



2016 USGS Honor Awards Ceremony

**Dallas L. Peck
Auditorium**

Reston, Virginia

**May 3, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

**Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey**

Welcome

William H. Werkheiser, Deputy Director

Matthew Andersen – guitar/vocalist

Carole DeHerrera -vocalist

Roy McCullough – pianist

The Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Remarks

Suzette M. Kimball, Director

Introduction of Award Recipients

William H. Werkheiser, Deputy Director

Presentation of Awards

Suzette M. Kimball, Director

Kerry Rae, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Water and Science

In Memory Of Our Fellow USGS Family Members

Arnold V. Acosta	Pasadena, California
Jack E. Barbash	Tacoma, Washington
David R. Bedford	Menlo Park, California
Cathy L. Cobbin	Flagstaff, Arizona
Daniel W. Daly	Mounds View, Minnesota
Kristin Kelly Engberg	Bismarck, North Dakota
Gregory S. Hilgendorf	Montpelier, Vermont
Philip M. Mobbs	Reston, Virginia
Daniel A. Sarr	Flagstaff, Arizona
Justin M. Schaefer	San Diego, California
Charlie Shivers, Jr.	Lawrenceville, New Jersey
Ernest W. Smith	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Daniel T. Sprague	Laurel, Maryland
Peter H. Stauffer	Menlo Park, California
Robert R. Turk	Menlo Park, California
Bruce R. Wardlaw	Reston, Virginia



**Please take a moment of silence for
all of the service men and
women who have given the ultimate sacrifice
and for those who recently served or are currently
serving overseas and stateside.**



John Wesley Powell Award

This honor award recognizes an individual or group, not employed by the Federal Government, whose contributions to the USGS's objectives and mission are noteworthy.

John Galetzka
TLALOCnet Project Manager
UNAVCO

2015 Eugene M. Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Communications

Donald A. Swanson

2015 Eugene M. Shoemaker Awards for Communications Excellence

Category: Print Product

From Icefield to Ocean

Shad O'Neel*

Eran Hood (University of Alaska, Southeast)*

Kristin Timm (University of Alaska, Fairbanks)*

(* not attending ceremony)

Shoemaker Awards (continued)

Category: Internet Product

USGS Coastal and Marine Geology Program Website

Jolene S. Gittens

Laura Z. Torresan

Gregory K. Miller

Ann B. Tihansky

Andrea T. Toran

USGS Diversity Award

Kevin T. Gallagher

Alexandra Chavez Hadley

Howard L. Jelks

Excellence in Leadership Award

Stephen T. Jackson

Early Career Excellence in Leadership Award

James M. Nelson



(* not attending ceremony)

**Individual USGS Safety and Occupational Health
Award of Excellence
(2015 accomplishments)**

Kimberly R. Beisner

Fletcher C. Brinkerhoff

Beth Demith

Julia L. Fields

Emma B. Hanslowe

James R. Hanlon*

Shelby L. Hunter*

William "Buddy" Hyde

David "Twig" Nichols

Jeffrey S. Sallas

Jennifer B. Sharpe

Nicholas Shema*

Benjamin J. Siebers

**Group USGS Safety and Occupational Health
Award of Excellence
(2015 accomplishments)**

Kansas Water Science Center Field Work "Safe Return" Plan

Brian L. Loving Guy M. Foster* Colin C. Painter*

(The Kansas group will also be honored at the DOI Convocation on May 9 to receive the Department's safety award.)

Texas Water Science Center

Beau Griffin

Milton W. Sunvison*

(* not attending ceremony)

Unit Award of Excellence of Service

National Civil Applications Center

(Joel Cugini accepting award)

Kim Angeli	Erika Kaufhold
David Bratton	Laura Kislowski
Mark Brooks	Rynn Lamb*
Chelsea Carbo	Gregory Manuel*
Lisbeth Chandler	Blythe Merritt*
Chelsea Cook	Bruce Molnia
Laura Deaton	Cynthia Myers
Thomas Duke	Thomas Owens*
Eugene Ellis*	Susan Price*
Mark Fahey*	Marcos Ponce
Fred Flores*	Jeffrey Sano
Beverly Friesen*	Rafael Sistoza
Gary Fisher	Susan Stuart
Carolyn Gacke*	Robert Sybert
Robert Glover	Earl Wilson*
Lucy Golden*	Charles Wortman
James Hak	
Brenda Jones	

Citizen's Award for Exceptional Service

This honor award recognizes a citizen, organizational partner, or volunteer whose contributions are significant to the Bureau's mission.

