AIPG thanks all awardees, families, friends, and members who have made the AIPG 2023 Annual Meeting a memorable and successful event.

Request for Nominations

The 2023 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. Galea 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, 2024.
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The Public Service Award was established by the Executive Committee, in 1982, in recognition of one of its primary purposes; service to the public. In 1992, it was renamed the John T. Galey, Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, in posthumous honor of our fourth President, whose long professional career was a continuum of service to both the geological and the general public. This recognition is important because so many members have distinguished themselves and the Institute by giving expert testimony to governmental units, by serving on governmental commissions and committees, and by providing geological expertise where it was needed by the public at large.

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
Meredith E. “Buzz” Ostrom, 1991
Robert R. Jordan, 1992
Robert H. Fakundiny, 1993
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
Shanna A. Schmitt, 2022

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.

2023 Recipient of the Student Chapter Award

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI
AIPG Student Chapter Founded 2015

Chapter Sponsor: John H. Barkach, CPG-9121
Faculty Sponsor: Thomas R. Howe

Student Chapter Officers:
President – Avianna M. Jackson, SA-11162
Vice President – Moira A. Burns, SA-11403
Treasurer – Garrett W. Link, SA-11752
Secretary – Mary E. Howe, SA-11407
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.

2023 Section Leadership Award Recipients

Paula M. Berger, MEM-665
Minnesota Section

Paula has been a mentor to many young geoscientists; through her employer, WSP, and through her volunteer work with the Minnesota Section of the AIPG. She is a tireless volunteer and has held almost every position within the Section. As of 2023, she volunteers as the Chair of the Membership Committee and the Sponsorship Sub-Committee. In her various roles, Paula has helped organize and promote our monthly technical talks, our annual Spring Social events, our golf fundraising events, and numerous field trips.

Paula has served on various committees and sub-committees throughout the years. Paula was our MN Section of AIPG President in 2012 and also served four years as a Director (2015-2018).

Nominated by: Shanna Schmitt, CPG-11781

Andrew T. Jones, MEM-3347
Colorado Section

Andrew T. Jones, PG is an environmental geologist in Colorado. He has worked in a variety of disciplines in geology, including geotechnical and environmental, for six years. Projects have included High Resolution Site Characterizations for DNAPL and PFAS, karst surveys, and geotechnical investigations for building and roadway design. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Geology and a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from Western Kentucky University, and is completing his Professional Science Masters in Environmental Geology at the University of Kansas. He has served with AIPG in a variety of capacities, including founding the Student Section at Western Kentucky University, President of the Colorado Section (2022), and the National Advisory Board (2020 & 2023). He lives in Colorado Springs with his daughter LC and son Slade, and their dog Freyja.

Nominated by: Bill Brab, CPG-11693

2023 RECIPENT OF THE JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL AWARD

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Nominated by: Bill Brab, CPG-11693
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**

Stephanie K. Jarvis, 2020
Brandy M. Barnes, 2020
Jessica Davey, 2021
Kelsi Ustipak, 2022

**Paula J. Leier-Engelhardt, CPG-8798**

**Wisconsin Section**

Paula has been active since 2016 in presenting “So, you want to be a Geologist” presentations to our northern University Geology Departments and most recently to a March 17, 2022, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Department of Geosciences Colloquium presentation. Twenty-three students and faculty attended this live presentation, with more taking advantage of the presentation recording. The presentation was titled: “Professional Geologist. . . Certified Professional Geologist Pros and Cons of Registration Are all these initials worth the effort?” and it was very well received. She also continues giving support and suggesting resources to personnel from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Geology Department programs that increase interest and recruit from under-represented groups. One program is called Go FoRWARD, a summer educational experience in the geosciences and newly funded by a National Science Foundation grant. The second program is called Let’s Geo, and helps undergrads explore careers in the geosciences and develop necessary skills. We appreciate being connected to both these programs through Paula. Inspired by the work Go FoRWARD and Let’s Geo programs have been accomplishing, Paula recommended the Wisconsin Section work with the Wisconsin Geologic and Natural History Survey (WGNHS) to fund an AIPG-sponsored summer internship at WGNHS. One of the goals of this internship is to promote geology as a career and recruit from under-represented groups. The first intern was hired and completed their mapping project in the summer of 2022. Last, but not least, we want to give Paula kudos for her research and then visiting geology features in each Wisconsin county. Since 2016, Paula has been writing an article for WI AIPG’s new letters featuring the geology of each Wisconsin county! Each article starts the same by saying: “Far from Boring. And Not Even Thinking About Staying Close to Home by Paula Leier-Engelhardt, P.G., C.P.G. After 40 years of marriage to a geologist and unwittingly becoming the best sample Sherpa ever, my husband knows there is no hope in dissuading me from any geology-related project I cook up. So, when I announced that as a long-term goal, I was going to collect a rock from each Wisconsin county (there are 72, in case you were wondering), he put his head in his hands and said, “When do you want to start?” What neither of us counted on was finding hidden treasures that the average Wisconsinite may not realize exist in the state. So, allow me to introduce you to some of the places we have discovered, and some of the people we have met along the way. Paula has quite a fan club of these articles from Wisconsin and other States!

