



# PBS-SEPM NEWSLETTER



April/May 2016

*"We are like a judge  
confronted by a  
defendant who  
declines to answer,  
and we must  
determine the truth  
from the  
circumstantial  
evidence."*

— Alfred Wegener

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## President's Column

Fellow PBS-SEPM Members,

As my term as President for 2015-16 draws to a close, I would like to use this opportunity to inform you of some major changes that will be coming to PBS-SEPM. As everyone is aware, we are still in the midst of what is likely to be the worst downturn in the oil and gas industry in a generation. Many of you have been affected by this, either directly, by job cuts, or at the very least, by experiencing significant reduction in your budgets. These difficult times have also put a strain on the finances of non-profit organizations, such as PBS-SEPM.

Many of the projects that PBS-SEPM relies on to generate revenue unfortunately had to be cancelled or postponed this year. These projects included our Paradox Basin field trip, Young Professional / Intern field trip, and a core workshop. In addition to these short-term losses in revenue, there have been some longer-term, structural expenses that have been weighing on the finances of the society.

As you know, PBS-SEPM and WTGS enjoyed a long, cooperative relationship. Based on my research, at least since the 1960s, both societies have shared office space, and employed shared staff. Since the early 1990s, Paula Sanchez has served as Executive Director for both organizations. Recently Cindy Bowden joined as

Assistant Executive Director.

For a very long time, there has been an contract between PBS-SEPM and WTGS to share the expenses of maintaining an office and paying for staff salaries. Given the escalation in expenses of the last several years, and PBS-SEPM's income remaining flat (or recently decreasing), the circumstances became untenable. There was a good-faith effort to renegotiate the contract between PBS-SEPM and WTGS. Unfortunately an agreement was not reached.

**Effective June 1, 2016**, PBS-SEPM will become an all-volunteer society. That means that PBS-SEPM will be parting ways with WTGS, no longer have a dedicated office, and sadly, no longer employ an Executive Director, or Assistant Executive Director. Personally, and as leader of this society, we will deeply miss having Paula and Cindy around. Their knowledge, leadership, and friendship is irreplaceable. I would especially like to thank Paula for her dedication to PBS-SEPM for so many years.

To be clear, at least on a personal level, there are no hard feelings directed towards WTGS, or its Board. This was a business decision, and in the long-term should be beneficial to both societies. I would like to thank WTGS for their generosity over the many years towards PBS-SEPM. I'm confident that both groups will continue to have a positive, collegial working relationship.

tionship.

So what does this mean for you, as a member of PBS-SEPM? Other than a new way of contacting the society, not much will change. The mission of PBS-SEPM stays the same. We will continue to have monthly luncheon meetings, will organize core workshops, short courses, and field trips in the future, and provide scholarships. There will be a **new email address: [info@pbs-sepm.org](mailto:info@pbs-sepm.org)**, and a **new phone number: 432-279-1360**. This phone number goes to a voice mailbox that will be regularly checked by board members—there will be no dedicated office staff. I ask for your patience as we make these changes. We will strive to make the transition seamless for you, but undoubtedly there will be some growing pains.

Finally, I would like to thank the 2015-16 Executive Board. This has been a trying year, and many important and difficult discussions and decisions were made. Your Board gone above the call of duty this year, and have done an outstanding job. I know that PBS-SEPM will be in good hands when Cory Hoffman, and the newly elected board take over in June.

Sincerely,

*John Leone*

**PBS-SEPM President  
2015-2016**

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### APRIL 2016

- **19: PBS-SEPM Luncheon:** (11:30am-1pm) **Speaker: Dr. Richard Kyle**, BEG / UT Austin, **Title:** Texas Industrial Mineral and Metal Resources—A Permian Basin Perspective.

### MAY 2016

- **1: PBS-SEPM Ballots Due!**
- **5: WTGS Spring Fling** (6-9pm)
- **10: WTGS Luncheon:** (11:30am-1pm) **Speaker: John R. Hogg**, President AAPG, **Title:** An Unconventional Energy Future.

- **17: PBS-SEPM Luncheon:** (11:30am-1pm). **Speaker: Dr. Melanie Barnes**, Texas Tech, **Title:** West Texas and Eastern New Mexico Precambrian Basement Revealed.
- **20: WTGS Awards Banquet** (6-9pm)

## PBS-SEPM Luncheon Talk – April 19, 2016

**Dr. J. Richard Kyle**

### *“Texas Industrial Mineral and Metal Resources—A Permian Basin Perspective”*

**Professor, U.T. Austin / BEG**

Tuesday April 19, 2016 - Midland Country Club, 11:30 a.m.

