



Western Region

*Awards
Ceremony*

**November 14, 2007
Menlo Park, California**

U.S. Geological Survey
2007 Western Region Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, November 14, 2007
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PROGRAM

Welcome

Remarks and Presentation of Awards

Anne Kinsinger, Western Region Director
Frank Shipley, Acting Deputy Regional Director

Reception

Length of Service Awards

10 Years

Jennifer Agee	Shelly Foster	David Pratt
Lee Amoroso	Carol Fritzing	Rachel Reagan
Elizabeth Benolkin	Robert Fritzing	Susan Roberts
Brian Bergamaschi	Robert Fronckowiak	David Schneider
Kyle Blasch	Russell Graymer	Scott Schwab
Anne Brasher	Jeffrey Johnson	John Shinaman
Phaedra Budy	Jon Keeley	Michelle Shouse
Christina Cady	Terry Kenney	Kristin Simac
Jay Cederberg	Robert Kent	Jay Spillum
Christopher Clark	Dennis Lapointe	Sarah Spring
Carla Conway	Dale Melton	Karl Stenberg
Marisa Cox	Seth Moran	Marc Stewart
Anne Brasher	Michael Moreo	Laura Torresan
Laura Dinitz	Thomas Mullins	Lynn Weller
Judith Drexler	Carl Ostberg	Roberta Wesley
Josh Eash	Robert Ourso	Charles Wicks
Peggy Elliott	Jeffrey Paulat	Julie Yee
Peter Elliott	Kimberlie Perkins	Jon Yokomizo
Martel Fisher	Timothy Plucinski	

20 Years

Lynnmarie Applegate	Barbara Dawson	Robert Kimbrough
Brent Archinal	John Dick	Randolph Kirk
Laurie Balistrieri	Susan Dugan	Leanne Kitano
Brenda Ballachey	Sharlet Dunn	Steven Knick
Thomas Barr	Robert Eacret	Donna Knifong
Owen Baynham	James Eads	Keith Long
Barbara Bekins	Thomas Edwards	Joyce Lum
Jane Belnap	Lisa Faust	Jeffrey Marso
Dwight Bradley	Georgia Fountain	Anna McEachern
William Brazelton	Helen Gibbons	Christopher Menges
Thomas Bullen	Keith Halford	Robert Michel
Mark Bultman	John Hamilton	Daniel Monson
Annette Campbell	Ellen Hardy	Lisa Nowell
Robert Carruth	Brian Hatfield	Adriana Ornelas
Elizabeth Colvard	Maria Hernandez	Douglas Ott
Terrence Conlon	John Hoffmann	John Piatt
Dwight Copeland	James Howle	Robert Rameyer
Linda Davis	Walter Jungblut	Mark Reid
Susan Davis	Brian Kilgore	Evelyn Roeloffs

2007 USGS Western Region Awards

Marjorie Schulz
Bradley Slauch
Ronald Spaulding
Christina Stamospfeiffer

Bernard Stolp
Evan Templeton
Mara Tongue
Miguel Velasco

Brian Wagner
Steve Wessells
Stuart Wilkinson
Cheri Yoesting

30 Years

Robert Anthony
John Bissonette
James Bodkin
Daniel Cain
Trudy Cervantes
Duane Champion
Jeff Coleman
Brett Cox
James Crompton
Wesley Danskin
Daniel Dzurisin
Vicki Flagg
Bruce Furukawa
John Galloway
Steve Garcia
Donald Gautier
Floyd Gray
Bill Halvorson
Jennifer Harden
Thomas Herrett

Daisy Hom
Paul Hsieh
Mary Irvine
Christopher Isbell
William Johnson
James Kauahikaua
Alice Konieczki
Ella Lee
Michael Lico
William Manos
Patricia McCrory
Arthur McGarr
Robert Miller
Victor Mossotti
Janice Murphy
Christine Oneil
Charles Parrett
David Ponce
Reginald Reisenbichler
Carol Reiss

David Reneau
Lawrence Roberts
Jana Ruhlman
Edward J. Schreiner
Kent Sherman
Robert Simpson
Brett Smith
Karen Steenhof
Ross Stein
Steve Sumioka
Carl Thornber
Michael Torresan
Frank Triska
Elizabeth Turpin
John Vaccaro
Glenn Vanblaricom
Richard Wagner
Harold Williams

40 Years

Ronald Avanzino
Mary Ellen Lazarus

Frances Mills
Alan Mikuni
David Peterson

Richard Pike
Maurice Sako

USGS Western Region Awards

Western Region Geology Discipline Scientist Emeritus Best Publication Award

For editing the book, *Benthic Habitats and
the Effects of Fishing*, published by the American Fisheries Society

Peter Barnes

Western Region Publishing Leadership Award

In recognition of significant contributions to the success
of the Enterprise Publishing Network in the Western Region

