

2013 History and Philosophy of Geology Division
Student Awardees

We have three worthy student awardees, and all ably represented the division in their presentations at this year's Geological Society of America convention.

Recognition and encouragement of such scholars is important because our division faces the challenge of declining membership. Mentorship of students and engagement of our colleagues in division activities has proven to be vital to sustaining continuity of the division.

I can offer no better proof of this assertion than Bob Dott's example. Some 50 years ago he cultivated in me an interest in Earth history and history of geology when I took courses from him as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. And, ever since I got involved in HPG's activities, I've been amazed to learn of the number of others whom he similarly influenced as students, among them Ken Aalto, Jody Bourgeois, Marjorie Chan, Jim Dawson, Ed Landing, Julie Newell, as well as colleagues such as Charlie Byers and Bob Ginsburg.

Recognition of our three student awardees today follows Bob's example.

They are Carolina Gustafson, Junior at Vassar, studying for her BA in Arts, Science, and Technology, and mentored by Jill Schneiderman. Carolina's talk was on Doris Malkin Curtis, GSA's first woman president and, as Carolina emphasized, mentor to many students.

Ian J. Renfrew graduated in May with a BS from the Geosciences Department, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee where he was mentored by Margaret Fraiser. He was also mentored by Patricia Coorough-Burke, Division of Geology, Milwaukee Public Museum where he was an intern. Ian digitized the archives of Gilbert O. Raasch, one of Wisconsin's unheralded biostratigraphers and early developers of the Geology Museum, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Milwaukee Public Museum. Ian's work will facilitate access to Raasch's work for future studies of mid continental Paleozoic biostratigraphy.

Our first place awardee is Isabel Fay, PhD candidate in Hydrogeology, University of Arizona. Isabel is mentored by Mark Barton. Isabel is studying hydrogeologic aspects of ore emplacement in the Congo and she took the initiative of evaluating the bearing and validity of Georgius Agricola's little-known hydrogeologic studies on modern hydrogeologic inferences. She has compiled several chapters dedicated to Agricola in her dissertation.

Congratulations to all and may their awards encourage active participation of students in the history of geology in the future.

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