Nominated by: Christine Lilek, CPG-10195
Craig McCammack, CPG-11731
Illinois/Indiana Section

Craig has served the Illinois-Indiana Section as its President for the past six years (2017 through 2022). He held the Section together during the pandemic and always remained a caring, steadfast, cheerful, and positive influence on us all. Craig has introduced many members to this organization as a platform for finding great geologists to meet and synergize with. He has that kind of spirit and leadership in and outside AIPG that is infectious and makes people want to join and support us. Craig's welcoming and encouraging nature has ensured that all members, new and seasoned, feel heard when speaking up with recommendations and ideas for our section. In every situation and conversation, he has found ways to promote AIPG that is not pushy but makes people want to ask more about it. Although things moved slower over the last two years for the section, Craig's leadership sustaining a core group of volunteers while adding half a dozen dedicated board members over the previous few years is already paying dividends as we are going into 2023 with energy and momentum. Craig continues to contribute to AIPG by working to organize the 2023 National Conference with the Kentucky and Ohio Sections and National Conference committee, as well as continuing to advise and support the Illinois-Indiana Section on various committees. Craig is an exemplary member of AIPG and has been indispensable to the Illinois-Indiana Section, both functionally and personally.

Nominated by: Anna Sutton, MEM-2528, Jennifer Goshorn Stepina MEM-3262, Peggy Straub, Tim Norris, CPG-12134, David Heidlauf, CPG-09365, Michael Monteith, CPG-10238, James Adamson, MEM-1532

Ian Wynn, SA-8150
Georgia Section

Ian has been the best partner to go through my program. He has pushed me academically, professionally, and personally. He is one of the best tutors at my school. His passion is infectious. Ian was one of two undergraduates to represent our chapter at the North West GSA conference this past spring for his research in China’s ceramic glaze industry. Last year he served as our Geology Club Present and is currently the Vice President. Our program was unfortunately cancelled. Current students were given an opportunity to finish their degrees. In these trying times, Ian went above and beyond as our club president to maintain our stamina to finish strong to make our professors proud.

Nominated by: Ashley Davis, SA-11068.

Donald Prothero
Geology and Paleontology Author

Donald Prothero has taught college geology and paleontology for over 45 years, at Caltech, Columbia, Cal Poly Pomona, 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 48 books (including eight leading geology textbooks, and several trade books), and over 380 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 also 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 was named a “Friend of Darwin” by the National Center for Science Education. In 2023, he received the AIPG Award for Outstanding Achievement. In 2023-2024, he was appointed a “Distinguished Lecturer” by the Palaeontological Association. 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
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. Crossey, 2015
P. Patrick Leahy, 2016
Neil Shubin, 2021

Each year, the President of the American Institute of Professional Geologists may award one or more certificates of merit to individuals who, through dedicated and meritorious service, have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute. The award, the Presidential Certificate of Merit, is announced and presented at the Annual Meeting.

AIPG Michigan Section
For its initiative and hard work related to the annual remediation conference. In 2023 the section held the 12th Environmental Risk Management Workshop with participants that consistently reaches the venue capacity. This event is a high-quality technical workshop that serves not only AIPG members but a broad range of environmental professionals. The primary emphasis of the workshop is to bring professionals together promoting networking and partnership building to solve complex technical problems. The Michigan section has developed a strong reputation with other professionals, built a solid financial foundation and provided leadership opportunities for its members.

Anna Sutton, MEM-2528
For strong leadership on the DEI committee and support in preparing DEI materials for the 2023 AIPG annual meeting.

Deanna Wolfe, MEM-3086
For her exemplary leadership and commitment in chairing the AIPG-SME liaison committee; co-chairing the first AIPG geology session at the SME annual meeting in 2023; and coordinating three field trips and two technical geology sessions at the 2024 SME annual meeting. Without her dedication this fledging committee would not have taken flight.
Mr. Buchanan is a geological engineer and is registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Nevada. After graduating from the University of British Columbia, he worked for Bethlehem Copper in Vancouver, later transferring to their Reno office in Nevada. He attended Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA, and received a Master of Business Administration in 1981.

