumberger in 2001 and worked as a geologist, reservoir geologist, and team lead before taking over the domain head role for wellbore software development in France and worked as a senior geologist based in Houston. He is an industry recognized trainer in borehole geology for over a decade. Indrajit is a member of AAPG.



**Anish Kumar**

Anish Kumar received his Ph.D. in Geology at Texas Tech University in 1997. He worked with Special Core Analysis Labs, Inc., Midland, Texas, as a Geologist and Lab Manager until 2001, when he began his career with Schlumberger in New Orleans as an Interpretation Development Geologist with a focus on Borehole Geology and deepwater deposits. He moved to Houston in 2005. Continuing a focus on deepwater, Anish is currently the Geology Domain

Champion for Schlumberger’s Offshore Atlantic RPE (Wireline) operations.



**Elizabeth Ruiz**

Elizabeth Ruiz graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor’s in Geology in 2004, and a Master’s in Geological Sciences in 2007. She has 15 years of experience as a borehole geologist for Schlumberger. Over her career, she has worked in conventional and unconventional reservoirs providing image interpretations from Wireline and LWD imaging tools. She is currently the lead Schlumberger borehole geologist for the Gulf of Mexico and the Guyana, Trini-

dad, and Caribbean areas. Using borehole images and other petrophysical data, she provides dip, structural, lithofacies, and paleocurrent analyses for deepwater reservoirs.

## SECOND PLACE – 2020

### “Evaluating Failure: Extracting Relevant Volatile Geochemical Information from Legacy Geological Materials from Dry Holes and Underperforming Wells”

**Christopher M. Smith and Michael P. Smith**



**Christopher M. Smith**

Christopher Smith has been a Senior Chemist with Advanced Hydrocarbon Stratigraphy (AHS) since January 2019 and works in Houston on data analysis, instrumentation, client engagements, and business development. Most of his analysis work focuses on the North Slope in Alaska, the Delaware Basin, the Anadarko Basin in Oklahoma, and the Marcellus, though an increasing portion is focused on the Gulf of Mexico and the Columbus Basin. Prior to working for AHS, he received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Arizona in the Winter 2018 term with focuses on instrumentation, data analysis programming, spectroscopy, electrophysiology, surfactants, and surface modification chemistries. He also completed an M.A. in history at the University of Tulsa as a Henneke Research Fellow in 2012. He completed his undergraduate work *cum laude* in 2011 with degrees in chemistry, history, and biochemistry also from the University of Tulsa.



**Michael P. Smith**

Mike Smith earned a B.A. in Geology from Rutgers College in 1977, and Ph.D. in Geology and Geophysics from U Hawaii in 1981. At U. Tulsa (1981–1984), Mike developed the first Mass Spectrometer system to analyze Individual Fluid Inclusion Volatiles with Colin Barker. At Amoco’s Tulsa Research Center (1984–1994), Mike invented Fluid Inclusion Stratigraphy (FIS), now owned and marketed by Schlumberger. Mike resigned Amoco in 1994 to start Advanced Hydrocarbon Stratigraphy (AHS) inventing Fluid Inclusion Volatiles (FIV). Mike sold FIV to ExxonMobil Upstream Research in 1999 and consulted with ExxonMobil until 2009. In 2010 Mike restarted AHS developing new patented technology to gently analyze present-day oil, gas, and formation water in cuttings and core. AHS and Baker Hughes are strategic partners since 2018 and market this technology worldwide as Volatiles Analyses Services (VAS). VAS also evaluates CCS reservoir viability and aids helium exploration using old and new cuttings and core.

## THIRD PLACE – 2020

### “Machine Learning Identification of TOC-Rich Zones in the Eagle Ford Shale”

**Adewale Amosu, Mohamed Imsalem, and Yuefeng Sun**



**Adewale Amosu**

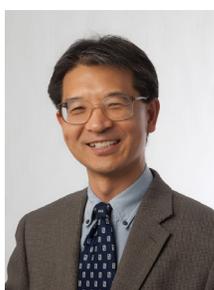
Adewale Amosu obtained a Ph.D. in Geophysics from the University of Memphis in 2014. His research addresses challenges encountered in the exploration of Earth’s resources using various computational, data analysis, and artificial intelligence tools, in areas of interest such as petroleum geology, petrophysics, reservoir

rock physics, and statistical and mathematical methods in geology. He is an active member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), and the International Association for Mathematical Geosciences (IAMG).



