

ARMA's Distinguished Service Award

2020 Recipients

Bezalel Haimson: Senior Level ARMA Service Award

Bezalel Haimson has served as chair of the ARMA Publications Committee since its establishment almost two decades ago. The nominator said "After the Symposium itself, the ARMA Letters are the most important means of communicating with ARMA members. I can think of no greater service to the ARMA community that deserves the recognition that this award imparts." As editor of ARMA Letters, Dr. Haimson has overseen 29 issues.

Xiaodong Ma: Junior Level ARMA Service Award

Xiaodong Ma is in the class of 2018 ARMA Future Leaders. He has served on the selection committee for Future Leaders and for Early-Career Speakers at the annual symposia. He has delivered presentations at ARMA Symposia (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016), as well as at ARMA-sponsored and other international rock mechanics conferences (2015 - present). Besides his scientific contributions, he has also served as a paper reviewer and session chair at ARMA Symposia (2015- 2020). Dr. Ma served on the organizing committees of the ARMA-CUPB 2019 Geothermal Conference in Beijing and the ARMA-DGS-SEG 2020 Conference in Dhahran. He also organized the student career event at the ARMA 2019 Symposium. He is actively promoting ARMA's presence in Europe and China. He recently served as guest editor of ARMA Letters, Issue 29.

Oladoyin Kolawole: Student Level ARMA Service Award

Oladoyin Kolawole is president of the ARMA Student Chapter at Texas Tech University (ARMA-TTU). Under Oladoyin's leadership, ARMA TTU Chapter's membership grew from 83 to 129 members from Spring 2019 to Spring 2020. Over the past year under his leadership, ARMA-TTU organized eight technical presentations, a training session, and a symposium with speakers from Chevron, Apache, Baker Hughes, Endeavour Energy Resources, Legend Energy Services, Cudd Energy Services, and NSI Technologies. Also, in 2019 ARMA-TTU participated in two outreach events in West Texas: the STEM Kick-Off Education Outreach and the 2019 Lubbock Race for Cancer Cure. Oladoyin has been able to generate considerable funds for the chapter from Texas Tech University Student Government Association, company sponsorships, and ARMA-TTU's event participation fees. His efforts have contributed to the state of the art of geomechanics knowledge and promoted TTU students' interest and participation in rock mechanics. He has served as a reviewer of manuscripts for the ARMA 2020 symposium and has participated in previous ARMA symposia as a speaker.