AIPG thanks all awardees, families, friends, and members who have made the AIPG 2022 Annual Meeting a memorable and successful event.

**Request for Nominations**

The 2022 AIPG Awards Committee is seeking nominations for future recipients. Nominations for the Ben H. Parker Distinguished Service Medal, Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award, John T. Gale Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, Award of Honorary Membership, Outstanding Achievement Award, and John Stewart Memorial Early Career Professional Award. The nomination forms are available on the AIPG National website [https://aipg.org/page/Awards](https://aipg.org/page/Awards) or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office at (303) 412-6205.

*Nominations must be received by January 15, 2023.*
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Kelsi Ustipak, ECP-0292
Minnesota Section

Kelsi Ustipak is a 4th generation Minnesotan who attended the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities for a BA in Geology (2012) where she was heavily involved in the Geology Club and social events in the department. She spent a gap-year doing field work and dye trace research in the Karst areas of Southeast Minnesota, working with interns to help them conduct field research. In 2013, she entered a Master’s program at The University of Texas at Austin (2015) and completed a Master’s thesis on deepwater sedimentology and stratigraphy. Kelsi mentored 2 or 3 students each year of her MS degree and participated in numerous networking events. During Geological Society of America (GSA) meetings, she mentored first-time conference attendees through the On To The Future mentorship program. Kelsi then moved to Houston, TX for a unique opportunity to intern with an upstream petroleum geology consultancy called Badley-Ashton America. After the 2016 Downturn in oil & gas and struggling to transition from internship to full-time employment, Kelsi & her husband Peter returned to Minneapolis to start on a fresh career path within the Upper Midwest geology community.

In June of 2018, Kelsi started as a hydrogeologist at WSP in Minneapolis. With WSP, she gained experience in contaminated soil, groundwater, and vapor investigations for Midstream oil & gas clients, for transportation agencies, and for manufacturing industries. Working at WSP afforded opportunities to continue involvement with AIPG, gain field experience, and gain knowledge. She was able to attend the last Princeton Groundwater Inc. Pollution and Hydrology Course (February 2020) before the Coronavirus Pandemic shut down everything. While remote, Kelsi provided mentorship to students and early career professionals through GSA webinars, Univ. of MN Geology Dept career mentorship seminars, and one-on-one follow-ups with ambitious students, eager for personal advice.

In 2021, Kelsi started a position as a hydrogeologist in the Minnesota Department of Transportation’s Contaminated Material Management Team. In this role, she works in a team of hydrogeologists who assess pollution liability and investigate then manage contamination on State Road Construction projects across Minnesota.

Nominated by: Shanna A. Schmitt, CPG-11781

The purpose of the AIPG Student Chapter of the Year Award is to recognize the most outstanding student chapter for their participation in, and contribution to, the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). The award will consist of a plaque to be presented to the student chapter, a certificate to each of the officers of the chapter at the time of their submittal, a $500.00 award for the chapter, and a trip for one member of the winning student chapter to the annual AIPG Conference and Executive Meetings. The student that attends the Annual Meeting will observe the organization and functions of AIPG and participate in the Executive Board meeting.

All AIPG student chapters are eligible to apply for the award. There is no limit on the number of times a student chapter may win the award. Only one chapter will receive the award per year.

The Student Chapter of the Year Award is administered by the Executive Committee of AIPG. The selection of the winning chapter will be decided by the AIPG Education Committee. The deadline for submittal of application materials for the Student Chapter of the Year Award, to AIPG National Headquarters, is March 30th of each year. The application should be submitted in an Adobe Acrobat pdf or similar format. The winning chapter will be announced at the beginning of the Fall Semester. The certificates will be presented to the students at one of their chapter meetings. The award and plaque will be presented to the Chapter delegate at the Annual Meeting of AIPG.

Details of submission requirements are available online at www.aipg.org.

2022 Recipient of the Student Chapter Award

Michigan Technological University
Houghton, MI

AIPG Student Chapter Founded 2017

Chapter Sponsor: Dave Adler, CPG-11377
Faculty Sponsor: Chad Deering, Ph.D.