Robin Bryant*

Volunteer

Alaska Region

Antonio Simonetti*

Director of Graduate Studies

University of Notre Dame

(* not attending ceremony)

2015 USGS and DOI Environmental Achievement Award

National Center Storm Water Management Team
(Green Dream Team Category)

Douglas Channell
John Czarapata (GSA)*

Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)

(will be presented at a White House ceremony)

Richard Briggs

Jeffrey Pigati

Maureen Purcell

Meritorious Service Awards

(2015 and 2016)

Robert A. Ayuso*

Harry E. Lerch

Tamara L. Dickinson

Michael Lisowski*

Paul E. Exter

Brian L. Loving

Martha N. Garcia

Bruce F. Molnia

Jane M. Hammarstrom

Delia A. Poole

Larry D. Hothem*

Klaus J. Schulz*

Christopher G. Ingersoll*

Robert R. Seal*

Anne E. Kinsinger

Kathleen R. Simmons*

Keith G. Kirk*

Taeko Jane Takahashi

Elizabeth A. Lemersal

David J. Wald*

(* not attending ceremony)

Superior Service Awards

(2015/2016 presented at local ceremonies)

Robert A. Ayuso

Kimianne L. Lee

Janet L. Babb

David L. Lorenz

Jill S. Baron

M. Vicki Lukas

Paul M. Bradley

Charles P. Matthys

Steven R. Brantley

Cheryl A. Morris

Cheryl A. Davis

Lisa J. Morrow

Paul S. Earle

Mark D. Petersen

Paul E. Exter

Lydia M. Rivera

Julia L. Fields

Joseph V. Seger

Christopher P. Garrity

Robert W. Swarzenski

Martin B. Goldhaber

Jorge A. Vazquez

Robert P. Graves

Alan T. Wiser



50-Year Scroll of Honor

(June 2015 to May 2016)

Donald A. Swanson

Daniel M. Weiss

40-Year Scroll of Honor

(June 2015 to May 2016)

Scott D. Bartholoma
Richard J. Blakely*
David M. Boore*
Inez S. Bridgett
Michael F. Diggles*
David I. Donato
James R. Estabrook
Russell C. Evarts*
Jon Peter B. Fletcher*
Terry L. Fries*
Lisa A. Garcia*
Elizabeth E. Good
Janice M. Gordon*
Laurice G. Hall*
Colleen M. Handel*
Kimberly J. Kennedy
Jack L. Kindinger*
Fred W. Klein*
William M. Kohler*
M. Dennis Krohn*
Denis R. LeBlanc*
Jonathan C. Matti*
John Charles Maurer*

Susan D. Mills
Thomas L. Murray*
Ronald S. Oremland*
Linda M. Ott*
Janet L. Paquette*
Richard V. Poss*
John E. Repetski
Rafael W. Rodriguez*
Susan Russell-Robinson
James J. Rytuba
Marre Jo Sager*
Janice H. Shay
David B. Smith*
Richard A. Smith
Robert G. Striegl
Sharon M. Swanson
Joanne C. Taylor
Olga P. Vergara*
Darrell P. Washington
Karen R. Watson*
Craig S. Weaver*
Frederic H. Wilson
Jeffrey C. Wynn



(* not attending ceremony)

30-Year Length of Service Awards

(June 2015 through May 2016 presented at local ceremonies)

