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Research Interests

My current research interests focus on applied sedimentary geology and Earth Systems Science:

- What does the sedimentary record tell us about the Earth's 4+ billion year history of life and environmental change? How does that record inform our current environmental world view?
- How can humanity use sedimentary deposits to sustain itself? (e.g., Carbon Capture and Storage)

Most of my current and previous research integrates/integrated geological, geophysical, geochemical and engineering data and concepts. Inasmuch as possible/appropriate, I integrate computer-based methods (e.g., machine learning) into my research.



Selected Honours & Admin Duties

- AAPG/SEG Distinguished Lecturer, 2017-2018
- Trustee, Gulf Coast Section SEPM, 2014 2018
- Distinguished Service, Gulf Coast Section SEPM, 2016
- Outstanding SEPM Poster Award, 2016 Annual Convention
- Committee Chair Award, Houston Geological Society, 2014
- Best Paper, Interpretation (SEG-AAPG), 2013
- Best Shale Paper, SW Section AAPG, 2011
- CSPG Medal of Merit 2011
- AAPG/SEG Distinguished Lecturer, 2009-2010
- CSPG Medal of Merit 2008
- Guest Lecturer, CSPG, 2006
- Distinguished Educator Award, SW Section AAPG, 2002

Current Teaching @ UWO:

ES3772A: Introduction to Petroleum Systems

 Currently being modified to focus on subsurface mapping as applied in various branches of the earth sciences (e.g., hydrogeology, hazards assessment, tectonics, mineral exploration, petroleum exploration/development)

ES4772A: Advanced Petroleum Systems

Will be modified to focus on the geology of energy.
 Where does humanity's energy supply come from?
 What are the characteristics of these sources?



Selected Recent Publications

- Sahoo, S.K., Gilleaudeau, G.J., Wilson, K., Hart, B., Barnes, B.D., Faison, T., Bowman, A.R., Larsen, T.E., and Kaufman, A.J., 2023, Basin-scale reconstruction of euxinia and Late Devonian mass extinctions. Nature, 615, p. 640–645
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 Paleoenvironmental Analyses of Organic-Rich Shale. Organic Geochemistry, 170,104434.
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- Plint, A.G., Vannelli, K.M., Hart, B.S., and Jiang, C., 2022, Syn-depositional oil seeps in the Late Albian Paddy Member of the Peace River Formation (Early Cretaceous), north-central Alberta. Bulletin of Canadian Energy Geoscience, v. 69, p. 1-20.
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- Hart, B.S., and Cooper, S.P., 2021, Mechanical stratigraphy in Mesozoic rocks of the San Juan Basin: Integration of stratigraphic and structural terms and concepts. The Mountain Geologist, 58, 159-204.
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 Hart, B.S., and Hofmann, M.E., 2020. The Late Devonian ice age and the giant Bakken oil field. The
- Sedimentary Record, 18, 4-9.

 Landry, C., Hart, B., Prodanoviç, M., 2020, Comparison of Wireline Log and SEM Image-Based
- Measurements of Porosity in Overburden Shales. URTeC 3141, 16p.
 Phelps, A.S., Hofmann, M.H., and Hart, B.S., 2018. Facies and stratigraphic architecture of the Upper Devonian Lower Mississippian Sappington Formation, southwestern Montana: a potential outcrop
- Devonian Lower Mississippian Sappington Formation, southwestern Montana: a potential outcrop analog for the Bakken Formation. AAPG Bulletin, 102, 793-815.
 Brodie, M., Aplin, A.C., Hart, B.S., Orland, I.J., Valley, J.W., and Boyce, A.J., 2018, Oxygen isotope
- microanalysis by secondary ion mass spectrometry suggests continuous 300-million-year history of calcite cementation and dolomitization in the Devonian Bakken Formation. J.Sed.Res., 88, 91-104.

 Hart, B.S., 2016. Marine mudstone source rocks in epicontinental basins: development of a conceptual facies model and application to Cenomanian/Turonian mudstones of the Cretaceous
- conceptual facies model and application to Cenomanian/Turonian mudstones of the Cretaceous Western Interior Seaway, in, M. Dolan, D. Higley and P. Lillis, eds., Hydrocarbon Source Rocks in Unconventional Plays, Rocky Mountain Region. Rocky Mtn Assoc. Geol. Sp. Pub. p. 1 58.
- Hart, B.S., and Steen, A., 2015, Programmed Pyrolysis ("Rock-Eval") Data and ShalePaleoenvironmental Analyses: A Review. Interpretation, 3, SH41-SH53.
- Hart, B.S., 2013, Whither seismic stratigraphy? Interpretation, 1, SA3-SA20.
- Hart, B.S., Macquaker, J., and Taylor, K.G., 2013, Mudstone ("shale") depositional and diagenetic processes: implications for seismic analyses of source-rock reservoirs. Interpretation, v. 1, B7-B26.
- Hart, B. S., 2011, An introduction to seismic interpretation: AAPG Discovery Series No. 16, CD-ROM.