**Mohamed Imsalem**

Mohamed N. Imsalem obtained a master's degree in vertebrate paleontology from the University of Poitiers, France, in 2011. He obtained a second master's degree in Miocene to Quaternary palynology from University of Montpellier, France, in 2012, as well as a Ph.D. in Geoscience from Texas A&M University in 2021. His research interests include palynology, paleopalynology, petroleum geology, petrophysics, geochemistry, and statistical methods. He is a member of the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP), and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG).



**Yuefeng Sun**

Dr. Yuefeng Sun is a Professor of Geology and Geophysics at Texas A&M University, College Station, USA. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1994. His research interests include petroleum geology, reservoir geophysics, biogeophysics, mechanics, and electrodynamics of multiphase fractured porous media, and advanced energy research. He is the Director of the TAMU Reservoir Geophysics Program with research focus on integrating geology, rock physics, geophysics, and reservoir simulation for energy exploration and production. He has served on the editorial boards of *Geophysics* and the *Journal of Computational Acoustics*. He is a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), and the American Geophysical Union (AGU).

### **HONORABLE MENTION - 2020**

#### **“Chicxulub Target Stratigraphy and Ejecta: Insights from Northern Belize”**

**David T. King, Jr. and Lucille W. Petruny**



**David T. King, Jr.**

Dr. King's academic research interests are related to the effect of asteroid and comet impact upon Earth history and the stratigraphic record; and his applied research interests connect to sedimentary geology—particularly petroleum exploration, carbon sequestration, and subsurface waste disposal. He is an author of many scientific papers, including “Shallow marine-impact origin for the Wetumpka structure (Alabama, USA),” which was published in *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* (2002). With Hal Levin, he is co-author of historical geology textbook, *The Earth through Time*, 11th ed. (2016). Dr. King served on the North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature from 1997–2000. Since 2005, he has served the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists as the representative of the state's academic community. He is a licensed PG in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas.



**Lucille W. Petruny**

Dr. Petruny's academic research interests are related to terrestrial impact structures and their ejecta, particularly Wetumpka impact crater in Alabama and the Chicxulub impact's ejecta blanket in Belize, Central America. She has completed field geology studies of impacts and their ejecta in various parts of the U.S., as well as in Belize and adjacent Mexico, Italy, Norway, Brazil, Cuba, Namibia, and South Africa. Dr. Petruny was a research scientist for two NASA-funded core-drilling projects with respect to impact structures—Chesapeake Bay (2005) and Wetumpka (2009). She is an author of many scientific papers and abstracts, including "Stratigraphy of Belize, north of the 17th parallel," which was published in the *GCAGS Transactions* in 2004.

**"Chemostratigraphy of Carbonate Gravity Flows of the Wolfcamp Formation in Crockett County, Midland Basin, Texas"**

**Alex P. Blizzard and Julie M. Bloxson**



**Alex P. Blizzard**

Alex Blizzard attended Texas Tech University for his Bachelor's in Geoscience and Stephen F. Austin State University for his Master's in Geology. He gained industry experience through multiple internships throughout his academic career developing experience in the Cherokee Basin, East Texas Basin, and Permian Basin. His latest internship was with Chevron on their Permian Exploration Team on regional exploration opportunities of the Barnett and Woodford across the Permian Basin. The project incorporated predictive analytics and reservoir statistical analysis for future portfolio strategy recommendations.

Alex graduated in 2020 and went to go work for IHS Markit in Technical Business Development. He helped grow new business across all products including geoscience & engineering software, analytics platforms, surface & subsurface data, and industry insights. He now is a Geoscience Technical Advisor specializing in Petra & Kingdom Geology helping subsurface teams become more efficient in their everyday workflows.



**Julie M. Bloxson**

Julie received her B.S. in geology from the University of Akron in 2008, where she focused her undergraduate research on core analysis of tidal rhythmite deposits associated with Pennsylvanian coal seams within the Appalachian Basin. She received her M.S. in geology from Kent State University in 2012, studying the Grimbsy Sandstone/"Clinton Sands" in eastern Ohio. This project focused on using a combination of core and well log analysis to extrapolate porosity and permeability across a county and determined the controlling factors of porosity/permeability in these tight gas sands. She received her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University in 2017, focusing on the Utica Shale and controls on deposition. Julie continued this work at the Ohio Geological Survey, working within the Energy Group on various subsurface mapping projects that focused on salt deposits, carbon sequestration, and unconventional resources for two years. She is currently an assistant professor at Stephen F. Austin State University since 2018 and heads the East Texas Core Repository at the Science Research Center, where she is creating the Black Shale Research Facility. This facility will help to expand non-destructive core analysis and continue to correlate core data to well log data for better subsurface analysis for natural resources and energy-related issues. Her

goal for the facility is to allow students to gain the necessary skills for industry and research and to facilitate a connection between local industry and academia for future research.