Mr. Buchanan became a member of AIPG in 1982 while he was working for an international consulting firm based in Houston and became active in the organization when he moved back to Reno in 1983. The Nevada AIPG section had no money, no budget and few members, and because he was a new member, he was “selected” to be screening board chairperson. Eventually, the section grew to the point where members had created a volunteer newsletter editor and grown to over 200 members. Mr. Buchanan continues to be active in Nevada section activities, having served continuously as an officer, either as president or treasurer, from 1989 through the present.

His interest in the National AIPG began when Mr. Buchanan attended the 1990 Annual Meeting in Long Beach, where he met representatives from many state sections, and formed friendships that lasted many years. After serving as AIPG Treasurer in 1999-2000, he continued with another five years of services on the Executive Committee, including serving as AIPG President in 2007.

Long a firm believer that the well-rounded professional will have interests that will include membership in other industry organizations, Mr. Buchanan is a Legion of Honor member of the Society of Mining Engineers and served as Vice-President and President respectively of the Geological Society of Nevada from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023.

Mr. Buchanan formed a mining consulting company, HB Engineering Group, Inc., in 1990 to look for under-developed exploration and mining opportunities in several western states, Mexico and eastern Europe. One project, a gold mine in Nevada, was permitted and went into production in 2018. Concurrent with managing HB Engineering, Mr. Buchanan also served as US Bankruptcy Chapter 11 Trustee from 1998 through 2016.
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. Bogner, 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

Scholarship Winners

The AIPG National awarded ten undergraduate scholarships of $1,500 each ($10,000 was sponsored by the Foundation of AIPG) An additional two more scholarships were sponsored by AIPG Sections - $500 by the AIPG Illinois/Indiana Section and $1,500 by the AIPG Michigan Section.

Kathrym Baumann, SA-11704, Middle Tennessee State University, TN Section
Grace Cantele, SA-11703, University of Georgia, GA Section
Juliana Curtis, SA-11692, Miami University, OH Section
Pheoebe Futcher, SA-11510, West Virginia University, VA Section
Rex Monahan, SA-11675, University of Miami, FL Section
Reid Jansen SA-11673, University of Miami, FL Section
Anthony Kilber, SA-10999, Eastern Illinois University, IL/IN Section
McKenzie Miller, SA-11294, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Carolinas Section
Bhooma Parthasarathy, SA-11632, University of Houston-Downtown, TX Section
Julia Rudlaff, SA-11675, Michigan State University, MI Section
Madeline Sigler, SA-11318, Wayne State University, MI Section
KeMia Smith, SA-11701, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign , IL/IN Section
Hayley Woodrich, SA-11647, University of Illinois, IL/IN Section


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

Dennis Pennington, CPG-4401, Chairman
David Abbott, Jr., CPG-4570
Mike Lawless, CPG-9224
Christine Lilek, CPG-10195
Steve Testa, CPG-6464

J. Todd McFarland, CPG-11348
Tennessee Section

Todd is a geologist with WSP and have over 19 years of environmental consulting experience with emergency response, due diligence, water quality assessments, site characterization and remediation, and dye trace studies. He has a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry and a Masters in Geology from the University of Kentucky.

He began his career in 2003 and spent the next several years behind a drill rig, sampling groundwater and surface water, and remediating a variety of sites throughout the eastern U.S as most do when they are early career professionals. He joined AIPG in 2008 and upgraded to a CPG in 2010. Although field work consumed most of his time during his initial years as an AIPG member, he remained involved with the organization on the Section level and served as the Tennessee Section President in 2013 which resulted in his attendance at his first annual meeting in Colorado in 2013. He enjoyed the experience of meeting other members of the organization and knew immediately that he wanted to be more involved. At the 2013 meeting he was nominated from the floor and was elected to serve on the National Advisory Board in 2014. He then served as Vice President in 2015 and General Chairman for the National Meeting in 2017 held in Nashville, TN. He then had the honor (and as most would agree) the challenge of serving as President in 2020 as AIPG navigated through the covid pandemic. Although far from a traditional presidential tenure, it was a great experience for him to see how the members and the staff all adapted to the constant changes.

He currently leads a team of 17 environmental professional for WSP in the southeast working on variety of characterization and remediation projects for railroad, industrial, and government clients. He was also recently elected AIPG Vice President for 2024 and is excited to serve on the National Executive Committee again.

Nominated by: James A. Jacobs, CPG-07760, Anne M. Murray, CPG-11645
The Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award was established by the Executive Committee in 1979 in posthumous honor of the first president of the Institute. Martin Van Couvering made the presidency a full-time occupation for the first two years of the Institute’s history. His dynamic leadership, diplomacy, and organizational abilities established the solid foundation from which the Institute has grown. Few, if any, have given so much to the Institute.

