

PGS AWARD RECIPIENTS

In 2015, the Pittsburgh Geological Society established the **PGS Award for the Best Paper on Appalachian Geology** to be presented at the following year's Eastern Section American Association of Petroleum Geologists (ES AAPG) annual meeting. The recipient, whether a professional or student, is not required to be a member of AAPG or PGS. The ES AAPG is responsible for judging the presentations, and the selection is made from among all papers and posters presented at the meeting. Because a significant portion of the award is based on the quality of the presentation, only the presenter receives the award; any coauthors receive a certificate. The first presentation was made in September, 2016 for a paper presented in 2015.



Photo of the first PGS Award for the Best Paper on Appalachian Geology presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the ES AAPG in Lexington, KY.

2016—Christopher D. Laughrey

"The stable isotope and noble gas geochemistry of Point Pleasant, Utica, Tuscarora and Trenton/Black River Formation production gases, northern Appalachian Basin."

2017 — David R. Blood

"Redox conditions during deposition and early diagenesis of the U. Ord. Point Pleasant Ls. of southwestern PA and northern WV: Insights from pyrite framboids and trace elements"

2018 — David R. Blood

"Deposition, Diagenesis and Hydrocarbon Generation in the Ordovician Point Pleasant Limestone and the Devonian Marcellus Shale: Comparing and Contrasting Two Appalachian Basin Unconventional Reservoirs."

2019 — Thomas Bardol

"Methods to Assess Thermal Maturity of the Utica/Point Pleasant Play in the Appalachian Basin."

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no ES AAPG meeting in 2020. The PGS Award was not presented that year.

2021— James McDonald

"History of Structure Contour Mapping in the Appalachian Basin: 1870-1917"