Warren F. Agena	Paul A. Conrads	Ralph A. Haugerud
Nancy E. Aldridge	Isabelle M. Cozzarelli	David C. Heimann
Craig D. Allen	Kari J. Craun	Paul M. Heisig
Brian J. Andraski	Mark E. Cree	Charles E. Heywood
Dale A. Anglin	Mary J. Cunningham	Charles E. Hickman
Stephen S. Anthony	Daniel W. Daly	Stuart A. Hill
Jesse W. Arms	Donna Damrau	Robert G. Hollis
Lori Anne Baer	Marjorie S. Davenport	James L. Huckaby
Paul C. Banko	Martha S. Dellafosse	Angela M. Hughes
Nancy L. Barber	Lynn D. Dietz	Noel M. Hurley, Jr.
Jeffrey R. Barnard	Khanh K. Doan	Christopher G. Ingersoll
Kris J. Becker	Neil M. Dubrovsky	Lorri A. Jackson
Susan P. Benjamin	Denise H. Dumouchelle	Yvonne S. Jenkins
John M. Besser	Gail D. Dunn	Robin C. Kaiser
Joel D. Blomquist	Gregory F. Durocher	Thomas A. Kalvelage
Jacob R. Bohr	Margaret R. Eastman	Steven Kambly
David R. Boldt	Sandra M. Eberts	Richard L. Kane
Carol A. Brady	Brian C. Engle	Patrick O. Keefe
Theodore R. Brandt	Paul A. Ensminger	Katherine J. Kendrick
David W. Briar	Melanie A. Estep	Gregory W. Kennedy
Deborah A. Bringman	Luna M. Shields Evans	John M. Kilpatrick
Thomas M. Brocher	James D. Fallon	Karen L. Kinder
Dexter W. Brown	Gary B. Fisher	Brent C. Knights
Ronald Busciolano	Helen W. Folger	Lisa M. Kok
Clifford A. Calheim	Gisele B. Fortune	Dana W. Kolpin
Sheryl A. Carriere	Karen E. Fox	John J. Kosovich
Suzanne T. Cartagirone	Arthur D. Frankel	Mark D. Kozar
Richard A. Cartwright	Dean R. Fryer	Bridgette J. Krawczak
Melanie A. Clark	Kevin T. Gallagher	John W. Lane, Jr.
Melanie L. Clark	Alica K. Garrison	Ruth M. Larkins
Tonja R. Clark	Diana R. Goldberg	Stephen J. Lawrence
Thomas P. Clines	Olivia V. Grant	William S. Leith
Timothy A. Cohn	Jess W. Griffin	David P. LeMarie
Jaime A. Collazo	Alexandra L. Hadley	David M. Leslie, Jr.
Brooke Feeley Connor	Sharon L. Hamann	Michael E. Lewis
Kelly L. Conrad	Patrick E. Hart	

(continued on next page)

30-Year Length of Service Awards (continued)

(June 2015 through May 2016 presented at local ceremonies)

Laurie L. Lindner
Kristin S. Linsey
Sandra L. Lintz
Ronald J. Litwin
Keith E. Livo
Karen E. Longmore
Sabra Ann Lopez
Michelle Lorah-Devereux
Jeffrey E. Lucius
Roberto V. Lugo
William A. Lukas
Helen J. Mackritis
Brenda F. Majedi
Ernesto Mangual
Karen B. Maxwell
Maria L. McCormick
Edwin R. McFarland
Constance L. McKibben
Tracy R. Meeker
Christine T. Mendelsohn
Terry L. Middleton
Leandro E. Miranda
Melicia D. Morgan
James E. Morris
John R. Mullaney
Ann H. Mullin
Donna N. Myers
Jonathan M. Nelson
Scott A. Olson
Steve J. Olson
Penny L. Orr
Leonard L. Orzol
Carolyn S. Parker
Karen Hatsumi Perez
Thang N. Phi
Patrick J. Phillips

Sharla R. Pierce
John A. Power
Anthony J. Ranalli
Robert G. Reiser, Jr.
Karen C. Rice
Carl L. Rich
George F. Ritz
Bittany L. Roche
Kevin W. Romero
Peter M. Rohl
York Q. Rushin, Jr.
Carol L. Sanchez
Ward E. Sanford
John R. Sauer
Steve P. Schilling
Jill L. Schneider
Carol A. Schuler
John G. Schumacher
David P. Schwartz
Michael D. Schwartz
Stuart C. Sides
Todd A. Siskin
Gary L. Skipp
Jeff L. Sloan
E. Terrence Slonecker
Annie B. Smith
Douglas G. Smith
Lydia D. Smith
Frederick J. Spitz
Robert F. Stallard
Peter A. Steeves
Michael P. Stier
Alfred G. Strickland
Susan L. Stuart
D. Kathleen Sturgis
Daniel J. Sullivan

Gerald L. Svarc
Rita A. Szymialis
Rosaline S. Taaga
Robert L. Taylor
Robert E. Terrill
Peter M. Theodorakos
Mary B. Thibault
Susan A. Thiros
Ann B. Tihansky
Frank A. Trusdell
D. Phil Turnipseed
Paula J. Walters
Kelly L. Norton Warner
Gregory M. Wehner
William H. Werkheiser
Stephen L. Werner
Robert R. Wertz, Jr.
Kirk E. White
Frank W. Wiebe
Paul M. Wiese
Steven W. Winkler
Mary E. Wood
Michael D. Woodside
Mei Y. Wu
Douglas B. Yager
Tracy J. Yager
Alexander V. Zale
Andrew C. Ziegler
Jan L. Zigler
Steven J. Zigler