Sean Stone Linda Rogers Fran Mills Myrna Debortoli

Western Region Communicator of the Year Award

Given to individuals or a group who have significantly contributed
to raising the visibility and value of USGS science to external or internal audiences

Luke Blair
Scott Haefner
Dina Venezky

Western Region Diversity Award—Supervisory

For her contribution to the values of diversity, including the active pursuit of diversity through a leadership style that fosters discussion and exploration of others' view points and opinions, consistently hiring and using Workforce Diversity Programs, and supporting staff with ongoing mentoring and encouragement

Jan Thompson

Western Region Diversity Award—Group

For positively focusing on each other's skills and contributions and fostering a group of high performing individuals

Dan Hess
Bill Swenson

Jeff Goetz
Randy Host

Ed Neal

Western Region Director's Award

Presented to the Alaska Science Center team for their studies on Polar Bears

Steve Amstrup
Dave Douglas

George Durner
Michael Runge

Eric Regehr
Leslie Holland-Bartels

USGS National Awards

Safety and Environmental Program Awards

Individual Safety and Health Champion Award

Michael Hunerlach

*Geology Discipline Reimbursable Activities
Recognition Award*

Fiscal Year 2006

Walter Mooney
Shane Detweiler

Science Strategy Team

Recognized for their dedication to the future of the USGS

Western Region Team members:

Charles Van Riper, III
Steve Schwarzbach
June Thormodsgard

Excellence in Leadership Award

Granted annually to recognize an individual, or group of individuals, for outstanding acts, services, or achievements that exemplify and support the USGS goal of developing a leadership-centered culture throughout the Bureau

Brian Atwater

Eugene M. Shoemaker Communication Awards

2007 Shoemaker Awards for Communication Product Excellence

The Shoemaker Awards for Communication Product Excellence recognize USGS products that demonstrate extraordinary effectiveness in communicating and translating complex scientific concepts and discoveries into words and pictures that capture the interest and imagination of the American public. Products are recognized in the categories of Print Products, Large-Format Print Products, World Wide Web Products, Audio/Visual Products, Exhibits and Events, and Multi-Product Communications.

External Communications—Internet

Coastal Habitats in Puget Sound (CHIPS) Web site

Bill Gibbs
Bobbie Jo Richey
John Clemens

External Communications—Multi-Product Communications

1906 Earthquake Centennial Products

Western Region team members:

Mary Lou Zoback	Brad Aagaard	David Schwartz
Tom Brocher	Luke Blair	Heidi Stenner
Susan Garcia	Jack Boatwright	Phil Stoffer
Scott Haeffner	Howard Bundock	Marco Ticci
Carol Prentice	Liz Colvard	Carl Wentworth
Susan Mayfield	Matt D'Alessio	Stephen Wessells
Peter H. Stauffer	Russ Graymer	Stephanie Hanna
James W. Hendley II	Bob Jachens	Bill Lukas
Taryn Lindquist	Keith Knudsen	Leslie Gordon
Stephen L. Scott	Heather Lackey	Bob Simpson
Judy Weathers	Jim Lienkaemper	

External Communications—Print

The Quality of Our Nation's Waters: Pesticides in the Nation's Streams and Ground Water, 1992-2001 (USGS Circular 1291) and Volatile Organic Compounds in the Nation's Ground Water and Drinking-Water Supply Wells (USGS Circular 1292)

Western Region team members:

Naomi Nakagaki	Gail Thelin	Ella Decker
Lisa Nowell	Patricia Toccalino	Jack Barbash

**Professional Recognition from
Outside Organizations—Group Awards**

Association of Earth Science Editors Outstanding Publication Award

2006 Awards

Print

Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country—Your Handbook for the San Francisco Bay Region,
USGS General Information Product 15

Mary Lou Zoback
Steve Walter
Susan Garica
Luke Blair

Marco Ticci
Howard Bundock
Bob Simpson
James W. Hendley II

Peter Stauffer
Susan Mayfield
Judy Weathers

Map or Poster

Geologic Map of the Katmai Volcanic Cluster, Katmai National Park, Alaska
USGS investigations Series Map I-2778

Wes Hildreth
Judy Fierstein
Joel E. Robinson

David W. Ramsey
Tracey J. Felger
Jan Zigler

Kathryn Nimz

2007 Awards

Map or Poster

Geologic map of the San Francisco Bay Region,
USGS Scientific Investigations Maps 2918

Russell Graymer
Barry Moring
George Saucedo

Carl Wentworth
Earl Brabb
Keith Knudsen

Taryn Lindquist
Susan Mayfield

Map of Quaternary-Active Faults in the San Francisco Bay Region,
USGS Scientific Investigations Map 2919

Russell Graymer
William Bryant
Craig McCabe

Suzanne Hecker
Carol Prentice
Taryn Lindquist

Susan Mayfield

*2007 National Association of Government Communicators
Blue Pencil Awards*

Internal Magazine category: (Second Place)