### **Abstract**

Texas' earth resources production is dominated by the energy sector, but a significant contribution to local economies is provided by the industrial minerals sector. Further, potential for several types of metal deposits exist within the state. An example of the interrelations between the petroleum and industrial minerals industries is the increased industrial sand production from central Texas to supply proppants for hydraulic fracturing in the Permian Basin and other Texas plays. The Trans-Pecos region is arguably the most complex geologic province of Texas, with major tectonic, magmatic, and sedimentation events including the 1.3–0.9 Ga Grenville orogenic belt; Paleozoic continental shelf sedimentation, the late Paleozoic Marathon tectonic belt and resultant development of Permian foreland basins; Laramide compressional deformation and local magmatism; Paleogene caldera-related volcanism and related intrusive activity, and Neogene extensional deformation that is responsible for the current Basin and Range topography and that continues today.

Given that resource development is a fundamental component of a region's geologic history, this complexity has endowed the Permian Basin with diverse mineral occurrences. The uplifted margin of the western Delaware Basin provides a site to demonstrate industrial mineral concentration as an integral part of basin evolution. Further, Permian strata of the Marfa Basin host strata-bound concentrations of silver and other metals in the Red Hills–Shafter district. Complex diagenetic processes before and during post-Permian to Early Cretaceous subaerial exposure prepared the Permian strata for early Cenozoic hydrothermal fluids and account for the strata-bound nature of the Shafter ore zone just below the P-K unconformity. Mid- to late Cenozoic deformation accounted for the development of the contiguous Presidio Bolson which in turn has been modified by late down-cutting of the Rio Grande to account for many of the modern features of the Big Bend region.

### **Biography**



Rich Kyle is the C. E. Yager Professor of Geology at the University of Texas at Austin. He received a Ph. D. from the University of Western Ontario and worked as a minerals exploration geologist prior to joining the UT faculty. Much of Dr. Kyle's career has focused on the origin and evaluation of mineral resources in sedimentary basins. His research interests include geology and geochemistry of energy critical materials, minerals exploration, industrial minerals, high resolution X-ray computed tomography applications to resource studies, stratigraphic inheritance in skarn development, and Texas geology. His teaching incorporates

field experience to complement classroom education and offers students the opportunity to participate in regional to international field work in mineral resources geology.

“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't.”

“Chance favors the prepared mind.”

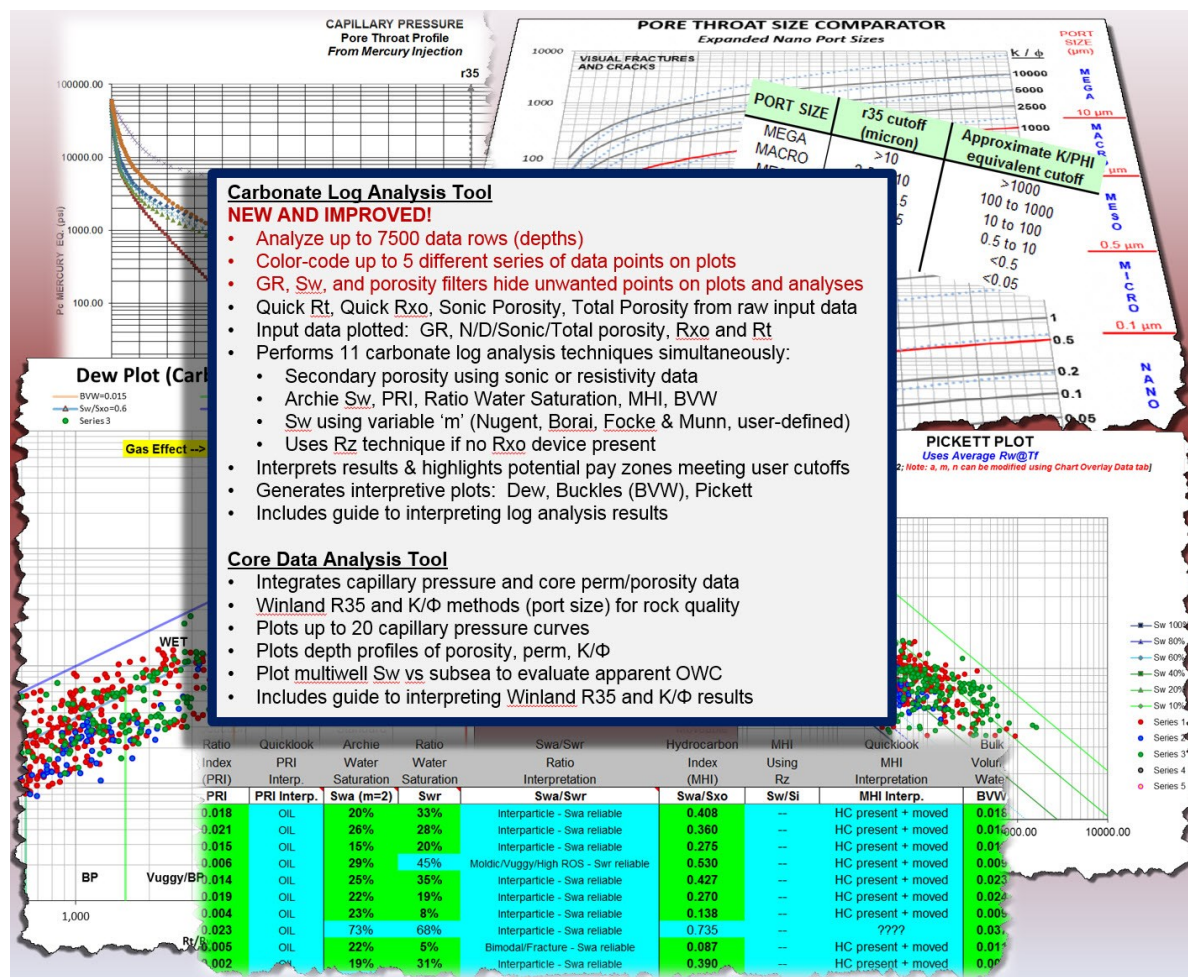
- Louis Pasteur  
(1822-95)  
French chemist and bacteriologist.