**USGS Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Award
(National Center Employees parking spaces)**

(presented at local ceremonies)

Pamela Agnew	John Evans	Karen Maxwell
Dale Anglin	Vicki Floyd	Pamela Murray
Jennifer Bracewell	Jennifer Fox (2)	Carol Peters
Inez Bridgett	John Green	Mark Reidy
Amanda Brown	Benjamin Henry	Kenneth Shaffer
Stephanie Brown	Thomas Hermann	Nancy Shepard
Brittany Caldwell	Palma Jarboe	Joyce Solomon
Pamela Callais	Allyson Jason	Doug Spencer
Bethany Cox	Jackie Johnson	Joseph Stachyra
Robert Dollison	Doreen Lucas	Nancy Sternberg
Michael Domaratz	Michael Marketti (2)	Tammy Thorpe
Julie Englehart	Michael McDermott	Ann Tihansky

DOI Honor Award Recognition

(presented at DOI ceremonies)

Distinguished Service Award

(Presenting at the DOI Convocation, May 9, 2016, 10:00-11:00 a.m.,

Bison Bistro Cafeteria (auditorium is being renovated)

(All are welcome to attend)

Timothy A. Cohn*

Brenda K. Jones*

Denis R. LeBlanc

Thomas R. Loveland*

Michael T. Meyer

David P. Russ

(* not attending ceremony)

DOI Safety and Occupational Health Award of Excellence

(Presenting at the DOI Convocation, May 9, 2016, 10:00-11:00 a.m.,

Bison Bistro Cafeteria (auditorium is being renovated)

(All are welcome to attend)

Kansas Water Science Center Field Work “Safe Return” Plan

Brian L. Loving*

Guy M. Foster*

Colin C. Painter

2015 Individual Customer Service Award

(presented at DOI’s 2015 4th of July Ceremony)

Daniel T. Snyder *

(Scientist Emeritus, Oregon Water Science Center)

2015 DOI Environmental Achievement Award

***Climate Science and Partnerships– Increasing Tribal Capacity
for Climate Change Adaptation***

South Central Climate Science Center*

(The USGS co-manages this Center along with the University of Oklahoma. The Office of the Secretary of the Interior submitted this nomination.)



(* not attending ceremony)

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE THIS CEREMONY HAPPEN

Matthew Andersen—Guitar/Vocal
Paul Cascio—Photographer
Melanie Clark—Awards Coordinator
Carole DeHerrera—Bureau Honor Awards Coordinator
Kim Dueling—Awards Coordinator
Margo Harris—Director’s Reception
William Lukas—Awards Coordinator
James Mays—Interpreters
Roy McCullough—Piano
Christopher Roberts—Refreshments
Janice Shay—Director’s Reception
Edward Simmons—Sound
Dara Snyder— Awards Coordinator
Joanne Taylor—Awards Review/Coordination
Gloria Vest—Awards Coordinator
GS Building Services—Stage Setup
ELT Secretaries/Assistants—Awards Coordination

Ceremony Volunteers

Sharon Benitez	Cindy Lonergan
Amy Bradley	Katie Orsi
Dora Brooks	Loretta Pope
Michele Fanning	Dara Snyder
Ulysees Gilbert	Allison Stephens
Darnise Johnson	Gloria Vest
Anastasia Kurbanov	

Our deepest appreciation go to Suzette Kimball and all of the USGS Managers and Supervisors whose continued support of the USGS Honor Awards Program has been a tribute to our wonderful USGS family.

Professional Recognition from Outside Organizations

Group Recognition

The Landsat 8 Team (Keith Alberts, Amy Anderson, Joe Cavaluzzi, John Dwyer, Chris Engebretson, Gene Fosnight, Dave Hair, Connie Hamann, Tom Kalvelage, Kristi Kline, Steve Labahn, Jim Lacasse, Jenn Lacey, Tom Loveland, Grant Mah, Jan Nelson, Jim Nelson, Rod Pater, Brian Sauer, Chris Torbert, Jason Williams, Steve Zahn, Karen Zanter) received the 2014 William T. Pecora Award for their outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth's land surface and surrounding coastal regions.