Student Chapter Officers:
President – Elana Barth, SA-10534
Vice President – Olivia Salvaggio, SA-10698
Treasurer – Nolan Gamet, SA-9899
Secretary – Emilie Pray, SA-10059
The AIPG Section Leadership Award was established in 2013 to recognize one or more of our members who have demonstrated a long-term commitment and have been long-term contributors to AIPG at the section level. AIPG has many sections where one or more individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership for their section and in many instances kept the section together and moving forward. These individuals are commonly not known at the National level or by AIPG members outside of their sections, however, their contributions have been vital to their sections, and they perform this work because of their commitment to our profession and AIPG. All active section members are eligible. It is not required to be a current or past section officer. The award will consist of a plaque (or similar) that will be presented to the awardees at the annual meeting of AIPG.

Based on the above criteria the Awards Committee may select multiple nominees for the award.

The AIPG Section Leadership Award is administered by the Executive Committee of AIPG. The selection of the winning member(s) will be decided by the AIPG Awards Committee. The deadline for submittal of nominees for the AIPG Section Leadership Award, to AIPG National Headquarters, is January 15th of each year.

2022 Section Leadership Award Recipients

David M. Abbott, Jr., CPG-4570

Colorado Section

Very long-term service to the Colorado Section in multiple elected office and committees. David has serviced since 1985 in multiple positions and for multiple times in the same position (including three times as President) on the Executive Committee Chair for the Colorado Section. A constant source of advice and history for and of the Section. Strong representation of the Section in National AIPG affairs over many years.

Nominated by: Douglas C. Peters, CPG-8274

The John Stewart Memorial Early Career Professional Award was established by the Executive Committee in 2019 in posthumous honor of John Stewart, who graciously gave his time and experience to AIPG and in encouraging early career geologists in their early careers and professional growth. This award is to honor an Early Career Professional member who had demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the geologic profession and AIPG at the section and/or national level, and in particular, to mentoring and aiding in the advancement of Early Career Professional members in their early careers and within AIPG.

Past Recipients

Jessica Davey, 2021
Stephanie K. Jarvis, 2020
Brandy M. Barnes, 2020
Donald Prothero

Geology and Paleontology Author

Donald Prothero taught college geology and paleontology for 35 years, at Caltech, Columbia, and Occidental, Knox, Vassar, Glendale, Mt. San Antonio, and Pierce Colleges. He earned his B.A. in geology and biology (highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa, College Award) from University of California Riverside in 1976, and his M.A. (1978), M.Phil. (1979), and Ph.D. (1982) in geological sciences from Columbia University. He is the author of over 40 books (including 6 leading geology textbooks, and several trade books), and over 300 scientific papers, mostly on the evolution of fossil mammals (especially rhinos, camels, and horses) and on using the earth's magnetic field changes to date fossil-bearing strata. He has been on the editorial boards of journals such as Geology, Paleobiology, Journal of Paleontology, and Skeptic magazine. He is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, the Paleontological Society, and the Geological Society of America, and received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and National Science Foundation. He served as President of Pacific Section SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) in 2012 and served for five years as Program Chair of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. In 1991, he received the Charles Schuchert Award for outstanding paleontologist under the age of 40. In 2013, he received the James Shea Award of the National Association of Geology Teachers for outstanding writing and editing the geosciences. In 2015, he received the Joseph T. Gregory Award for service to vertebrate paleontology. In 2016, he received the "Friend of Darwin" award from the National Center for Science Education. He has been featured on numerous TV documentaries, including Paleoworld, Walking with Prehistoric Beasts, Prehistoric Monsters Revealed, Monsterquest, Prehistoric Predators: Entelodon and Hyaenodon, Conspiracy Road Trip: Creationism, as well as Jeopardy! and Win Ben Stein's Money.

Nominated by: James A. Jacobs, CPG-7760

2022 SECTION LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Clint C. Noble, MEM-1938

Florida Section

Outstanding leadership of the Florida Section. Actively filled all Section Board positions Contracted with new lobbyist who performing very well including renewed efforts to include CEU requirements for PG's Engaging and educating legislators on the importance of the geosciences Increasing membership value including regular section newsletters.

Outstanding ability to inspire, educate, engage and promote geosciences and safeguarding licensure in Florida.

