

Overview

- **Thirty-seven years experience in geosciences in Industry and University as executive leader, manager, and individual contributor in US and internationally.**
- **Strong track record of scientific research, successful funding, and business achievements**
- **Strong track record of effective engagements with scientific, industrial, government, and community stakeholders**
- **Current Service Roles: Gulf Coast Association of Geological Sciences President (2021); Vice-Chair American Geosciences Institute Foundation (2013 – 2022)**
- **PhD in Geology (University of Wyoming, 1986)**

Professional Experience

September 2016 – Present

Bureau of Economic Geology
University of Texas, Austin
Deputy Director
Acting BEG Director (2019-2020)
Energy Division

Deputy Director - accountable for overseeing the Bureau of Economic Geology's Energy Research Division consisting of 50 researchers. Research programs include geology, geophysics, subsurface engineering, and energy economics. Duties include identifying research and funding opportunities, securing funding, liaising with funding agencies and research partners, setting research direction, managing personnel, and supporting research execution. Individual contributions include:

- Principal Investigator (PI) GeoH₂ Consortium: hydrogen geological storage; techno-economics; and novel concepts
- Principal Investigator (PI): Alaska North Slope Synthesis (2018-2020)
- Co-PI: Assessment, Categorization and Characterization of Hydrocarbon Resources in Fractured Igneous and Metamorphic Basement Reservoirs (2017-2018)

May 2013 – August 2016

Shell Energy Resource Company
Houston, Texas
Executive Vice President
Americas Exploration

Directly accountable for Shell's conventional exploration in North and South America (excluding Alaska). Scope comprises 500 staff and annual Exploration budget of \$1.3 billion.

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Formulation and execution of Shell America's Exploration strategy with focus on organic value creation and high-grading Shell's portfolio through Shell's organizational, technical, operational and commercial capabilities. Highlights include multiple commercial discoveries in Gulf of Mexico successful bid (\$1.3 billion) on Libra (Brazil) and start-up of Libra Joint Venture; establishment of offshore Nova Scotia Shelburne venture; execution of Colombia deepwater venture; divestment and dilution of exploration portfolio to manage risk. Liaise with Industry and Government leaders to co-create sustainable value for Industry and host countries. Accountable for Health, Safety, Security and Environment of staff and contractors.

Reshaped Exploration strategy to increase performance, value delivery and build sustainable exploration business to enable growth while managing risk to acceptable levels. Implemented change program to build exploration excellence, stimulate innovation and strengthen leadership development.

Member of Upstream Member of Americas Leadership Team

Last assignment at Shell (2016) was to lead close-out of Shell's Alaska exploration activities and close down Shell offices in Alaska subsequent to reorganization of Shell Americas.

May 2012 – May 2013

Shell International Exploration & Production
Dubai, U.A.E.

Vice President MENA Exploration
Middle East/North Africa

Directly accountable for Exploration and Appraisal in Shell's MENA Operating Units and New Ventures including Egypt, Libya, Oman, Qatar and Turkey. Scope comprised ca 200 staff and annual Exploration budget of \$250 million.

Highlights included successful near-field exploration in Egypt and Oman, delivery of new exploration venture for Shell in Black Sea, oil shale characterization in Jordan, and start-up of Qatar exploration drilling and implementation of Shell's exit from Libya.

Additional duties included: Member of Upstream International Exploration Leadership Team

May 2011 – May 2012

Shell International Exploration & Production
Houston, Texas, USA

Chief Exploration Geologist
Global Exploration

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Directly accountable for Exploration capability development and technical assurance for Global Exploration geology in Shell.

Delivered and implemented strategic framework for Exploration capability development across Shell. Provided assurance on major exploration projects. Liaised with Universities and Professional Societies to foster technology and capability development and leverage for talent recruitment.

Additional duties included: Shell's representative on the Corporate Advisory Board for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

April 2008 – May 2011

Shell Exploration & Production Co.
Houston, Texas, USA
Exploration Manager Greenfield Exploration
Gulf of Mexico

Directly accountable for Gulf of Mexico New Ventures exploration. Manage annual budget of more than \$300 million and team of 45 staff. Accountable for Gulf of Mexico exploration strategy and prosecution of deepwater exploration programs, lease sales, commercialization and regional studies. Liaised with drilling, seismic processing, production and development assets to maximize opportunity and volume delivery. Accountable for Health, Safety, Security and Environment of staff and contractors.

Delivered Appomattox discovery – second largest commercial discovery in the Gulf of Mexico. Built extensive acreage position in the Gulf of Mexico. Managed Shell's effort to restart drilling in the Gulf of Mexico after the BP DW Horizon tragedy. Liaised with US Government Regulators, Legislators, Oil & Gas Companies and Industry Associations. Delivered Industry's first well in Gulf of Mexico under revised U.S. regulatory framework.

Additional duties include: Vice President, Shell Offshore Inc., Member of Business Continuity Team (disaster recovery), Exploration Americas Leadership Team.

