

## 2019 TRACKS AWARDS

*The Tracks Award is presented to CSPG members and friends of the CSPG to recognize specific meritorious service to the Society through committee or other volunteer work. The objective of this award is to recognize individuals who have set standards of volunteer excellence within the Society of whom we can follow, be proud of, and derive benefit. This award distinguishes members and friends who have excelled at a particular volunteer position by an exceptional committee function, initiating new and innovative ideas or making a significant effort that goes beyond that of the usual volunteer. The award is specific to a particular event or major contribution.*



**Thomas Plumridge** is a business development geologist with Freehold Royalties. Upon graduation from the University of Calgary in 2011, Tom joined PennWest as a junior geologist working on various development projects for six years. During this time, Tom oversaw projects in the Cardium, Bluesky and Upper Manville, including drilling some of the first 30-40 leg multi-lateral HZ's in the Peace River Bluesky. After leaving PennWest in 2017, Tom began working at Rife Resources and Freehold Royalties as a contract geologist assisting with the Lloydminster heavy oil asset and the evaluation of mineral royalty asset acquisitions. Tom now works full-time as a business development geologist within the Freehold Royalties US acquisitions

team. He has been an active member of the CSPG Core Conference committee since 2017.

Tom is currently the co-chair for the CSPG Core Conference as well as a member of the University of Calgary Alumni Association, Recent Graduate Committee. During the three years that Tom has been volunteering with CSPG, Tom has moved from the planning committee into a chair role alongside Christa Williams. Together, Tom and Christa helped plan the 50 years of Core Conference celebration in 2019. As part of these celebrations, Tom and Christa presented a historical lookback on core conference and what the data on past presentations could tell us about the ever-changing nature of oil and gas exploration. After tapping into the student CSPG membership for volunteers on archive research, Tom and Christa compiled the data gathered and presented the trends that appeared. Tom has also helped push for greater industry participation as well as identifying additional avenues for conference sponsorship, while maintaining the technical focus that embodies the CSPG Core Conference.



**Christa Williams** is a passionate geologist with over 14 years of experience in Conventional Oil, Waterflood and Natural Gas plays across the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin. Mrs. Williams has held the role of Senior Geologist at Trident Exploration from 2017-2019 and Project Geologist at Enerplus Resources from 2005-2016. Christa has been recognized for technical excellence and leadership in core programs workshops and special analyses, designed to evaluate and optimise play potential. Mrs. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science (Geology) from the University of Calgary and is a member of CSPG, APEGA and CWLS.

Mrs. Williams became a CSPG member in 2005 and started to volunteer within the CSPG in 2008, presenting core description techniques as part of the Student Industry Field Trip (SIFT). She joined the CSPG Core Conference Committee in 2017 and went on to become the Co-Chair for the committee in 2018 and 2019. She remains an active volunteer for several societies, currently holding the role of Website & Publications Chair with the CWLS (2017-2020) and is Co-Chair for the 2020 CSPG Core Conference.

In addition to her committee responsibilities, she continues to be involved in other aspects of the Geoscience community. In the spring of 2019, she co-led with Jon Noad, a field trip to Dinosaur Provincial Park as part of the CSPG SIFT program.

Most recently, Christa initiated and co-developed, with Tom Plumridge an historical look-back, presentation and database for the Inaugural 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CSPG Core Conference. This historical catalogue has quantified 50 years of conference abstracts, presentations and contributions made at the Core Conference since 1969. A summary of their findings can be found in the front pages of the 2019 Core Conference abstract book. It is a passion for the truths of the subsurface that are revealed by understanding the rocks, that fuels Mrs. Williams drive to pursue the science of geology. Christa is extremely grateful to all the committee members she has worked with, for their continued support and dedication to Geology and the CSPG.