American Geographical Society
Honorary Fellowships

At the time of the founding of the Society (1851), provision was made for a category of Honorary Fellows, and, until the first medal was awarded in 1896, this was the only honor the institution could bestow. It is impossible to list here the more than three hundred names that comprise the roster over more than a century, but a sampling of the illustrious names from the early days gives some of their flavor. Among the explorers, for example, were Nares and McClintock, Murchison and Markham, Livingstone and Baker; and among the scientists were Humboldt, Ritter, Petermann, and Penck. On a still more glittering level were Dom Pedro II, Emperor of Brazil, Ismail Pasha, Khedive of Egypt, and the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia. Some of the more recent Honorary Fellows later became medallists, as indicated on the following list, which carries the roll from 1918.

Recipients

1918
E. C. Andrews
Robert A. Bartlett
(Daly Medal, 1925)
Pierre Denis
William Curtis Farabee
Emmanuel de Margerie
(Cullum Medal, 1919)
Emmanuel de Martonne
(Cullum Medal, 1939)
Marion E. Newbigin
Paul Walle

1919
Morten P. Porsild
Knud Rasmussen
(Daly Medal, 1924)

1922
Gunnar Andersson
Charles Raymond Beazley
Jose J. Bravo
James Henry Breasted
Jean Brunhes
(Cullum Medal, 1929)
Henry Chandler Cowles
Baron Gerard De Geer
Albert Demangeon
Lucien Gallois
(Cullum Medal, 1925)
Guillaume Grandidier
Adolphus Washington Greely
(Daly Medal, 1922)

1923
David George Hogarth
Sir Thomas Holdich
Mark Jefferson
(Cullum Medal, 1931)
Curtis Fletcher Marbut
(Cullum Medal, 1930)
Olinto Marinelli
John Linton Myers
Charles Rabot
Sir Aurel Stein
Jean Tilho
Frederick Jackson Turner
Robert De Courcy Ward
1923  E. Deville
1924  Andre Allix
   Edwin R. Heath
   Lauge Koch
      (Daly Medal, 1930)
   Paul Le Cointe
   Count Byron Kuhn de Prorock
   Homer Leroy Shantz
1930  Roberto Almagia
      (Cullum Medal, 1952)
   Henry Bryant Bigelow
   Baron Sten De Geer
   Carl Ben Eielson
   Vernor Clifford Finch
   Herbert John Fleure
      (Daly Medal, 1939)
   Julio Garzon Nieto
      (Daly Medal, 1941)
   Alfredo Jahn
   William B. Mayo
   Henri Francois Pittier
   Sir Napier Shaw
   Hussein Sirri Bey
   Harald U. Sverdrup
1931  Louise Arner Boyd
      (Cullum Medal, 1938)
1932  Field Marshall Lord Allenby
   Harry Clifton Heaton
1935  Rafael Auguilar y Santillan
   Hans W:son Ahlmann
      (Cullum Medal, 1950)
   Charles Carlyle Colby
   Osbert Guy Stanhope Crawford
   Carlos M. Delgado de Carvalho
      (Livingstone Medal, 1952)
   Charles Bungay Fawcett
   Nevin M. Fenneman
   Alexander Forbes
      (Daly Medal, 1938)
   William Archibald Mackintosh
   Lawrence Martin
   Carl Ortwin Sauer
      (Daly Medal, 1940)
   Camille Vallaux
1939  Ernest Antevs
   Henri Baulig
      (Daly Medal, 1948)
   Giotto Dainelli
1939  Sir Wilfred Grenfell
   Ludwig Leonhard Mecking
   William E. Rudolph
      (Livingstone Medal, 1959)
Paul Gerhard Schott
Laurence Dudley Stamp
(Daly Medal, 1950)
1942 Albert Berthold Hoen
1943 Christovam Leite de Castro
Manuel Medina
1948 Charles H. Behre, Jr.
Owen Lattimore
John Leighly
(Cullum Medal, 1964)
George McCutchen McBride
(Livingstone Medal, 1956)
Robert Larimore Pendleton
(Livingstone Medal, 1950)
George H. H. Tate
Charles Warren Thornthwaite
(Cullum Medal, 1958)
1949 Wofford Benjamin Camp
1952 John Foster Dulles
1956 Jean Gottmann
(Daly Medal, 1964)
Stephen B. Jones
Rafael Pico
1958 Felix Cardona Puig
1961 Clarence Fielden Jones
John Ewing Orchard
Robert H. Randall
H. Bradford Washburn
1962 F. Kenneth Hare
(Cullum Medal, 1987)
Samuel Van Valkenburg
1963 John Quincy Stewart
Gilbert Fowler White
(Daly Medal, 1971)
Georg Wuest
1964 Kenneth C. Cumberland
Arch C. Gerlach
S. V. Kalesnik
1965 Maxwell J. Dunbar
Peveril Meigs
1966 Waldo R. Tobler
(O. M. Miller Medal, 1989)
1967 William A. Hance
1968 S. P. Chatterjee
Clara Egli Le Gear
Lionel A. Walford
J. Russell Whitaker
1969 Hans Boesch
Marvin Mikesell
1970 Charles W. M. Swithinbank
Alexander Melamid
(Morse Medal, 1991)
1971 Louis O. Quam
Hans Kinzl
1972 Konstantin A. Salishchev
The Cullum Geographical Medal