William Gibbs, Linda Rogers, Michael Rosen, and Kent Turner took First Place in 2014 for a Technical Report: "A Sunthesis of Aquatic Science for Management of Lakes Mead and Mohave." They received this award at the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Annual Award Ceremony in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jeanne DiLeo, Fred Klein, Peter Stauffer and Thomas Wright took First Place in 2015 for a Technical Report: "Two hundred years of magma transport and storage at Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii, 1790-2008." This award was presented at the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Annual Award Ceremony in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mark Brigham, William Gibbs, Linda Rogers, and Dennis Wentz took Second Place in 2015 for a Technical Report: "Mercury in the Nation's Streams—Levels, Trends and Implications." Presentation of this award occurred at the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Annual Award Ceremony in Memphis, Tennessee.

Peter Haeussler, George Plafker, Justin Pressfield, and Stephen Wessells took First Place in 2015 for a Public Affairs Program: "1964 Quake: The Great Alaska Earthquake." They received this award at the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Annual Award Ceremony in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Christopher Ingersoll and Dr. Ning Wang received the USEPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) Bronze Star for providing significant support to ORD in its formulation, execution and communication of Web-Inter-species extrapolation modeling used to evaluate the contaminant sensitivity of freshwater mussels to other commonly tested species.

Group Recognition (continued)

Mark Newell (NGP) and James Maxwell (NGTOC) received the International Map Industry Association 2015 Best Map Award (2nd Place-Silver Award) for their Best Map Product: “Mapping the Nation’s Capitol Through the Years.”

FY16 Powell Center for Analysis and Synthesis Working Groups

Local-scale ecosystem resilience amid global-scale ocean change: the coral reef example (Short Title: Coral reef resilience) (Lisa Kuffner—USGS Climate Land Use/Ecosystems and California State Northridge and Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology).

Hot spots and moments in river corridors: a continental scale synthesis of river hydrogeomorphology and cumulative influence on water quality (Short Title: Hydrogeomorphic controls on the nation’s river water quality) (Jud Harvey—USGS Ecosystems/Water and New Mexico Tech, Pennsylvania State and Virginia Tech).

What lies below? Improving quantification and prediction of soil carbon storage, stability, and susceptibility to disturbance (Short Title: Soil carbon storage) (Corey Lawrence—USGS Climate Land Use/Ecosystems and the Forest Service, University of Massachusetts and the University of Hawaii).

Predicting the next high-impact insect invasion: Elucidating traits and factors determining the risk of introduced herbivorous insects on North American native plants (Short Title: High-impact insect invasions) (Kathryn Thomas—USGS Ecosystems/Hazards and the Forest Service, Arkansas State University, Ohio State University and the University of Washington).

Individual Recognition

Scott Bennett

Invited to serve on the Board of Directors for the non-profit ‘Next Generation of Sonora Desert Researchers’ organization.

Invited presenter at the Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazard Summit III.

Invited presenter at the annual Utah Quaternary Fault Parameters Working Group meeting.

Invited presenter in the weekly Heiland Lecture series in the Department of Geophysics at the Colorado School of Mines.

Invited presenter in the session “The Where, When and Why of Uncharacteristic Earthquakes” at the annual Seismological Society of America Annual Meeting.

Individual Recognition

Scott Bennett (continued)

Invited presenter in the two seminar series in the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of North Carolina.

Invited presenter in the weekly seminar series in the Earth and Space Science Department at the University of Washington.

Mehmet Celebi

Presented the Keynote Lecture entitled “Rapid, Feasible and Technically Sound Structural Health Monitoring to Facilitate Resilience of Tall Buildings” at the 7th International Conference on Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure, Torino, Italy.

Presented the Keynote Lecture entitled “Benefits and Processes of Seismic Instrumentation of Growing Number of Tall Buildings in the Middle East” at the 9th Gulf Seismic Forum, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

Michelle Coombs

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Melanie Culver

Was selected President of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Frederick Day-Lewis

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

John Faundeen

Received the 2015 Outstanding Service Award of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing for his leadership as Chair of the Data Preservation and Archiving Committee.

Individual Recognition (continued)

John Evans

Received a Fulbright Specialist Program Grant to present two lectures and work on a joint paper with colleagues at the Czech National Academy of Science.

J. Christian Franson

Received a Letter of Appreciation from the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region, for his service on the Contaminants Work Group of the California Condor Recovery Team.

Ryan Gold

Received the J. William Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant and the Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers for the collaborative research he will engage in with scientists at Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich, Germany, to explore spatial and temporal patterns in the Quaternary record of faulting in the Lower Rhine Graben.

