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Academic Degrees

2017 – Ph.D., Geology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
2011 – M.S., Geology, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio
2008 – B.S., Geology, The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio

Experience

2024–Present – Associate Professor, Department of Earth Sciences and Geologic Resources, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas
2018–24 – Assistant Professor, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas
2016–18 – Senior Geologist-Energy Group, Ohio Geological Survey, Columbus, Ohio
2011–17 – Graduate Assistant, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
2008–11 – Chemist, Matheson Tri-Gas, Twinsburg, Ohio

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG in 2010
Member EMD
2021–Present – Member, AAPG Women's Network
2020–Present – Member, Petrophysics Committee
2020–Present – Member, Salt Basins Committee
2024–25 – General Chair, GeoGulf 2025
2023–24 – Theme Chair, Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Organizing Committee
2022–23 – Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Organizing Committee

Other Affiliations and Service

2023–24 – Vice President, East Texas Geological Society

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office

By Julie Bloxson

I accepted the invitation to be a candidate for Vice President of Sections because I care deeply about the future of AAPG and the role our Sections play in shaping that future. Sections are where AAPG truly comes to life through local meetings, student involvement, professional development, and community engagement. They are the heartbeat of our organization, and serving as a liaison between national leadership and these grassroots efforts is both a responsibility and an opportunity I am honored to pursue.

Throughout my career, AAPG has played a significant role in my professional growth. The organization has provided me with technical resources, training opportunities, and access to a network of colleagues who have influenced the way I teach, conduct research, and serve the geoscience community. From conferences and workshops to committee service and leadership experiences, AAPG has consistently offered spaces where learning and collaboration thrive. Accepting this invitation feels like a natural step in giving back to an organization that has given me so much.

The role of Vice President of Sections is especially meaningful to me because it sits at the intersection of vision and service. Our profession is navigating a period of change, with shifting energy priorities, evolving career pathways, and declining enrollment in the geosciences. In many ways, Sections are on the front lines of these challenges. They are often the first connection students and early-career professionals have with AAPG, and they play a critical role in fostering belonging, mentorship, and professional identity. Strengthening the relationship between Sections and Headquarters is essential if we are to remain relevant, inclusive, and forward-looking.

I accepted this invitation because I believe in the power of connection. Strong organizations are built on communication, trust, and shared purpose. As Vice President of Sections, I would work to enhance those connections, helping Sections feel supported, heard, and valued, while also ensuring that the innovative ideas and local successes emerging at the Section level help inform national priorities. My background in academia, research leadership, and professional service has taught me the importance of collaboration and listening with intention. I have spent much of my career building bridges, whether between students and professionals, academia and industry, or local initiatives and broader goals. These experiences shape how I lead and how I serve, and they are the same principles I would bring to this role.

Ultimately, I accepted the invitation to run because I believe in AAPG not only as an organization, but as a community. A community that has supported my growth, challenged me to lead, and inspired me to help others do the same. By serving as Vice President of Sections, I hope to contribute to a future where every Section feels connected, empowered, and proud to be part of the AAPG story.