May 2005 – April 2008

Shell Exploration & Production Co.
Houston, Texas, USA
Exploration Manager Maturation / Appraisal
Gulf of Mexico and Newfoundland

Directly accountable for GoM exploration strategy and execution of Shell-operated and Non-Shell operated deepwater exploration and appraisal program. Managed annual budget of more than \$160

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million and team of 40 staff to find and appraise oil resources. Accountable for commercialization of non-strategic exploration assets in the Gulf of Mexico and maturation of discoveries. Maintained and developed relationships with partners and other Operators in the Deepwater Gulf of México.

Managed Shell's Orphan Basin (offshore Newfoundland, Canada) interests.

August 2001 – May 2005

Petroleum Development Oman
Muscat, Oman
Exploration Asset Manager:
Oman Exploration

Led exploration and evaluation activities and operations for Petroleum Development Oman's concession (114,000 sq. km). Accountable for executing Petroleum Development Oman's exploration program comprising ~ \$ 135 million per year and over 50 staff. Strong focus on staff development to build sustainable capability for Oman. Managed portfolio to successfully deliver oil and gas resources for Petroleum Development Oman and the Oman Government. Liaised with Government and Private Shareholders (Shell, Total, and Partex) on a routine basis. Interfaced with Production Assets and functional organizations. Drove strong Health, Safety and Environment performance.

July 2000 – July 2001

Woodside Energy Ltd (New Ventures)
Perth, Australia
Exploration Manager:
Southeast Australia

Managed & operated southeast Australian exploration portfolio (5 exploration licenses – 3 Joint Ventures). Managed Joint Venture and stakeholder relationships and liaised with federal, state and local government agencies and officials. Led Exploration program in environmentally sensitive areas (offshore Victoria & South Australia). Shaped & implemented Eastern States exploration strategy. Oversaw new opportunity evaluations & acquisitions in south-eastern Australia. Controlled total budget of ~ US\$ 26 million. Successfully delivered major gas discoveries for Woodside's Eastern States gas business.

January 1999 – June 2000

Woodside/Shell Alliance (New Ventures)
Perth, Australia
Manager:
Geological Services & SE Australia

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Managed company-wide geological services for Woodside & Shell. Directly supervised 25 staff. Co-ordinated frontier acreage and farm-in evaluation/acquisitions resulting in three successful license rounds and two farm-ins. Managed study/bidding group with multi-national partners. Managed external communications with Australian authorities, non-government organizations and partners. Company focal point for exploration Research and Development liaising with Australian Universities and Research Institutions.

April 1997 - December 1998 Shell Company of Australia Ltd
Melbourne, Australia
Senior Exploration Geologist:
Growth Co-coordinator

Co-ordinated evaluations for new acreage acquisitions. Supervised project team. Acted as technical committee representative for all joint venture study groups. Successful acquisition of six exploration permits.

February 1996 - April 1997 Shell Company of Australia Ltd.
Melbourne, Australia
Senior Exploration Geologist:
Northwest Australia

Lead interpreter for gazettal (new acreage) acquisitions. Lead interpreter for Browse Basin WA-35-P exploration (Adele discovery). Successful acquisition of several blocks including new play entry (Petrel Basin) for Shell.

February 1995 - February 1996 Shell International Central
Office, The Hague
Senior Geologist:
Venezuela & Nigeria

Play/lead generation and Greenfield acreage evaluation including Venezuela exploration. Generated Venezuelan prospect portfolio for bid round and conducted Nigeria geological studies.

June 1991 - February 1995 Shell Research, Rijswijk
Research Geologist:
Global Studies:

Reservoir prediction/characterization of the Cristobal Colon gas fields, Venezuela using 3-D seismic. Application of seismic inversion and visualization techniques. Regional evaluation and play mapping in SE Asian basins including, Brunei, Indonesia (NE Sumatra and Java Sea) and Malaysia (offshore Sabah). Key player in evaluation of Brunei deep water. Keladi-1 exploration success in Indonesia.

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Trustee of the American Association of Petroleum Geologist Foundation (2008 – Present)

Advisory Committee Member, XPrize (2015 – 2016)

Trustee of the National Offshore Industry Association (2013 – 2016)

Member of the Geological Society of America (1986 – Present)

Member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (1986 – Present)

Co-chair of 2015 Shell's United Negro College Fund Walk for Education

Best Paper Award (1998), Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Annual Meeting. Paper entitled "Neogene tectonics, Greater Timor Sea, offshore Australia, implications for trap risk".

Best Paper Award (1993), American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Southwest Section (w/ David Childers). Paper entitled "High resolution stratigraphic forward modeling: a case study of the Lower-Middle San Andres Sequence, Permian Basin"

John B. Runge Award (1983), Rocky Mountain Section, American Association of Petroleum Geologists Annual Meeting

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Deepwater conventional and unconventional onshore: comparing E&P paradigms from Texas and the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico, GeoGulf (Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies), Keynote Address, 24 October, 2019.

Co-chair, Major Deepwater Fields of the US Offshore Gulf of Mexico, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Annual Convention, 5 April, 2017

Testimony to the United States House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources, "Oversight Hearing on "Examining the Future Impacts of President Obama's Offshore Energy Plan." 15 April, 2015, Washington D.C..

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