### **“Preliminary Lithologic Characteristics of Gravel Deposits in Mississippi”**

**Ana Batista, Ken McCarley, and Ezat Heydari**



**Ana Batista**

Ana L. Batista completed her B.S. degree in Earth System Science at Jackson State University (JSU) in Jackson, Mississippi, in May of 2021. She is currently pursuing a second B.S. degree in Chemistry at JSU. Born in Brazil, Ana arrived in the United States on an athletic scholarship to play for JSU's women soccer team. Growing up in Minas Gerais, a state known throughout Brazil for its mineral exploration, Ana has always had a passion for geology. Although she lives in the state capital, Belo Horizonte, her family originates from Diamantina: a small city in Brazil and a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for being a center of diamond mining in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Ana's research and professional experience extends from Brazil to the United States. She has worked on several research projects during her undergraduate career at JSU, including the one on sedimentology of gravel deposits in the Hammett gravel mine in Holmes County, Mississippi. Ana has also worked with the University of Texas at Austin on analysis of volcanic ash layers, using Python to identify layers by isolating fluorescent features through a classification of rock core images. She has also completed an internship with Pedras Congonhas Extração, a Brazil-based mining company, where she conducted quality control reviews of rock products and assisted in preparation of a geological map of the area for future exploration. In addition, Ana started as a research assistance at JSU chemistry laboratory, working in a variety of projects. Her latest research work was with the University of Texas at Austin on how geomorphic patterns and erosion reflect on the landscape of the Colombia's Central Cordillera using Matlab. Upon graduating, Ana would like to pursue a M.S. degree in high temperature geochemistry or petrology. After completing her M.S., Ana wants to work in oil/energy industry or as an environmental scientist.



**Ken McCarley**

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## **2020 BEST STUDENT PUBLISHED PAPER AWARD**

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**Alex P. Blizzard and Julie M. Bloxson**



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### **“Preliminary Lithologic Characteristics of Gravel Deposits in Mississippi”**

**Ana Batista, Ken McCarley, and Ezat Heydari**



**Ana Batista**

Ana L. Batista completed her B.S. degree in Earth System Science at Jackson State University (JSU) in Jackson, Mississippi, in May of 2021. She is currently pursuing a second B.S. degree in Chemistry at JSU. Born in Brazil, Ana arrived in the United States on an athletic scholarship to play for JSU's women soccer team. Growing up in Minas Gerais, a state known throughout Brazil for its mineral exploration, Ana has always had a passion for geology. Although she lives in the state capital, Belo Horizonte, her family originates from Diamantina: a small city in Brazil and a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for being a center of diamond mining in the 18th and 19th centuries.

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## BEST PRESENTATION AWARDS

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**“Maximizing Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation Using 3D Seismic Geomechanics”**

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### 2020 THOMAS A. PHILPOTT EXCELLENCE OF PRESENTATION AWARDS (Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies and Gulf Coast Section SEPM)

**FIRST PLACE - 2020**

**“Using Digital Outcrop Analogues to Enhance Training, Reduce Risk,  
and Improve Recovery”**

**David Hodgetts**



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David completed a degree in Geology from Durham University, followed by an M.Sc. in Computing in Earth Science and a PhD in Numerical Modelling, both from Keele University, U.K. After a short post doc. developing 3D structural restoration algorithms, he moved to Liverpool to join the Strat Group working on a diverse range of projects both subsurface and fieldwork related. In 2003, he took up a lectureship in Petroleum Geology and Reservoir Modelling at the University of Manchester. In 2020, David moved to work full time for VRGeoscience Limited, a company he spun out from the University of Manchester to commercialise software

developed during his research and create new and innovative digital outcrop geology applications.