The Cullum Geographical Medal was established in 1896. It was founded by a bequest from Major General George W. Cullum of the United States Army, a Vice President of the American Geographical Society from 1874 until his death in 1892. According to the terms of General Cullum's will, the medal was to be awarded "to those who distinguish themselves by geographical discoveries, or in the advancement of geographical science". The medal was designed by Lydia K. Emmet.

Recipients

1896 Robert E. Peary
1897 Fridtjof Nansen
1899 Sir John Murray
1901 Thomas C. Mendenhall
1902 A. Donaldson Smith
1903 H.R.H. Duke of the Abruzzi
1904 Georg von Neumayer
          Sven Hedin
1906 Robert Bell
          Robert Falcon Scott
1908 William Morris Davis
1909  Francisco P. Moreno  
Sir Ernest Shackleton  
1910  Hermann Wagner  
1911  Jean B. A. E. Charcot  
1914  Sir John Scott Keltie  
Ellen Churchill Semple  
1917  George W. Goethals  
1918  Frederick Haynes Newell  
1919  Emmanuel de Margerie  
Henry Fairfield Osborn  
1921  Albert I, Prince of Monaco  
1922  Edward A. Reeves  
1924  Jovan Cvijic  
1925  Lucien Gallois  
Harvey C. Hayes  
Pedro C. Sanchez  
1929  Jean Brunhes  
Alfred Hettner  
Hugh Robert Mill  
Jules de Schokalsky  
1930  Curtis Fletcher Marbut  
1931  Mark Jefferson  
1932  Bertram Thomas  
1935  Douglas Johnson  
1938  Louise Arner Boyd  
1939  Emmanuel de Martonne  
1940  Robert Cushman Murphy  
1943  Arthur Robert Hinks  
1948  Hugh Hammond Bennett  
1950  Hans W:son Ahlmann  
1952  Roberto Almagia  
1954  British Everest Expedition  
1956  J. Russell Smith  
1958  Charles Warren Thornthwaite  
1959  Albert Paddock Crary  
1961  William Maurice Ewing  
1962  Richard Joel Russell  
1963  Rachel Louise Carson  
1964  John Leighly  
1965  Kirtley Fletcher Mather  
1967  Peter Haggett  
1968  Luna B. Leopold  
1969  Neil A. Armstrong  
Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.  
Michael Collins  
1973  Bruce Heezen  
1975  Rene Dubos  
1985  Chauncy D. Harris  
1987  F. Kenneth Hare  
Yi-Fu Tuan  
1989  M. Gordon Wolman  
1997  Melvin G. Marcus  
1999  Jack Dangermond  
1999  David Lowenthal  
2001  Wilbur Zelinsky
The Charles P. Daly Medal

The Charles P. Daly Medal was established in 1902 by the will of Judge Daly, President of The American Geographical Society from 1864 to 1899. He stipulated that it be awarded by the Society “for valuable or distinguished geographical services or labors”. The first design for this medal was the work of Victor D. Brenner, but in 1924 the dies were destroyed and the current design executed by Brenda Putnam.

Recipients

1902 Robert E. Peary
1906 Thorvald Thoroddsen
1908 George Davidson
1909 Charles Chaille-Long
1910 Grove Karl Gilbert
1912 Roald Amundsen
1913 Alfred H. Brooks
1914 Albrecht Penck
1915 Paul Vidal de la Blache
1917 George G. Chisholm
1918 Vilhjalmur Stefansson
1920 George Otis Smith
1922 Adolphus Washington Greely
1924 Claude H. Birdseye
1925 Robert A. Bartlett
1927 Alois Musil
1929 Emile Felix Gautier
1930 Nelson H. Darton
1931 Gunnar Isachsen
1935 Roy Chapman Andrews
1938 Alexander Forbes
1939 Herbert John Fleure
1940 Carl Ortwin Sauer
1941 Julio Garzon Nieto
1943 Sir Halford J. Mackinder
1948 Henri Baulig
1950 Laurence Dudley Stamp
1952 James Mann Wordie
1954 John Kirtland Wright
The Samuel Finley Breese Morse Medal

The Samuel Finley Breese Morse Medal was established in 1902 with funds bequeathed to the Society by Professor Morse, inventor of the recording telegraph, upon his death in 1872, "for the encouragement of geographical research". The first award, made to Sir George Hubert Wilkins in 1928, was given to one who used in "geographical research" a means of transportation unknown in Morse's day -- the airplane. The medal was designed by Laura G. Fraser.