Jennifer Harden

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Robert Holmes

Was invited as the Neil and Maurita Steuck Distinguished Lecturer, Missouri University of Science and Technology. Lecture was entitled "Water: Blessings, Curses, and a Whole Load of Uncertainty."

Elected as a Fellow—American Society of Civil Engineers—Environment and Water Resources Institute. Recognition is for leadership in water resources and/or environmental engineering.

Received the American Society of Civil Engineers National Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award which recognizes distinguished civil engineers employed in public service.

Individual Recognition (continued)

Lucile Jones

Received the prestigious 2015 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal (Sammie) for Citizen Services from the Partnership for Public Service, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that believes good government starts with good people. They help government serve the needs of all Americans by strengthening the civil service and the systems that support it.

Received the 2015 Ambassador Award from the American Geophysical Union in recognition for “outstanding contributions to societal impact: In the arenas of advocacy, communication, outreach, policy, and/or public service, these experts have advanced the role, understanding, and recognition of science to the world.”

Received the William Rogers Award from the Brown University Alumni Association, in recognition of an outstanding alumna or alumnus whose service to society in general is representative of the words of the Brown Charter: living a life “of usefulness and reputation.”

Was selected as the University of California Berkeley 2015 Hitchcock Professor. This honor is an endowed visiting professorship on science and society. Previous holders have included Stephen Hawking, Niels Bohr and Enrico Fermi.

Was selected as Honoree at the Southern California Earthquake Center annual meeting.

Michael Kemppainen

Designed a poster—“Mapping the Nation’s Capitol Through the Years” that was presented at the International Map Industry Association Conference in Washington, D.C. The poster won the Silver Award in the “Best Map Products” category.

Individual Recognition (continued)

Michelle Lorah

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Abigail Lynch

Received the American Fisheries Society Award in Excellence in Public Outreach. This award recognizes society members who share the value of fisheries science/research with the general public through popular media and other communication channels.

Deborah Martin

Was the invited speaker at the Royal Society of London scientific discussion meeting, “The Interaction of Fire and Mankind” held in London, U.K.

Mark Newell

Represented the NGP in receiving the International Map Industry Association 2015 Best Map Award, First Place (Gold Award) in the category—Best Marketing or Promotional Plan: “Old Name, New Elevation for North America’s Highest Peak.”

Represented the USGS and DOI as part of the Science.gov Alliance: Social Media team lead, program lead and award submitter. Received the National Association of Government Communicators Annual Award Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Ceremony. Took First Place with a Shoestring Budget: “Science.gov Trivia Challenge.”

D. Kirk Nordstrom

Adjunct Professor Award, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia.

Foreign Lecture Series, China University of Geosciences Wuhan, Wuhan, People’s Republic of China.

Fulbright Specialist Award, Salta University, Argentina.

Individual Recognition (continued)

D. Kirk Nordstrom (continued)

Invited Lecturer, Symposium 2015 Mines and the Environment, Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada.

Invited Lecture Series Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Stephen Personius

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Geoffrey Plumlee

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Fred Pollitz

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Christopher Potter

Was elected as Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the geosciences.

Justin Pressfield

Received the Office of the Secretary of Defense Patriotic Employer Award for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve force.

Barnett Rattner

Elected President, Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, a 6000-member international scientific society.

Individual Recognition (continued)

Justin Rubinstein

Was chosen as the 2016 IRIS/SSA Distinguished Lecturer. This annual lecture series is sponsored by the Incorporated Research Institutions in Seismology (IRIS) and the Seismological Society of America (SSA) and is a forum where earthquake scientists present topical lectures on earthquake science to general audiences.

Michelle Sneed

Was selected as a David Keith Todd 2015 Lecturer by the California Groundwater Resources Association (GRA).

Dennis Staley

Was selected to receive the Geological Society of America's Environmental and Engineering Geology Division Meritorious Service Award for his contributions as a management board member, Division Chair and webmaster.

Ernest Valdez

Was honored by being selected President of the Western Bat Working Group which encompasses the western United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Linda Weir

Received the 2016 Alison Haskell Award for Excellence in Herpetofaunal Conservation. This award is presented by Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation in memory of Alison Haskell to recognize an individual in North America who exemplifies extraordinary commitment to herpetofaunal conservation.

An electronic version of this program
can be found at:

<http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pc/awards.html>





The Pledge of Allegiance

*I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the republic for which it
stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.*