David has extensive experience of working on petroleum industry projects ranging in scope from forward modelling, geological software development, seismic interpretation, field mapping, and reservoir modelling. Though quite varied in nature, these projects have relied heavily on his combined expertise of geology and computer programming. His research has focused on the application of digital data acquisition techniques, in particular terrestrial laser scanning (lidar) and photogrammetry, for interpretation and analysis of geological outcrops and their application to subsurface geological characterization.

## **SECOND PLACE – 2020**

### **“The Lower Smackover Brown Dense Limestone: Its Potential as a Hybrid Unconventional Resource Play”**

**Steve Walkinshaw**



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Steve Walkinshaw is an independent petroleum geologist based in the greater Jackson, Mississippi area, and is the owner and manager of Vision Exploration, LLC. Steve graduated from Millsaps College in 1981 and has 40 years of experience in oil & gas exploration and development. As an adjunct professor, Steve has also taught Petroleum Geology at Millsaps College. He is a Registered Professional Geologist in the State of Mississippi, a Licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Louisiana, and an AAPG/DPA Certified Petroleum Geologist. His geological research and illustrations focusing on the Paleozoic of the western Black Warrior Basin were featured prominently in the recently-published reference book, *The Geology of Mississippi* (Thompson/Dockery, 2016, University Press).

Steve Walkinshaw received the NOGS Best Paper Award in 2001 for his presentation “Magma, Salt, and the Chicxulub Impact: Intriguing Questions about the End of the Cretaceous in the Mississippi Embayment.” In 2018, his presentation, “The Jackson Gas Rock, a Unique Upper Cretaceous (Selma Chalk) Lithofacies” was selected as the winner of the First Place Thomas A. Philpott Excellence of Presentation Award.

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### **HONORABLE MENTION - 2020**

#### **“Brulpadda and Sea Lion: Comparison of Conjugate Discoveries Offshore Southernmost South Africa and South America ”**

**John Dribus**



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John Dribus is a Global Geologist and Advisor who retired from Schlumberger Oil Field Services in 2018, and established Dribus Geologic Consulting LLC. He is a Reservoir Geologist with over 40 years' experience, and specializes in deep water depositional systems, below salt plays, petroleum systems analysis, deep water geologic hazards, and geologic training and development. His current areas of focus include the Gulf of Mexico, Guyana and Suriname, and South Africa offshore.

He began his career working five years as a uranium field geologist in the American West and Texas. He then worked in the Gulf of Mexico for 18 years for Mobil Oil Corporation, and the next 18 years as a global geologist for Schlumberger. He has worked deepwater basins along the Atlantic margin from Western Greenland to the Falkland Islands and across the basin from South Africa to Morocco, and has also worked the Black, Mediterranean, and Red seas. He is the former Chairman of the Advisory Board of the American Petroleum Institute (API) Delta Chapter, and served as Chief Judge for the AAPG Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) Competition. In 2013, he received the Reservoir Description and Dynamics Award from SPE, and in 2014, he was an invited speaker at both the AAPG Discovery Thinking and Playmaker forums. In 2017, he was recognized by the AAPG as a Heritage Geologist at the 100th Annual Convention, and received the 2017 Best Technical Paper of the Year Award for the New Orleans Geological Society. In 2019, he received the A. I. Levorsen Award at the Gulf Coast Association of Geologic Societies GeoGulf Convention. In 2020–2021, he served as the elected President of the New Orleans Geologic Society.

### **2020 BEST STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD**

**(Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies and Gulf Coast Section SEPM)**

#### **“Gas Hydrate Systems in Garden Banks, Gulf of Mexico”**

**Stuart Skopec, Ann Cook, Alexey Portnov, Matthew Frye, and Stephen Palmes**

#### **Stuart Skopec**

Stuart R. Skopec graduated from Ohio State University School of Earth Sciences, *magna cum laude*, in 2019, with a B.S. in geophysics and minor in petroleum engineering. He is current-



ly a graduate research assistant at Ohio State completing his M.S. in geophysics (July, 2021). His research focuses on exploration of gas hydrate systems in the Gulf of Mexico using geophysical and petrophysical techniques. Stuart has work experience in civil engineering and as a hydraulic fracturing technician, primarily in the Marcellus Formation. He is a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon and student member of SPE, SEG, and SPWLA.