Nominated by: Anne M. Murray, CPG-11645

Kalan M. Briggs, MEM-3293

Michigan Section

Kalan is very outgoing and kind. No matter what is going on in his personal life, whether it's moving, having a kid, or changing jobs, he always makes time for the student chapters. He is always willing to help and goes above and beyond for the students. Kalan hosts the presidents' meeting every month which allows the presidents from each student chapter in the state to collaborate, ask for help, and plan events that involve more than one school. He is a member of the ECP committee and the Treasurer for the Michigan Section. He also hosts and plans the Meet the Professional series for the students which allow students to ask a question to professional in many different branches of geology.

Nominated by: Elana Barth, SA-10534
Gary Pischke, MEM-3042
California Section

For the past 3 years, Gary Pischke has been an advisor, and now for 2022, Vice President for Northern California AIPG.

Gary has helped the California Section in a variety of matters. For the past 2 years, he has been on the AIPG National Meeting (Sacramento) Planning Committee for 2020 and the successful 2021 meeting. He has worked with trying to invigorate the Sonoma State University student chapter. For the 2021 Annual Meeting in Sacramento, Gary developed and co-led three field trips for the meeting.

Nominated by: James A. Jacobs, CPG-7760.

Timothy L. Crumbie, CPG-10433
Kentucky Section

Tim is well respected, reliable, meticulous, competent, and completes all inferred and expected Section officer duties and tasks. His twenty years of volunteer service to the KY Section speaks volumes, and he remains an enthusiastic and engaged officer. Tim does this while overseeing a privately held environmental consulting firm for which he is President.

Tim has served almost continuously on the KY-AIPG Executive Committee since 2001. He was Section Treasurer in 2001-2004 followed by President Elect in 2005, Section President in 2006, and Past President in 2007. He was Secretary from 2009 to Present (14 years). Tim also was elected and served as AIPG National Vice President in 2009.

Nominated by: John T. Popp, CPG-6724

The Outstanding Achievement Award was established by the 1989 Executive Committee to honor a non-member of AIPG who is widely recognized as a major contributor to the profession of geology. The award is not necessarily given annually, but only when the Awards Committee recommends an outstanding candidate to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

Past Recipients
Stephen Jay Gould, 1989
Ron Redfern, 1995
John McPhee, 1997
Julie A. Jackson, 1999
Charles “Chip” Groat, 2003
Samuel S. Adams, 2004
Thomas W. Dibblee, Jr., 2005
A. F. “Fred” Spilhaus, Jr., 2009
Simon Winchester, 2014
Karl E. Karlstrom, 2015
Laura J. Crossley, 2015
P. Patrick Leahy, 2016
Neil Shubin, 2021
Richard M. Powers, CPG-6765
Montana Section

Richard “Rick” M. Powers received his A.B. in geology from Boston University in 1974. In 1975 he began his career working in the coal and uranium production and exploration areas of the western United States focusing on geophysical data collection and interpretation. He then became a consultant working primarily on uranium development projects and subsequently joined the Tennessee Valley Authority to manage a uranium mining/production contract in the Wyoming Gas Hills mining district. In 1981 Rick and wife Nikki moved to central Florida where he joined a small consulting company primarily working in the phosphate mining and processing industry. Rick began working at Bromwell Engineering as the only geologist and in the mid-1980’s became an officer in company and focused his attention on expanding the companies’ consulting services. Since purchasing the majority ownership of BCI in 1997, the company grew from 38 employees to 200 employees by 2010 with offices in Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Colorado. In 2011 Rick and the stockholders of BCI sold the company to amec Environment & Infrastructure, a 27,000-person international consulting company. Today Rick is retired and works daily on his ranch in Montana and is heavily involved with Rotary International.

Rick is a registered professional geologist in Florida and has been an AIPG Certified Professional Geologist since 1985. He is a member of AIPG (+ 35 years), Society of Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (+40 years), Geological Society of America, and Rotary International (+30 years). As an active member of AIPG he has served the Florida Section as Vice President, President, and on the screening board. In 1991 Rick received the Florida “Hero of the Industry Award” from the Florida section. Over almost three decades he has served AIPG as a national screening board member, advisory board member, Intersociety Liaison Committee – Chair, American Geosciences Institute (AGI) Environmental Committee Representative, Subcommittee on Competition Between Government and Private Sector, President-Elect, President, and Past President and currently serves as a Trustee of the AIPG Foundation. He is also Past Chair of the AIPG Finance Committee and Awards Committee and in 2006 was the recipient of the Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award and received the AIPG Ben Parker award in 2012. Rick has also served the American Geosciences Institute as a Member at Large of the AGI Executive Committee and as AGI’s President-Elect, President and Past President. AGI awarded Rick the Marcus Milling Award in 2017 and he is also past Chairman of the AGI Foundation.

