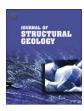


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Editorial

Journal of Structural Geology Student Author of the Year Award 2008

The Journal of Structural Geology has created the "Student Author of the Year Award" to recognize the work of the newest contributors to our discipline, and to encourage the publication of their work. The award is made for an outstanding paper in which the undergraduate or graduate student had a key role in the research and publication.

The first recipient of this award is

Walter A. Sullivan

For his paper:

Significance of transport-parallel strain variations in part of the Raft River shear zone, Raft River Mountains, Utah, USA

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The Editors have selected this paper out of approximately fifty student submissions in 2007. This choice recognises the excellent, well-balanced multidisciplinary approach of this paper, applied to a field-based structural geology problem. The Editors felt that this is an example of a study in which the basis of our subject-ambiguous, difficult to interpret field-based data-is investigated by an optimal number of relevant techniques in an appropriate, cautious manner, avoiding over interpretation but producing interesting, meaningful

results. The study treats a local structural problem, but the method and the results are directly applicable to many other areas.

The Journal of Structural Geology will present the Award again next year. Submissions for the Award should complete the request for information about the student and the project when uploading the manuscript to the Journal. The student should have a leadership role in the paper, but may have co-authors. The Editors are keen to see submissions for the Award from students learning in a variety of research settings.

The Editors note that there was strong competition for this prize, and that several other papers of exceptional merit were submitted. Particular congratulations, then, to Walter A. Sullivan and indirectly to his PhD and MSc supervisors, Art Snoke and Rick Law. The Journal of Structural Geology is pleased to have the opportunity to publish this work.

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