



SEG Mentor

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Current Position and Focus (areas of research and/or interest in economic geology)

Chief Geologist with Gold Fields Exploration Inc. Primarily looking for gold deposits, at the grass roots level, or evaluating existing projects. My main interest is to gain an understanding of the gross controls of gold deposits as a springboard to finding new deposits. Understanding the structural controls of gold deposits at scales ranging from sub-continental, to those of individual ore shoots, is crucial.

Relevant Education/Work Experience

B.Sc. (Hons) (Geol) Wits University

M.Sc. (Geol) Wits University

Ph.D. (Geochem) University Cape Town

My career to date spans 35 years; the first half was spent in base metals exploration, and the second in international gold exploration, including a 3.5 year stint as Chief Geologist of a Witwatersrand Gold Mine.

Hobbies and Interests

Skiing, cycling, hiking, travel, classical music

Nationality

USA / South Africa

SEG Activities (e.g. positions held, former student membership details)

SEG Member since 1993

Personal Philosophy on Mentoring

I would like to share with young geologists the excitement and stimulation afforded by a career in economic geology. The profession offers the rare combination of taxing both intellectual and physical capacities in the search for ore deposits. It would be an honour to act as a touchstone to budding geologists in decisions affecting their career development.

Languages Comfortable Communicating With

English, Afrikaans

Other Relevant Information