Today Rick is enjoying his retirement with his wife Nikki on their Montana ranch, playing with their three dogs and their service with Rotary International. Rick is currently preparing for his year as Rotary’s District 5390 District Governor in 2023. They also enjoy watching the growth and progression of their sons, Mike and Tyler and travelling when possible.
For the first time in its history, AIPG in 1984 conferred Honorary Membership on one of its most distinguished and illustrious members. This special honor, provided for in the Institute’s Constitution and Bylaws, had long been available but had never before been granted. The most important criterion for this award is an exemplary record of distinguished service to the profession and to the Institute.

Past Recipients

Grover E. Murray, 1984
L. L. Sloss, 1985
Ross L. Shipman, 1986
Edward C. Dapples, 1986
Doris M. Curtis, 1987
Wallace B. Howe, 1988
Robert R. Berg, 1988
Edward E. Rue, 1989
Mason L. Hill, 1990
Konrad B. Krauskopf, 1991
Sam R. Evans, 1992
Richard J. Proctor, 1992
Elisabeth G. Newton, 1993
John Shanklin, 1993
Richard A. Fox, 1994
Ralph J. Bernhagen, 1995
Robert R. Jordan, 1996
Charles J. Mankin, 1996
Adolf U. Honkala, 1997
Ernest K. Lehmann, 1997
Robert A. Northcutt, 1998
William C. Gussow, 1998
John D. Haun, 1998
William A. Newton, 1999
Larry D. Woodfork, 1999
Travis H. Hughes, 2000
William V. Knight, 2001
Michel T. Halbouty, 2002
John W. Rold, 2002
Roy J. Shlemon, 2002
Charles Wm. Dimmick, 2003
Willard P. Fuller, Jr., 2004
Rex Monahan, 2005
Richard H. Young, 2005
David M. Abbott, Jr., 2006
Myrna M. Killey, 2006
Robert H. Fakundiny, 2007
Barbara H. Murphy, 2008
Stephen M. Testa, 2009
Lawrence M. Austin, 2010
James A. Jacobs, 2011
John L. Bognar, 2012
William J. Siok, 2013
Richard L. Nielsen, 2014
Dennis Pennington, 2015
Lawrence A. Cerrillo, 2016
Dennis G. McGrath, 2017
Ronald J. Wallace, 2018
No Recipient, 2019
Robert G. Font, 2020
Stephen J. Baker, 2021
Shanna A. Schmitt, CPG-11781  
Minnesota Section  
I’m a mid-career geoscientist. I’ve only worked for 2 employers, which I realize is uncommon. I graduated with a B.S. in Geology from the University of Minnesota in 2003…it was not a job seekers market. I took the offer I was given, even though it paid less than my temp job, and started my career. I dug in and learned environmental field work and always wanted to know more and to know how things work. That’s been the key for me, to keep learning and to figure out all the pieces and always keep improving.  
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The AIPG National awarded ten $1,500 scholarships (three were funded by the Foundation of AIPG), and two $500 scholarship (funded by the AIPG Illinois/Indiana Section)

Benjamin Bugno, SA-11362, Illinois State University, IL/IN Section  
Justin Coley, SA-11292, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Carolinas Section  
Zephyr Girard, SA-11352, University of California Santa Barbara, CA Section  
Julianne Gonzalez, SA-11293, University of Florida, FL Section  
McKenzie Miller, SA-11294, University of North Carolina Charlotte, CO Section  
Sebastian Perez-Lopez, SA-11373, Stanford University, CA Section  
Mackenzie Rutherford, SA-10979, Miami University, OH Section  
Cassia Snyder, SA-10521, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, IL/IN Section  
Zachary Tenney, SA-10982, Casper College, WY Section  
Donovan Vitale, SA-11158, Western Michigan University, MI Section  
Emily Coffin, SA-11346, Purdue University, IL/IN Section  
Katelyn Snodgrass, SA-11341, Indiana University - Bloomington, IL/IN Section

The Foundation of the American Institute of Professional Geologists awarded William J. Siok Graduate Scholarships of $1,500 to Christopher C. Matson, Colorado School of Mines.