People, Land & Water: 100th Anniversary 1906 Earthquake

Western Region contributors:

Liz Colvard
Susan Garcia
Leslie Gordon

Stephanie Hanna
Gray Jensen
Bill Lukas

Bill Rambo
Jack Van Schaack
Steve Walter

Western Region employees profiled in the magazine:

Roberto Anima
Tom Brocher
Peter Haeussler
Sue Hough
Lucy Jones

Hal Macbeth
Tom Noce
David Oppenheimer
David Sherrod
John Solum

Ross Stein
Heidi Stenner
Philip Stoffer
Jack Townshend
Mary Lou Zoback

Individual Map category: (Award of Excellence)

Geologic and Active Fault Maps of San Francisco Bay Region

Russell Graymer
Barry Moring
George Saucedo
Carl Wentworth

Earl Brabb
Keith Knudsen
William Bryant
Craig McCabe

Suzanne Hecker
Carol Prentice
Taryn Lindquist
Susan Mayfield

Office of the Federal Environmental Executive

2007 Electronics Reuse & Recycling Campaign Award

Yoline Arroyo

Sue Hunt

Don Huber

Romero Cruz

Professional Recognition from Outside Organizations— Individual Recognitions and Achievements

Josh Ackerman

Harry R. Painton Award from the Cooper Ornithological Society for the best publication over the past 4 years in the journal *Condor*, for the article, *Does life history predict risk-taking behavior of wintering dabbling ducks?*

Steven Amstrup

2007 Wildlife Publications Award from The Wildlife Society

Brian Atwater

Elected to the National Academy of Sciences

Elizabeth Bailey

Elected as Councilor to the Association of Applied Geochemists

William N. Batts

Best paper in the Journal of Aquatic Animal Health

Gerald Bawden

American Geophysical Union's (AGU's) 2006 Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing

Kristin Berry

Special Achievement Award for Civilian Support of Natural Resources of Defense Departmental Lands by the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association

Dan Cayan

Climate Science Service Award by the California Department of Water Resources
NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Outstanding Scientific Paper Award for *Flooding on California's Russian River—Role of atmospheric rivers*: Geophysical Research Letters

Les Chow

Award from the National Park Service for his many contributions to NPS Inventory & Monitoring

Brian Collins

Best Paper Award from Isle of Wight Centre for the Coastal Environment, United Kingdom

Michelle Coombs

Named to the editorial board of the *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*

Michael Dettinger

Climate Science Service Award by the California Department of Water Resources
NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Outstanding Scientific Paper Award for *Flooding on California's Russian River—Role of atmospheric rivers*: Geophysical Research Letters

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Collin Eagles-Smith

Best Publication Award by the University of California Toxic Substances Research & Teaching Program for the journal article, *Changes in Fish Diets and Mercury Bioaccumulation in Clear Lake, California: Effects of an Invasive Planktivorous Fish*

William Ellsworth

Elected President of the Seismological Society of America

Hedeff Essaid

2006 Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing from the American Geophysical Union

Kyle A. Garver

Best paper in the Journal of Aquatic Animal Health

Robert Gill

Member of the Executive Committee of the International Wader Study Group

Matthew Haney

2007 J. Clarence Karcher Award from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists

Jeanne Hardebeck

2007 James B. Macelwane Medal by the American Geophysical Union

2006 Richter Award by the Seismological Society of America

Ruth Harris

Vice-President of the Seismological Society of America

Scott Hatch

Selected as Editor of *Marine Ornithology*

Julie A. Henning

Mercer Patriarche Award for 2006 best paper in the *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*

Charles Henny

2006 Fran and Frederick Hamerstrom Award from the Raptor Research Foundation

Ken Hudnut

Named as one of the "50+ Leaders to Watch" by GPS World

Umair Iqbal

2007 Truman Scholarship from The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Malcolm Johnston

American Geophysical Union's 2005 Editor's Citation for Excellence in Refereeing for his service to the Journal of Geophysical Research

Lucy Jones

Named one of 11 women leaders profiled in "Women & Power," *Newsweek* Magazine

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Robert Kayen

Thomas A. Middlebrooks Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers

Jon Keeley

Appointed Associate Editor for Wildland Fire on the editorial board of the journal *Forest Science*

Invited to join the editorial advisory board of the journals *Open Forest Science Journal*, *Open Forest Science Reviews*, and *Open Forest Science Letters*.