### **Ann Cook**

Dr. Ann Cook is an associate professor in the School of Earth Sciences at Ohio State University. She received her Ph.D. in 2010 from Columbia University. She is interested how gas hydrate systems form below the seafloor and how these systems can be detected and quantified with geophysics and petrophysics. She has been honored with several awards including the National Academy of Science Gulf Research Fellowship and the NSF CAREER Award.



### **Alexey Portnov**

Alexey Portnov is a research associate at the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics (UTIG). Before joining UTIG, he was a postdoctoral researcher for Ohio State University and the Center for Arctic Gas Hydrate, Environment and Climate in Norway, where he earlier received his Ph.D. in marine geophysics. He received his master's degree in marine geology from St. Petersburg State University.

Alexey explores and models dynamic geological systems that have important implications for the past and present carbon cycling and unconventional resource exploration. His research primarily focuses on gas and gas hydrate systems in two regions – the Arctic, where hydrate is sensitive to modern and past climate change, and the northern Gulf of Mexico, where he studies gas hydrate as a future energy resource. Portnov has participated in 16 scientific cruises in the Gulf of Mexico, European and Russian Arctic shelf, and offshore Vietnam.



### **Matthew Frye**

Matt Frye is the Chief of the Resource Evaluation Division in the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), where he is responsible for the corporate development of models that are used in the assessment and economic evaluation of oil and gas resources on the OCS, including methane hydrates. Mr. Frye also has over 20 years of experience with subsurface characterization and economic evaluation of oil, gas, and gas hydrate prospects. Mr. Frye holds a B.S. in Geological Science from Ohio University and a M.S. in Geological Science from New Mexico State University.



**Stephen Palmes**

Stephen Palmes is a geologist in the Resource Evaluation Methodologies Branch within the Office of Strategic Resources at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Department of Interior. His primary duties include evaluating conventional undiscovered oil and gas resources of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and assessing methane hydrate resources on the OCS. Stephen has a B.S. in Geology from Old Dominion, an M.S. in Geology from Wright State, a Ph.D. in Geology from Florida State, and more than 23 years of experience working as a geologist with the Department of Interior.

**GORDON I. ATWATER BEST POSTER AWARDS  
(Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies and Gulf Coast Section SEPM)**

**FIRST PLACE - 2020**

**“Using Capacitively-Coupled Electrical Resistivity Methods to Characterize Potential Karst Features along FM 2185, Culberson County, Texas”**

**Lenora D. Perkins, Wesley Brown, and Kevin Stafford**



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Lenora Perkins, native to Corpus Christi, Texas, holds a B.Sc. in Geology with a concentration in Geophysics from Texas A&M University-Kingsville (2019). She graduated in May 2021 from Stephen F. Austin State University with an M.Sc. in Geology. Her thesis research focused on using resistivity methods to characterize and delineate potential evaporite geohazards along Farm to Market Road 2185 in Culberson County, Texas. Lenora currently works for Oceaneering International, Inc. as a Field Geoscientist.



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research has included characterization of karst in modern island settings, hydrogeology of continental karst systems, and petroleum resource characterization of karst reservoirs. Recent research has focused on karst resource management and geohazard characterization through the combined application of traditional field studies, geophysical techniques and remote sensing.

## SECOND PLACE - 2020

### “Geochemical Analysis and Well Log Correlation of the Louann Salt of the Gulf of Mexico Basin, Green Canyon Protraction Area, Puma Field, Block-821, Puma-5 Well”

**Brian Lesh, Melinda Faulkner, and Julie Bloxson**



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### **HONORABLE MENTION - 2020**

#### **Special Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to the GeoGulf 2020 Poster Sessions**

**Steven F. Austin State University Department of Geology Students and Faculty:  
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Patrick D. Coplan, Melinda Faulkner, Merritt Ford, Andrew Henry, Ryan M. Jaska,  
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Merritt Ford is currently a graduate student at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas pursuing a Master's in Geology. He completed his undergraduate degree at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he majored in a Bachelor of Science for Geology and minor in Energy Management. His industry interests have always leaned towards oil and gas, where he hopes to pursue a future career in the petroleum industry. His interests outside of education and industry include his love for the outdoors and passion in hunting and fishing

For his graduate research, Merritt is doing a core analysis of the Smackover Formation in northeast Texas. The core he is observing for this study was collected in July of 1993 from a gas producing well, the Max J. Fletcher No. 3, in northwest Wood County. The goal of this study is to develop a core facies analysis, combined with collected XRF, XRD, and thin section data that will then be correlated to the well log data to generate a valuable type-log for Smackover in northeast Texas. Executing these methods for this study will help further understanding of reservoir quality and trends of the Smackover in this area. The collected data combined with a detailed facies analysis will also help determine or even solidify depositional and diagenetic models for the Smackover in northeast Texas.