*Applications must be received by February 1st and are awarded in the month of May.

Annual Meeting Committee

Meeting Conference Chairperson – Adam Heft  
Committee Members – Joseph Swarz, Dave Adler, Mark Petrie, Christen Christensen, Richard Raetz, Mark Sweatman, Poonam Rameshbabu, and Kim Ethridge.
The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) has a history of effective and outstanding service to the profession of geology. From its beginning in 1963, the Institute has emphasized the role that professional geologists play in this fascinating, changing, and highly complex world in which we live.

In an Institute such as this, there are so many highly motivated geologists contributing to the profession, the Institute, the public, and the nations in which we live and work that the identification of a select few for particular awards is a monumental task. The continued success of the Honors and Awards Program is dependent on an accessible nominating process and a diligent screening of those nominated. This is done by the Honors and Awards Committee.

Currently, there are six honors bestowed by the Institute: Ben H. Parker Memorial Distinguished Service Medal, Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award, John T. Galey, Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, Award of Honorary Membership, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Presidential Certificate of Merit.

Descriptions of the awards, past recipients, and the nomination forms can be found on the AIPG National website or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office.

**Awards Deadlines**

Nominations for awards can be submitted online https://aipg.org/page/Awards or should be sent to AIPG, 1333 W. 120th Avenue, Suite 211, Westminster, CO 80234, or e-mail: aipg@aipg.org to the AIPG National Headquarters by:

- January 15 for National Awards
- January 15 for Section Leadership Awards
- March 30 for Student Chapter of the Year Award

**AIPG Honors and Awards Committee**

Anna Murray, CPG-11645, Chairman  
David Abbott, Jr., CPG-4570  
Helen Hickman, CPG-7535  
Christine Lilek, CPG-10195  
Amy Hoeksema, CPG-8902  
Mehmet Pehlivan, MEM-1546

**Past Recipients**

Arthur O. Spaulding, 1983  
Allen F. Agnew, 1984  
William L. Fisher, 1985  
Frank E. Kottlowski, 1986  
Cliff J. Nolte, 1987  
Russell G. Wayland, 1988  
Elisabeth G. Newton, 1989  
Linda E. Okland, 1990  
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Morris W. “Brud” Leighton, 1994  
Edward B. Nuhfer, 1995  
John W. Rold, 1996  
James E. Slosson, 1997  
Kathleen M. F. Benedetto, 1998  
Jonathan G. Price, 1999  
James H. Williams, 2000  
John J. Dragonetti, 2001  
Thomas M. Berg, 2002  
Vicki Cowart, 2003  
Margaret H. Dunn, 2004  
John G. Parrish, 2005  
Richard M. Lane, 2006  
Ivan K. “Tex” Gilmore, 2007  
M. Lee Allison, 2008  
Patrick P. Leahy, 2009  
James F. Howard, 2010  
James R. Burnell, 2012  
Scott W. Tinker, 2013  
Logan T. MacMillan, 2016  
Jonathan D. Arthur, 2017  
Thomas A. Herbert, 2018  
David M. Abbott, Jr., 2019  
Christine F. Lilek, 2020  
Anne M. Murray, 2021
Christine is currently an Environmental Health Training Specialist for the WI Dept of Health Services providing risk assessment and hazard investigation training for local health departments.

Previously (from 1985 – 2016), Christine worked for the WI Dept of Natural resources as a hydrogeologist and environmental specialist in their Sustainability and Business Support, Solid and Hazardous Waste and Wastewater programs:

- Assisting businesses with pollution prevention, waste minimization, and green chemistry,
- Reviewing Phase I, Phase II and Environmental Site Assessment Reports,
- Inspecting RCRA facilities for hazardous and solid waste materials,
- Managing State Remediation and Superfund projects, and
- Permitting applicable farm fields for wastewater and bio solids land application.