Michael Kochert

2007 Fran and Frederick Hamerstrom Award from the Raptor Research Foundation

Gael Kurath

Best paper in the Journal of Aquatic Animal Health

George Y.G. Lee

2007 Photogrammetric Award from the American Society for Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing

Lisa Lucas

Donald W. Pritchard Award from the Estuarine Research Federation

John McMillan

Received scholarship from the North Umpqua Foundation to investigate life-history diversity of rainbow trout

Andy Michael

Editor-in-Chief, *Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America*

Alan Mikuni

Elected Fellow of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Peggy Moore

Award from the National Park Service for outstanding contributions to the NPS Sierra Nevada Network Inventory & Monitoring Program

Jennifer Nielsen

Appointed Co-chair, Environment, Population and Energy Committee,
Council of Scientific Society Presidents

Elected to the Executive Committee, American Fisheries Society

Elected President, American Fisheries Society

Erika Nowak

2007 Jarchow Conservation Award from the Tuscon Herpetology Society

Jim O'Connor

American Geophysical Union's (AGU's) 2006 Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing

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Mark Petersen

Board Member, Cooper Ornithological Society

John Piatt

Appointed Science Panel Member, North Pacific Research Board

Kyle Sato

2006 Water Conservation Award from the Department of Energy's Federal Energy and Water Management Program

Woody Savage

Vice-President for the Consortium of Organizations for Strong Motion Observation Systems

Jeanine Schmidt

Elected as Director, Anchorage Branch, Alaska Miners Association

Mark Sogge

Elected as Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union

Karen Steenhof

2007 Fran and Frederick Hamerstrom Award by the Raptor Research Foundation

Renee Takesue

American Geophysical Union's (AGU's) 2006 Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing

Nancy Tubbs

Elected Fellow of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Charles Van Riper III

Elected Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union

2007 Natural Resource Management Award from the George Wright Society

Heidi Vogel

Awarded a graduate-student scholarship by the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Chris Waythomas

Elected secretary of the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IAVCEI) Working Group on Volcano-Ice Interactions

Arthur White

Elected Fellow of the Geochemical Society

Elected Fellow of the European Association for Geochemistry

U.S. Department of the Interior Honor Awards

Exemplary Act Award

The Exemplary Act Award recognizes individuals for their prompt action in attempting to save the life of another that did not involve personal risk to the nominee.

Ernest Houston

2006 Manuel Lujan, Jr. Champions Award

In recognition for his outstanding work in carrying out the Department's mission in areas that impact Hispanic communities

Pat S. Chavez, Jr.

Unit Award for Excellence of Service

In recognition of outstanding achievements in introducing the Adaptive Management Initiative across the Department.

Western Region team members:

Caroline Hermans

Robert Fisher

Unit Award for Excellence of Service

Presented to the Alaska Science Center team for their studies on Polar Bears

Steve Amstrup

George Durner

Eric Regehr

Dave Douglas

Michael Runge

Leslie Holland-Bartels

Superior Service Awards

The Superior Service Award is a Departmental honor award granted for significant acts, services, or achievements that materially aid or affect the successful accomplishment of the Department's and the Bureau's missions. This award recognizes the employee's accomplishment of a particularly difficult or important mission, operation, or assignment in a manner that reflects favorably on the individual or the Bureau; development of a new procedure or process that results in substantially increased productivity, efficiency or economy of operation; innovations of significance which further Bureau programs; or for any other aspect of superior performance related to assigned duties and deemed to be deserving of special recognition.

Alex Acosta
Diane Belford
Donna Bates
Lonna Frans
Marshall Gannett

Karen Gurley-Davis
Sue Kahle
Alice Konieczki
Patrick Lambert
Steve Longsworth

Mark Mastin
Darrin Miller
Lisa Nowell
Steward Rounds
Jimmy Tunnell

Meritorious Service Awards

The Meritorious Service Award is the second highest Departmental honor award that can be granted to a career employee. This award may be granted for an important contribution to science or management; a notable career; superior service in administration or in the execution of duties; initiative in devising new and improved work methods and procedures; superior achievement in improving safety or health of workers or employee morale; superior accomplishments in fostering the objective of equal employment opportunity; or important contributions to energy conservation.

George Billingsley

Dennis Lynch

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest Departmental honor award that can be granted to a career employee. This award may be granted for an important contribution to science or management; a notable career; superior service in administration or in the execution of duties; initiative in devising new and improved work methods and procedures; superior achievement in improving safety or health of workers or employee morale; superior accomplishments in fostering the objective of equal employment opportunity; or important contributions to energy conservation.

Ralph Cheng
James Dieterich

Robert Gilliom
Thomas Hildenbrand

Douglas Morton

Presidential Awards

Each year, the President recognizes and celebrates a small group of career Senior Executives with the President's Rank Award for exceptional long-term accomplishments. Winners of this prestigious award are strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service.

2006 Presidential Rank Award For a Meritorious Senior Professional

William M. Alley
Laurence A. Soderblom

2007 Presidential Rank Award For a Meritorious Senior Professional

Carl B. Schreck

Congratulations to all USGS award recipients for your accomplishments!