# Mineralogical Society of America

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am writing this letter in early March, just after the due date for the MSA student research grant proposals. This is a busy but interesting time of year for the MSA members serving on our research grant committees who are spending time reading and evaluating proposals. We get to learn about the exciting work that students are doing in crystallography, mineralogy, and petrology. MSA is proud to support the development of these early career scientists. This year, MSA is trying out a new student-centered program—MSA student clubs. Each MSA club is asked to have a leadership structure and a faculty mentor. We are starting with a pilot group of four MSA clubs at colleges and universities around the US. They are encouraged to meet on a regular basis and to engage in mineral-oriented activities and geo-social events. In the future, we hope to expand this program to more institutions, and we are also discussing the possibility of international MSA student clubs. From the pilot clubs, we are learning that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach. The structure of these student clubs varies from place to place, depending on a number of factors, including variability in student body (sizes of departments, undergraduate and graduate student involvement), whether there are existing clubs, and what students are interested in doing. Some clubs are joining forces with existing clubs, such as geology clubs and Society of Economic Geologists clubs. Some clubs share leadership between undergraduate and graduate students, with co-presidents. The pilot clubs are also engaging in different kinds of activities, determined by the students. One club is organizing a March Mineral Madness competition. Another has a Mineral of the Month activity where students are given clues to a different mineral each month and a mineral prize if they solve the clues. I am excited to see how these clubs evolve and grow!

Students are the future of MSA, and MSA clubs are a way to continue actively engaging students in MSA. If you are interested in having an MSA student club at your institution in the future, please send an email to Ann Benbow, MSA Executive Director, at abenbow@minsocam.org.

**Sarah Penniston-Dorland**
2025 MSA President

## NOTES FROM CHANTILLY

- **Renewal Season!** There is still time to renew your memberships for 2025, as well as subscriptions to MSA's publications. Member dues are: Regular Members and Fellows ($90); Early Career Members ($50); Student Members ($20); Senior Members ($0); Sustaining Members ($240 – membership plus a $150 contribution to support MSA's many activities). You can renew via the home page of MSA's website: www.msaweb.org. At that time, we hope that you will also make a contribution to one or more of MSA's funds. These funds support our student research grants, lecture series, websites, education and outreach activities, awards, and much more.
- **MSA Office Move** This is another reminder that MSA has relocated its Business Office to a new space in Chantilly, VA. The new address for U.S. mail is:

  **Mineralogical Society of America**
  **P.O. Box 220037**
  **Chantilly, VA 20153**
  If you would like to visit the new space, the physical address is
  14200 Park Meadow Drive
  Suite 310-S
  Chantilly, VA 20151

If you have ordered any publications from MSA, but have not yet received them, please contact Ann Benbow at abenbow@minsocam.org right away. We have a new system for fulfilling orders, and are working to make the process as smooth as possible.

## 2025 RESEARCH GRANTS

**March 1, 2025** is the deadline to submit proposals for the Edward H. Kraus Crystallography Research Grant and the Mineralogy/Petrology Research Grant. There is one Kraus grant of $5,000 awarded each year, two $5,000 Mineralogy/Petrology grants for graduate-level research, and one $2,000 grant for undergraduate research. For more information about the proposal format and how to submit, visit https://msaweb.org/awards-grants/. For any questions, please contact Ann Benbow at abenbow@minsocam.org.

# Geochemical Society

www.geochemsoc.org

## NEW MEMBERS JOIN GS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Four new members recently joined the Geochemical Society's Board of Directors. They represent the diverse fields of study and geographic distribution of the society's membership. Directors provide oversight for the society's programs and finances throughout the year. They also set long-term goals to keep the GS oriented toward the evolving needs of the geochemistry community. Meet the entire board of directors at www.geochemsoc.org/board.

**Elisabeth (Liz) Widom**, a professor in the Department of Geology & Environmental Earth Science at Miami University, Ohio (USA), was elected to a three-year term as a director. Her research focuses on the application of radiogenic and stable isotope systems to problems in volcanology, mantle evolution, environmental contamination, and nuclear forensics, with field areas in Mexico, Europe, Africa, and the southwestern US. She has recently served on the Geochemical Society's Program Committee, and currently serves as the Chair of the Mineralogy, Geochemistry, Petrology & Volcanology (MGPV) Division of the Geological Society of America and as the Treasurer of the International Association of Geochemistry.

**Tina van de Flierdt**, a professor of isotope geochemistry and Head of the Department of Earth Science and Engineering at Imperial College London (UK), was also elected as a director. She co-leads the MAGIC isotope facility at Imperial College London and her research spans a variety of fields from understanding chemical cycles of trace elements and pollutants in the ocean, to the reconstruction of ocean circulation and its relationship to climate, to the history of the polar ice sheets and their vulnerability to future climate change. Tina has been involved in session and theme organisation for Goldschmidt conferences for >15 years, was editor for *Geochemical News* (2015–2016), Associate Editor for *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (2016–2021), and served as Member and Chair of the Joint Publication Committee (2018–2020). She also dedicated a significant amount of time to various committees of the international GEOTRACES programme, including the Standards and Intercalibration Committee and the Scientific Steering Committee.

**Mariano Remirez**, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), was elected as an Early Career Researcher Director. He has an undergraduate degree and PhD from the National University of La Plata (Argentina) and is currently also completing a master's in science education. He has extensive experience serving on academic

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## NEW MSA FELLOWS

MSA is delighted to announce the new MSA Fellows. They are:

**Hélène Bureau**
Institut de Minéralogie de Physique des Matériaux et de Cosmochimie, Sorbonne Université, France

**Edwin Gnos**
Museum d'histoire naturelle, Switzerland

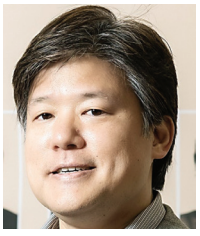
**Shichun Huang**
University of Tennessee Knoxville, USA

**Sarah Penniston-Dorland**
University of Maryland, USA

**Paul Schroeder**
University of Georgia, USA

**Adam Simon**
University of Michigan, USA

**Hiroshi Kojitani**
Gakushuin University, Japan



**Sung Keun Lee**
Seoul National University, Republic of Korea

**Christina Lopano**
National Energy Technology Laboratory, USA

**Jessica Warren**
University of Delaware, USA