Recipients

1928  Sir George Hubert Wilkins
1945  Archer M. Huntington
1952  Gilbert Grosvenor
1966  Charles B. Hitchcock
1968  Wilma B. Fairchild
1986  John C. Weaver
1991  Alexander Melamid
1999  Donald J. Lloyd-Jones
2001  Douglas R. McManis
2004  Ronald F. Abler
2008  John E. Gould
2008  Richard H. Nolte

1956  Raoul Blanchard
1959  Richard Hartshorne
1961  Theodore Monod
1962  Osborn Maitland Miller
1963  Henry Clifford Darby
1964  Jean Gottmann
1965  William Skinner Cooper
1966  Torsten Hagerstrand
1967  Marston Bates
1968  O. H. K. Spate
1969  Paul B. Sears
1971  William O. Field
1973  Walter Sullivan
1974  Walter A. Wood
1978  Roman Drazniowsky
1985  Wolfgang Meckelein
1986  Donald W. Meinig
1991  Robert P. Sharp
1999  John R. Mather
The David Livingstone Centenary Medal

The David Livingstone Centenary Medal was founded at the initiative of the Hispanic Society of America in March 1913, on the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great African traveler. It is awarded by The American Geographical Society for scientific achievement in the field of geography of the southern hemisphere. Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of Mt. Rushmore, was the designer of this unusually beautiful example of medallic art.

Recipients

1916  Sir Douglas Mawson
1917  Manuel Vicente Ballivian
      Theodore Roosevelt
1918  Candido Rondon
1920  William Speirs Bruce
      Alexander Hamilton Rice
1923  Griffith Taylor
1924  Frank Wild
1925  Luis Riso Patron
1926  Erich von Drygalski
1929  Richard Evelyn Byrd
1930  Laurence M. Gould
      Jose M. Sobral
1931  Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen
1935  Lars Christensen
1936  Lincoln Ellsworth
1939  John R. Rymill
1945  Isaiah Bowman
1948  Frank Debenham
1950  Robert L. Pendleton
1952  Carlos Delgado de Carvalho
1956  George McCutchen McBride
1958  Paul Allman Siple
1960  William E. Rudolph
1965  Bassett Maguire
1966  Preston E. James
1968  William H. Phelps, Jr.
1972  Akin L. Mabogunje
1985  James J. Parsons
1987  Calvin J. Heusser
1988  Jane M. Soons
2001  Bertha Becker

The George Davidson Medal

The George Davidson Medal derives from a bequest in 1946 from the estate of Ellinor Campbell Davidson for the establishment of a medal and research fund in memory of her
father, the California scientist and geographer. The basis of the award is "exceptional achievement in research for exploration in the Pacific Ocean or the lands bordering thereon". The medal was designed by Paul Manship.

Recipients

1952 George Babcock Cressey
1972 F. Raymond Fosberg
1974 Joseph Spencer
1975 Shinzo Kiuchi
1988 Hiroshi Ishida
1999 Hou Renzhi
2001 David Stoddart

The O. M. Miller Cartographic Medal

The O. M. Miller Cartographic Medal was founded by the AGS Council in 1968 for outstanding contributions in the field of cartography or geodesy. It was named for Mr. Miller, recently retired from the AGS staff after 46 years, who had come to initiate a School of Surveying at the Society. His work brought to geographical science new map projections, original survey methods and instrumentation, pioneer developments in aerial photography and photogrammetry and new cartographic techniques.

Recipients

1968 Richard Edes Harrison
1989 Waldo R. Tobler
1997 Maidarjavyn Ganzorig
1998 Chen Shupeng
1998 Arthur H. Robinson
2001 Mark Monmonier

The Van Cleef Memorial Medal

The Van Cleef Memorial Medal was established in 1970 by a gift from Dr. Eugene Van Cleef, Professor Emeritus of Geography at the Ohio State University, who contributed a medal fund in memory of his wife, Frieda. Dr. Van Cleef gave the first course in urban geography in an American university (1923) and published the first book by an American geographer on urban themes (1937). The award is conferred on scholars who have
done outstanding original work in the field of urban geography - preferably, though not necessarily in applied rather than theoretical aspects. The medal was designed by Joseph DiLorenzo.

Recipients

1970  John R. Borchert
1974  Harold Rose
1985  Jacqueline Beaujeu-Garnier
1987  James E. Vance, Jr.
1999  Susan Hanson

The Paul P. Vouras Medal

The Paul P. Vouras Medal was established in 1988 by a gift from Dr. Vouras, Emeritus Professor of Geography at William Patterson College in New Jersey. It is given for outstanding work in regional geography. The medal was designed by Hilary Lambert Hopper.

Recipients

1997  Deborah E. & Frank J. Popper
1998  Robert C. West
2001  John Fraser Hart

The Alexander & Ilse Melamid Medal

The Alexander & Ilse Melamid Medal was established in 2002 by a gift from Ilse Melamid. It is given for outstanding work on the dynamic relationship between human culture and natural resources.