# PBS-SEPM Publication

## Carbonate Well Log / Core Data Analysis Spreadsheet v. 4.0

By: Cory L. Hoffman  
Optimized for Microsoft Office Excel 2013



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## PBS-SEPM Luncheon Talk – May 17, 2016

### Dr. Melanie Barnes

#### *"West Texas and Eastern New Mexico Precambrian Basement Revealed"*

**Professor, Texas Tech University**

Tuesday May 17, 2016 - Midland Country Club, 11:30 a.m.

### Abstract

Seismic interpretations, U-Pb zircon ages, and geochemical and isotopic analysis from the last decade combined with earlier information, provides a geologic framework for the Precambrian basement of west Texas and eastern New Mexico. Much of the crystalline basement documents voluminous, episodic magmatism that is a key component in the development of southern Laurentia. This complex history involves at least four major magmatic events and at least two periods of basin development from 1.49 to 1.07 Ga. The Texas Panhandle Precambrian basement consists of quartz monzonite, granite, rhyolite, and quartz syenite that can be divided into separate periods of magmatism at ~1.47 and ~1.37 Ga and may extend as far south as the Carrizo Mountain Group near Van Horn (1.33 Ga). Sm-Nd isotopic signatures indicate that these magmas had similar source regions.

From 1.28 to 1.22 Ga, a broad, carbonate-dominated shelf, known locally as the Debaca sequence, extended throughout the region from the Llano Uplift in the southeast to the western Grand Canyon regions. Well log data coupled with seismic data and deep crustal reflection data image large basins with cross-cutting sills. Outcrop and well data support the presence of associated mafic magmatism, along with episodic rhyolite ash falls which may be sourced in the Burro Mountains of southwestern New Mexico.

About 1150 Ma, after the deposition of quartz-rich sandstone of the Lanoria Formation, renewed bimodal magmatism began and lasted until ~1070 Ma. This magmatic episode was characterized by tholeiitic basalt and alkaline ("A-type") rhyolite/granite, all typical of extensional settings. U-Pb (zircon) dating provides evidence of widespread, Grenville-age (1070-1110 Ma) plutonic rocks in the Texas/New Mexico basement. Dated samples include alkali feldspar granite of the Abilene gravity minimum, monzonitic xenoliths from Potrillo maar west of El Paso, a differentiated sill from the Texas Panhandle and <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age from a gabbroic sill in the basement of eastern New Mexico. In addition, evidence of the northwest directed Grenville collisional event is apparent in the deformed nature of rocks located in the southernmost part of the Laurentian continent.

### Biography



Dr. Melanie Barnes has been a Senior Research Associate at Texas Tech University since 2004, specializing in Igneous Petrology & Geochemistry and Laser-Ablation ICP Mass Spectrometry. She received a B.A. in Chemistry and Geology from Mount Holyoke College (1976), a M.S. in Geology from the University of Oregon (1981), and a Ph.D. in Geology from Texas Tech University (2001). Dr. Barnes has co-authored over a dozen publications since 1999, and has been an active member of GSA serving on various committees ranging from the Precambrian Symposium to Public Policy (2001-2007). Dr.

