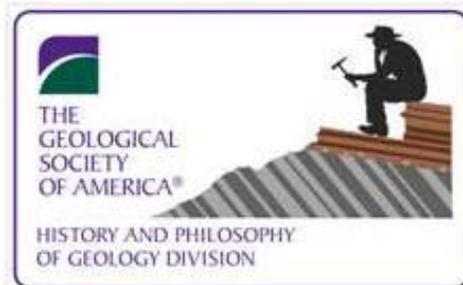


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The Division is on Facebook

Facebook users can now keep track of divisional goings-on through our new group page. We hope that this will become a place where division members can share ideas, keep in touch and post announcements about items of interest. Our page is located at www.facebook.com/HiPhiGeo.

D. Rosenberg Wins 2012 Mary C. Rabbitt Award

The Mary C. Rabbitt Award is the annual award presented by the division to an individual for outstanding scholarship and contributions that help to further our understanding of the history and philosophy of geology. This year's recipient was Dr. Gary D. Rosenberg, most recently of Indiana University – Purdue University Indiana. In his citation of Rosenberg, Division Chair Jim Dawson praised not only his scholarship on pre--paradigm geology and the integration of art history with the history of geology, but also his tremendous service to the Division as both a member and a past chair. In Dawson's own words: "Gary has recently retired to his home state of Wisconsin to continue his scholarly research and writing in the history and philosophy of geology and the Division Awards Committee believes that this is the time to honor Gary D. Rosenberg with the embossed certificate and the pewter Revere bowl that indicate that he is the 2012 Mary C. Rabbitt awardee. Congratulations, Gary."



Outgoing chair Ken Aalto presents Gary D. Rosenberg with the Rabbitt Award

David Rumsey Wins 2012 Friedman Distinguished Service Award

David Rumsey, President of the San Francisco-based Cartography Associates, as well as the chairman of Luna Imaging is the winner of this year's Friedman Distinguished Service Award. Although not a member of the formal history of geology community, Mr. Rumsey's efforts in collecting rare historical maps has profound significance for historians generally and historians of geology specifically. Since 1980 Rumsey began

collecting historical maps and globes from around the world, with special emphasis on rare 18th and 19th century North and South American materials. To date the collection includes more than 150,000 maps, one of the largest private map collections in the United States. Rumsey's collection includes hundreds of geologic maps by such workers as Clarence King, George Becker, and Clarence Dutton, as well as hundreds of maritime maps. To make his collection available to the public, Rumsey began building an online collection of high-resolution images in the mid-1990s, the David Rumsey Historical Map Collection, which can be viewed at www.davidrumsey.com. The online collection currently comprises more than 30,000 images, and hundreds to thousands of new images are added to the online resource each year. Rumsey has also created capabilities for manipulating the online images, e.g., by rotating or adding overlays. In 2009 Rumsey announced his intent to donate his physical map collection to the Stanford University Library's Special Collections. The materials are being transferred over a period of years and are available to researchers. Without question this remarkable collection has the potential to serve as an extremely valuable resource for research in the history of geology.



Friedman Award winner David Rumsey

Make Nominations for 2013 Awards and Officers

Would you like to suggest a future recipient of a division award? Do you know someone who would make a great division officer? Nominations are open now. Please send your suggestions to the following coordinators:

- Nominations for the Mary C. Rabbitt Award for Outstanding Scholarship should be sent to Dave Goldsmith at dgoldsmith@westminstercollege.edu
- Nominations for the Friedman Distinguished Service Award should be sent to Gary Rosenberg at grosenbe@iupui.edu
- Nominations for candidates for the Division's Chair Rotation should also be sent to Gary Rosenberg at grosenbe@iupui.edu

Reflections on the 2012 Annual Meeting

Following this year's national GSA meeting, outgoing Division Chair Ken Aalto made the following comments: "The Charlotte meeting was a success. Although we had to Friedman Award winner David Rumsey merge the original topical sessions proposed with our regular discipline session, attendance was good and participants enthusiastic. Our luncheon/business meeting went smoothly and was attended by some two dozen members. We urged attendees to really focus on plans for next year's meeting. Perhaps those interested will contact members of other divisions to suggest collaborating on sessions focusing on the historical development of various disciplines as well as advances over the last 25 or 125 years.

I think a number of members will be communicating their ideas to our new chair, Jim [Dawson], so that he might be able to coordinate proposals to meet the Jan. 8th deadline. Some ideas tossed about at this meeting included changes in the role of women in geoscience and geoscience education since the 60's, changes in the strategy of geologic mapping due to development of new mapping tools and the emergence of the terrane concept, new ideas concerning ecology, evolution, geopolitical issues, economic and oil geology, etc. Bill Brice noted that GSA is interested in updating the society's history in the last quarter century and that support might be available in order that one might interview recent GSA presidents. Jim Dawson suggested a session focused on major players of GSA over its history, their contributions, etc. There are so many possibilities but time is of the essence in planning. Please go to GSA's webpage and look up what's involved in proposing topical sessions and Pardee session and rough out the paragraph or so required to make a formal proposal. I've started working on one along the advances in the strategy of mapping theme.

We were disappointed that no students submitted materials for the student award. Please look over the awards page on our webpage and spread the word among the new generation of geologists. If you can communicate via 'social media' this seems to be the way of the times. Also, please think about folks deserving of the Rabbitt and Friedman Awards and forward your nominations to our new sec/treasurer, David Goldsmith.

The Tuesday evening reception was well attended and all of the books Jim and others so graciously donated for the prize drawing were snapped up. I think that event (along with free beer tickets) attracts many potential division members to our reception. Keep it in mind when you try to find room on your bookshelves as we plan next year's event.”

Name the Newsletter

“Geological Society of America History and Philosophy of Geology Division Newsletter” is quite a mouthful. If you have suggestions for a new and pithier name for the newsletter, please send them to Division Secretary Dave Goldsmith at dgoldsmith@westminstercollege.edu .