The most important criterion for the Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award is service to the Institute. As in other awards, a wide variety of contributions to the Institute may be considered. By far the most important contribution a geologist can make to the Institute is that of time. It is the contributions by individuals to the Sections, the committees, and special projects that enable the Institute to enhance the practice of geology.

**Past Recipients**

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The most important criterion for this medal is a continual record of contribution to the profession of geology. A wide variety of contributions can be considered, such as (a) the education and training of geologists, (b) professional development of geologists, (c) service to the Institute, (d) leadership in the surveillance of laws, rules, and regulations affecting geology, geologists, and the public, and (e) activity in local and regional affairs of geologists.

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- Ian Campbell, 1970
- Allen C. Tester, 1972
- James Boyd, 1973
- Jerry B. Newby, 1973
- Linn Hoover, 1974
- R. Dana Russell, 1976
- Frank B. Conselman, 1977
- John T. Galey, 1978
- Howard E. Rothrock, 1980
- Adolf U. Honkala, 1981
- Henry H. Neel, 1982
- John D. Haun, 1983
- Robert L. Bates, 1984
- M. O. Turner, 1985
- Robert J. Weimer, 1986
- Ernest K. Lehmann, 1987
- Michel T. Halbouty, 1988
- Peter T. Flawn, 1989
- Grover E. Murray, 1990
- Wayne A. Pettyjohn, 1992
- Robert H. Dott, Jr., 1992
- Daniel N. Miller, Jr., 1993
- Frank W. Harrison, Jr., 1994
- Donald L. Blackstone, 1995
- William L. Fisher, 1996

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- William J. Siok, 2014
- David M. Abbott, Jr., 2015
- Vincent P. Amy, 2016
- Stephen M. Testa, 2017
- Barbara H. Murphy, 2018
- Frank R. Ettensohn, 2019
- Raymond W. Talkington 2020
- Ronald J. Wallace, 2021
- Scott W. Tinker, 2022

### 2023 Recipient of the Ben H. Parker Memorial Distinguished Service Medal

**Vincent S. Cronin, CPG-11830**

**Texas Section**

Vince Cronin earned BS, MS, and PhD degrees in Geology. He was a tenured faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Baylor University, retiring as an Emeritus Professor. He taught graduate and undergraduate courses in structural geology, tectonics, engineering geology, and physical geology. Vince supervised at least 18 MS theses, 7 BS theses, and 49 published abstracts with student authors. Nominated by UWM students, he was the first recipient of the Martine D. Meyer Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Vince has been a licensed Professional Geologist in Texas and Wisconsin. He is a Certified Professional Geologist through the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and has led GSA’s Environmental and Engineering Geology Division, earning their Meritorious Service Award. He is a member of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) and was selected by AEG and GSA-EEGD as the Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer for 2022-23. He worked for the first Jahns Lecturer, Dr. Jim Slosson, on projects involving landslides, active faulting, flooding, coastal/stream erosion, and resource evaluation in the western US. Vince wrote an early paper about compound landslides.

Vince has taught or co-taught many workshops, short courses, and webinars for UNAVCO and IRIS (EarthScope Consortium) and the Science Education Resource Center (SERC) to benefit students, teachers, and professionals. He is designated a Top Community Contributor by SERC. With UNAVCO, he led development of a curricular module demonstrating use of GPS velocity data to measure crustal strain that became a model for subsequent GETSI modules available from SERC.

Vince is the editor and primary revision author for the 11th through 13th editions of the AGI/NAGT Laboratory Manual in Physical Geology, published by Pearson, which is the most widely used laboratory textbook of its kind. He is the co-author with Mark Carpenter of the climate change lab — new in the 12th edition. In addition to teaching his own undergraduate and graduate courses remotely during the covid-19 crisis, Vince created more than one hundred educational videos related to the AGI lab manual and posted them online to support geoscience teachers and students across the country.

Vince engages in a broad range of geoscience research and has authored more than 30 published papers. His field work in the Karakoram-Himalaya resulted in an improved understanding of the physical and magnetic-polarity stratigraphy of Skardu Basin and its structural context. He solved the three-plate problem of plate tectonics and used the solution to explain the evolution of transform faults, plate triple junctions, and oceanic fracture zones. Collaborating with his students, Vince developed the Seismo-Lineament Analysis Method, which incorporates earthquake data, lidar-based geomorphic analysis, GPS geodesy, and field work to locate the ground-surface trace of seismogenic faults.

Vince has contributed to the development of geohazards through the past three decades. He serves on the executive board of the International Association for Promoting Geohazards as its North American coordinator and is on the editorial board of the Journal of Geohazards and Social Geosciences.

Additional information is posted at [https://CroninProjects.org/AIPG/](https://CroninProjects.org/AIPG/).

Nominated by: Stephen Testa, CPG-06464