Barnes has served on the League of Women Voters of Texas as a State Board member and Natural Resources Chair (1989-1991) and as Hazardous Waste Director (1995-2007). She has also served as a member and co-chair of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee (1995-2011), and in 2004 was a finalist for the Texas Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. Dr. Barnes has been a member of the Region O Llano Estacado State Water Planning Board since 2003.

"In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes; so with present time."

— Leonardo da Vinci  
(1452 - 1519)

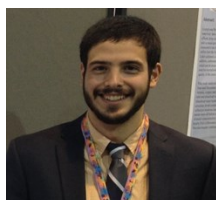
"You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him discover it in himself."

— Galileo Galilei  
(1564 - 1642)  
Italian physicist, mathematician, engineer, astronomer, and philosopher.

## PBS-SEPM 2016-2017 Candidates

*PBS-SEPM is grateful not only for the high caliber of these candidates and the energy they will bring to the society, but the willingness of these individuals to serve in such uncertain times in the oil and gas industry. Over the past 2 months, several other candidates that had initially agreed to run felt unable to do so given the negative impact this downturn has had on their jobs / companies. Our thoughts are with all our volunteers navigating these difficult times.*

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**Title:** Technical Development Geologist

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**Education:** 2015, M.S. Geology, Oklahoma State University; 2013, B.S. Geology, University of Tulsa

**Memberships:** AAPG, GSA, Geochemical Society, PBS-SEPM, WTGS

**Activities:** AAPG Student Chapter Treasurer (2014-2015) and Interim VP (2015), Boone Pickens School of Geology – Oklahoma State University

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**Title:** Geophysicist

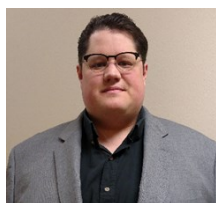
**Company:** Concho Resources, Midland TX

**Education:** 2012 MSc. Applied Geophysics, IDEA League Joint Masters; 2007 BSc. Geophysical Engineering, Colorado School of Mines

**Memberships:** SEG, WTGS, PBS-SEPM, PBGS

**Activities:** Summer Mummers, Midland Community Symphonic Band

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



#### **Norman E. Frances**

**Title:** Operations Geologist

**Company:** McClure Oil Company, Inc., Midland TX

**Education:** 2003, B.A. Geology, Miami University (Ohio)

**Memberships:** AAPG, PBS-SEPM, WTGS, YPG

**Activities:** Committee Member - YPG (2016-Present); Associate Venture Crew Advisor – BSA (2006-2007); Assistant Scout Master - BSA (2003-2004); Co-Vice President - Miami U. Geological Society (2002-2003); Webmaster - M.U.G.S (2001-2003); Treasurer - M.U.G.S (2000-2001); Culinary Chairman – OA (1997-1999)

**Honors:** Vigil Member – OA (1999), Eagle Scout - BSA (1997)



#### **Troy R. Tittlemier**

**Title:** Geoscience Technician

**Company:** Trey Resources, Inc., Midland TX

**Education:** 2016, M.S. Geology, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; 2014 B.S. Geology, California Lutheran University

**Memberships:** AAPG, WTGS, PBS-SEPM

## PBS-SEPM 2016-2017 Candidates

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



**Curtis D. Helms, Jr.**

**Title:** Director

**Company:** Midland College PPDC, Midland TX

**Education:** 2011 M.S. Geology, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin;  
2003 B.S. Biology, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

**Memberships:** AAPG, AAPG-DPA, AAPG-SWS, FCGS, PBGS, PBPA, PBS-SEPM, RMAG, SIPES, SPE, SPE-ESG, TACE, WTGS

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### President-Elect



**James Hawkins**

**Title:** Geologist / Petrophysicist

**Company:** Independent, Midland TX

**Education:** M.S. Geology, Univ. of Texas of the Permian Basin, 2005; B.S., Univ. of Texas of the Permian Basin, 1993

**Activities:** 26 Years Oil & Gas Experience in Permian Basin; Current Vice President SPWLA (2016); Past President SWPLA Permian Basin (2015)

**Memberships:** AAPG, PBS-SEPM, SEPM, WTGS, APGE, SPWLA, SPWLA Permian Basin, SPE

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- Jules Henri Poincaré  
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French mathematician

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“..In reply, I can only plead that a discovery which seems to contradict the general tenor of previous investigations is naturally received with much hesitation.”

[Charles Lyell](#),

*British Lawyer, Geologist,  
(1797 - 1875)*

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*Peter Muggeridge*