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## **U.S.C. Teaching Honour Roll 2008-09**

Each year, the University Students' Council recognizes all professors within the Western Community that achieve a minimum average of 6.3/7 on the first fourteen questions of their course evaluations for all classes they teach during the academic year.

For 2008-09, we are pleased to announce that the Department of Earth Sciences has four such faculty:

- **Dr. Steve Hicock**
- **Dr. Jisuo Jin**
- **Dr. Gordon Osinski**
- **Dr. Gerhard Pratt**

Please join us in congratulating our top teaching faculty for this honour!



## **John Brunet wins Western Award of Excellence**

John Brunet, the senior technical co-ordinator in the Department of Earth Sciences, has been recognized with the Western Award of Excellence for 2009-10.

John has provided technical and personal support to students and staff for more than three decades.

“His loyalty to the department, coupled with his unparalleled extensive knowledge of both our individual and collective needs, has been an

invaluable resource,” says Earth Sciences associate professor Kristy Tiampo.



## **AAPG Grants in Aid**

The AAPG provides yearly grants of \$500-\$3,000 to graduate students towards the cost of their field and research expenses. Students are required to write an expense and project proposal that explains the significance of the project to petroleum, energy-minerals, and related environmental geology. Other requirements require references, transcripts, etc. For full details please visit AAPG website at [http://aapg.gia.confex.com/aapg\\_gia/2010/index.html](http://aapg.gia.confex.com/aapg_gia/2010/index.html). Deadline to apply is January 31st, 2010.



## **Colloquium Schedule, 2010**

The Earth Sciences Colloquium is held weekly on Fridays in B&G 0153, 3:30-4:30 PM.

**January 29** - Tony Runkel (Minneapolis): Sequence Stratigraphy of Cratonic Interior Sheet Sandstones: Are They Really So Special?

**February 5** - Dariush Motazedian (Carleton University): Title TBA

For the complete and most up-to-date version of the Colloquium schedule, visit <http://www.uwo.ca/earth/news/colloquium.html>.