She was also a Project Manager & Senior Hydro geologist with MSA Consulting Incorporated in Baraboo, Wisconsin from 1993 – 1996; assisting municipal water utilities with their Well Head Protection Plans and from 1991 – 1993, she was a Project Manager & Senior Hydro geologist for Wisconsin Electric Power Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; coordinating groundwater and surface water monitoring at their ash landfills, brown fields and LUST clean-up projects.

Christine received her Bachelor of Science degree from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, WI in 1981 for Geology and Environmental Sciences and received her Master of Arts degree from Edgewood College – Madison, WI in 1995 with course work in Environmental Ethics and Stewardship.


Her present service activities include Co-chair of the National AIPG 2023 Conference Planning Committee, Event Planner for the MN-WI AIPG 2022 Geology Weekend, American Institute of Profession Geologists WI News Editor since 2013, Wisconsin Master Naturalist since 2013, and Lake Sinnissippi Improvement District Board Commissioner since 2016.

Christine has been awarded the 2020 National AIPG John T. Galey, Sr. Memorial Public Service Award, National AIPG Presidential Certificate of Merit (2013, 2018,2019, 2021), WI DNR & WI DHS Employee Merit Awards (2016 & 2019), the AIPG Section Leadership Award (2015) and the La Follette Institute’s - Lloyd D. Gladfelter Award for Government Innovation (2012).

Nominated by: David M. Abbott, Jr., CPG-4570, and Dawn H. Garcia, CPG-8313
Scott W. Tinker, CPG-10564

Texas Section

Scott Tinker works to bring industry, government, academia, and nongovernmental organizations together to address major societal challenges in energy, the environment, and the economy. Dr. Tinker is Director of the 250-person Bureau of Economic Geology, the State Geologist of Texas, and a professor holding the Allday Endowed Chair in the Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin. With Director Harry Lynch, Tinker coproduced and is featured in the award-winning energy documentary films Switch and Switch On, which have been screened in over 50 countries and used on thousands of campuses worldwide. Dr. Tinker formed, and serves as Chairman of, the nonprofit Switch Energy Alliance, whose materials appear from schools to board rooms globally. Tinker is the voice of Earth Date, which is featured weekly on over 425 public radio stations in all 50 United States. In his visits to some 60 countries, Scott has given nearly 1000 keynote and invited lectures. In 2022, Dr. Tinker presented a TEDx talk on The Dual Challenge: Energy and Environment. Scott is an angel investor and has helped bring companies from startup to acquisition. His writing has appeared in publications ranging from Forbes to Scientific American. Dr. Tinker has served as president of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), the Association of American State Geologists (AASG), and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). He is an AGI Campbell Medalist, AAPG Halbouty Medalist, GCAGS Boyd Medalist, American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) Parker Medalist, and a Geological Society of America (GSA) Fellow.

Dr. Tinker’s academic training and professional work experience are in carbonate stratigraphy and reservoir characterization. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in the Cretaceous of northern Mexico and the Permian of West Texas; extensive core- and log-based regional subsurface work in the Devonian of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin; and integrated core, log, and seismic 3D reservoir characterization and modeling in the Permian Basin of West Texas. Dr. Tinker has served on dozens of graduate student committees at UT Austin and taught a graduate course in reservoir characterization. He has received best paper awards for work appearing in the AAPG Bulletin and the Journal of Sedimentary Research.

Dr. Tinker has served on the Jackson School’s Executive Committee since the school formed in 2001. He acted as Associate Dean of Research in the Jackson School of Geosciences for eight years. Dr. Tinker is a member of many professional societies and serves on numerous councils and committees. He has been a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) since 1982 and served as AAPG president in 2008–2009, Distinguished Ethics Lecturer in 2005-2006, and Distinguished Lecturer in 1997. Dr. Tinker has been a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) since 1982 and served as an SPE Distinguished Lecturer in 2002–2003. He has also served as president of the Austin Geological Society, the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies, and the American Geosciences Institute. Since becoming the State Geologist of Texas in 2000, Dr. Tinker has been a member of the Association of American State Geologists (AASG), serving as its president in 2006–2007. Dr. Tinker is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America (GSA) and in 2013 served as the GSA Halbouty Distinguished Lecturer.

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