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### **Adrian Valdez**

Biography and photograph not available as of press time.

**2020 BEST STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD**

**“Using Capacitively-Coupled Electrical Resistivity Methods to Characterize Potential Karst Features along FM 2185, Culberson County, Texas”**

**Lenora D. Perkins, Wesley Brown, and Kevin Stafford**



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**Wesley Brown**

Dr. Wesley A. Brown is a Professor of Geology and Geophysics at Stephen F. Austin State University, located in Nacogdoches, Texas. He currently serves as Chair of the Department of Geology. Dr. Brown holds a B.Sc. in geology from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, an M.S. in geophysics from the University of Texas at El Paso, and a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Texas at El Paso. His doctoral research involved the use of seismological, gravitational, and other integrated geophysical techniques to study the lithospheric structure beneath Libya. His research areas of interests include earthquake seismology, exploration seismology, seismotectonics, gravity studies, environmental geophysics, ground penetrating radar studies, and electrical resistivity studies.



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## IMPERIAL BARREL AWARD GULF COAST SECTION OF AAPG

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The Gulf Coast Section competition was held on April 16th and involved five teams from the AAPG Gulf Coast region: Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M University, the University of Houston, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of Alabama.

The Gulf Coast competition was held with the judging panel as a virtual conference because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Each university team analyzed a dataset in the eight weeks prior to the competition and delivered their results in a 25-minute presentation to a panel of industry experts from companies in the greater Houston area.

### Gulf Coast Finals

1st Place	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	University of Houston
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Stephen F. Austin State University

At the international competition, UL-Lafayette received the AAPG IBA Teamwork Excellence Award.

### **FIRST PLACE (2021)**

**(left to right) Silas Adeoluwa Samuel, Matthew S Harnish, Daniella Cimadomo, Kristen Morris, and Wiley Griffin**

*University of Louisiana Lafayette*



**SECOND PLACE (2021)**

**(left to right) Rachel Ronquille, Michael Martinez, Nikola Bjelica,  
Bryan Moore (Team Captain), and Daniella Gutierrez Easley**

*University of Houston*



**THIRD PLACE (2021)**

**(left to right) Brian Lesh, Lenora Perkins, Merritt Ford,  
Hannah Chambers, and Tyler West**

*Steven F. Austin State University*



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**2021 FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS**  
**GULF COAST ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES**

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No faculty grants were awarded in 2021.

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## 2021 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS

### GULF COAST ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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The 2021 Grants Committee received 15 student applications from 8 universities. The subjects of the proposals are: Hydrology (1), Geochemistry (4), Geochronology (2), Sedimentology/Stratigraphy (6), Environmental (1), and Petrophysics (1). The student applicants' degree programs are Master's (5) and Doctorate (10).

Five student proposals were ranked as "highest competitive" and received \$1000 each for a total allocation of \$5000.

#### \$1000 Research Grant Recipients

Stephen Anderson	University of Alabama	"Depositional Environment, and Sequence Stratigraphy of the Upper Albian Devils River-Salmon Peak Formations in the Maverick Basin, South Texas"
Jian Chen	University of Alabama	"Investigating the Contribution of Wildfires to Depleted <sup>13</sup> C Values of Bulk Organic Matter and Biomarkers in Late Devonian Oceans"
Alyssa Kandow	University of Alabama	"Distribution of Small Microplastic Particles in Estuarine Sediments: Insights Into Microplastic Sources and Accumulation in Mobile Bay, AL"
Sakinat Mojisola Ahmad	University of Alabama	"Quantifying the Sources of Sediment Organic matter (SOM) in the Mobile Bay Estuary, Alabama: A Multi-Tracer Approach Using Elemental, Stable Isotopic Proxies and Biomarkers Combination of Biomarker, Stable Isotope and C/N Analysis"
Samuel Whitehead	University of Kentucky	"Distribution of Particulate Organic Carbon—Fluxes and Inventories in Growth—in Faulted Coastal Wetlands"

