GSA's MGPV DIVISION
DISTINGUISHED GEOLOGIC CAREER AWARD

(for 2028)

(MINERALOGY GEOCHEMISTRY PETROLOGY AND VOLCANOLOGY)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations Deadline: midnight (EDT) 31 March 2027

The MGPV award will go to an individual who, throughout his/her career, has made distinguished contributions in one or more of the following fields of research: mineralogy, geochemistry, petrology, volcanology, with emphasis on multidisciplinary, field-based contributions. This award emphasizes a geologic and multidisciplinary approach. Geologic work is by nature generalistic and has an important field component, with Earth as the natural laboratory.

Nominees need not be citizens or residents of the United States, and membership in the Geological Society of America is not required.

Previous Awardees:

2010 - **Peter Lipman**, US Geological Survey, Denver, CO, USA
2011 - **John M. Ferry**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA
2012 **- Jason B. Saleeby**, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA
2013 - **Gerhard Wörner**, Georg August Universität Göttingen, Germany
2014 - **Frederick A. Frey**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA USA
2015 - **David A. Clague**, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Moss Landing, CA USA
2016 - **Donald A. Swanson**, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, Hawaii National Park, HI USA
2017 - **Jon Davidson**, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom
2018 - **Calvin F. Miller**, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN, USA
2019 - **Suzanne Mahlburg Kay**, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA
2020 - **Cathy J. Busby**, University of California, Santa Barbara CA, USA
2021 - **Michael Brown**, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA
2022 - **Jane Selverstone**, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA
2023 - **Katharine V. Cashman**, University of Bristol/University of Oregon
2024 - **J. Michael Rhodes**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, USA
2025 - **Anita L. Grunder**, Oregon State University, OR, USA
2026 - **Calvin Barnes**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock. TX, USA

Nomination Procedure:

A nomination comprises:

(1) A letter from an MGPV Division member, no longer than 3 pages, summarizing the nominee's most important accomplishments in geologic approaches to mineralogy, geochemistry, petrology, and/or volcanology. Special attention should be paid to describing how the nominee's published work demonstrates field-based multidisciplinary geologic accomplishments of a ground- breaking nature. The letter should also include:
   a. the name, address, and contact information of the nominator
   b. from whom letters of support can be expected,

c. and, as a result of a directive from the GSA Executive Committee, GSA asks the nominator to include the following statement:

"To my knowledge the person I am nominating has not breached GSA's Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct nor is this person under investigation for any action that would be a breach of GSA's Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct."

(2) Curriculum Vita of the nominee.
(3) Three letters of support. These letters of support can be either from members or non- members of GSA or the MGPV Division.

Forward nominations and support letters to the Division Secretary-Treasurer, J. Alex Speer, Mineralogical Society of America, 14200 Park Meadow Dr Suite 310-S. Chantilly VA 20151-4211 USA; e-mail: jaspeer@minsocam.org. Electronic versions are much appreciated.

Dossiers of nominees who did not receive the award in any given year will be retained and considered for two succeeding years; thus, nominations are active for a total of three years even if not updated or re-submitted. Updated information or resubmitted nominations for such candidates may be sent to the Division Secretary-Treasurer during subsequent calls for award nominations for consideration beyond that time.

Award Committee:

The five elected officers of the MGPV Division will each appoint one person to serve on the MGPV Division Distinguished Geologic Career Award Committee for each consideration cycle. The representatives of the five Adhering Associated Societies will be invited to appoint a person to serve on the committee as well but are not required to do so. The Chair of the Division will select from among the appointed committee members an individual to chair the Award Committee for that consideration cycle. The members of the Award Committee will participate in a Borda count* election. If more than 10 applications are received, the Borda count will be done once to limit the list to six candidates; a second Borda count will follow to determine the final ranking. The Management Board will make the final decision based on the ranked list and the recommendation submitted by the Award Committee.

The Award:

The Award comprises Fellowship in GSA, a wall plaque and a $1,000 cash award. The Award will be presented at the Division Reception at the 2028 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (Portland, Oregon, USA), with a brief (5 minute) citation from the nominator, followed by a brief (5 minute) acceptance speech by the awardee. These citation and acceptance can be expanded upon for publication. The awardee is invited to give a *MGPV Division Distinguished Geologic Career Award Lecture* at a theme session sponsored by the MGPV Division in the awardee's honor, although this is not a requirement for the award.

Timetable:

Nominations are due midnight (EDT) 31 March 2027, and the Award Committee will make its recommendation to the MGPV Division Board by 15 August 2027 so that the Board can make its final decision in time to submit it to the GSA Council for approval as a named GSA award.

* The Borda Count is the preferential voting scheme wherein nominee rankings are converted into points. Each nominee gets 1 point for each last place vote received, 2 points for each next-to-last point vote, etc., up to N points for each first-place vote, where N is the number of nominees. Because numerical scores may be very similar for the top 5-8 nominees, for large groups (over 10), we allow for a first ranking, and then a second ranking of the top 6.