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1953	Shreveport	R. T. Wade	D. D. Utterback	J. S. Spencer	K. Carter	W. J. Nugent
1954	Houston	W. R. Canada	W. H. Knight	W. A. Peterson	E. W. Kimball	
1955	Biloxi	A. E. Blanton	L. D. Traupe	F. H. Webster	C. C. Barber	R. D. Sprague
1956	San Antonio	R. L. Layden	M. W. Beckman	C. W. Holcomb	A. F. Scott	G. J. Joyce
1957	New Orleans	H. N. Hickey	P. Montgomery	R. A. Davis	K. C. Anderson	T. H. Philpott
1958	Corpus Christi	E. A. Lohse	R. W. Grayson	E. T. Musselman	W. H. Wallace, Jr.	R. C. Wilshusen
1959	Houston	G. C. Hardin, Jr.	L. Harvey	J. F. Moss	J. A. Wheeler	O. G. Bell
1960	Biloxi	M. F. Kirby	D. N. Osburn	W. W. Woolfolk	E. G. Jeffreys	A. E. Blanton
1961	San Antonio	D. Dassow	E. P. Roth	A. W. Wood	E. L. Ames	L. L. Palmer
1962	New Orleans	T. H. Philpott	J. C. Byrd	H. O. Woodbury	K. Soule	L. H. Meltzer
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1964	Corpus Christi	K. Knott	R. E. Fairchild	R. W. Luker	D. A. Pedrotti	B. F. Dyer
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1966	Lafayette	A. M. Borland	J. H. Hensley	W. A. Robbins, Jr.	J. S. Schoelen	R. R. Copeland
1967	San Antonio	W. L. Stapp	M. D. Horton	M. L. Frazier, Sr.	L. C. Bryant	M. O. Turner
1968	Jackson	M. D. Horton	R. O. Vernon	L. G. Hughes	E. D. Minihan	L. E. Warren
1969	Miami	R. O. Vernon	H. J. Tyler	J. W. Yon, Jr.	C. W. Hendry, Jr.	H. S. Puri
1970	Shreveport	H. J. Tyler	L. H. Meltzer	C. E. Brown	B. C. Tucker	J. O. Goffe
1971	New Orleans	L. H. Meltzer	D. R. Boyd	M. L. Dwight	P. G. Gray	R. G. Williamson
1972	Corpus Christi	D. R. Boyd	F. M. Schall, Jr.	M. H. Oakes	J. E. Melton	J. M. Sides
1973	Houston	F. M. Schall, Jr.	S. J. Lysinger	M. E. Hole, Jr.	P. W. Cauthon, Jr.	C. E. Harrison
1974	Lafayette	S. J. Lysinger	W. H. Moore	T. J. Eby, Jr.	J. L. Bellamy	F. W. Harrison, Jr.
1975	Jackson	W. H. Moore	C. L. Sartor	W. E. Taylor	H. L. Ladner	C. H. Williams, Jr.

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1992	Jackson	J. C. Marble	R. L. Williamson	W. Lester Aultman	Stanley King	S. C. Knox
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1994	Austin	W. L. Fisher	W. E. Marsalis	S. P. Dutton	C. Condon	P. R. Rose
1995	Baton Rouge	W. E. Marsalis	E. Gerald Rolf	S. N. Breakfield	R. W. Jackson	D. E. Pope
1996	San Antonio	E. Gerald Rolf	Mark J. Gallagher	William P. Wilbert	Bill Layton	Thomas E. Ewing
1997	New Orleans	Mark J. Gallagher	Robert F. Travis	Eric C. Broadbridge	Gary W. Jacobs	John C. Langford
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2015	Houston	Charles Sternbach	Brent Hopkins	Dianna Phu	Mike Erpenbeck	Larry Bartell
2016	Corpus Christi	Brent Hopkins	Thomas Ewing		Sean Kimiagar	Dawn Bissell
2017	San Antonio	Thomas Ewing	Ralph Richardson		Daniel Sutton	Gene Ames III
2018	Shreveport	Ralph Richardson	Deborah Sacrey		Daniel Sutton	Alan Brittain
2019	Houston	Deborah Sacrey	Travis Helms		Daniel Sutton	Mike Erpenbeck
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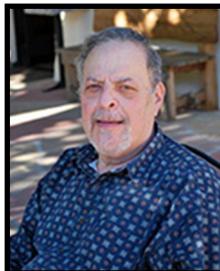
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