

Thank you Marco for those kind and encouraging words. And thank you to Marco, Georges Beaudoin and David Groves for nominating me. I'm humbled to receive this award and feel that I can only do so by recognising the people that have contributed to my research program. I started my academic career on large government mapping projects in the Canadian arctic where I completed an MSc at Memorial University of Newfoundland and PhD at the University of New Brunswick. I quickly learnt that science and the outdoors were the perfect combination. Also I noticed that the best geologists were just those that had seen the most outdoors and rocks. It got me hooked. Although not a supervisor, Dave Lentz acted like a mentor to me at this time and encouraged me to stay in academia.

I'm grateful that I'm involved in research at a time when it is inclusive to many from different backgrounds, of different genders and of different experience levels. This is especially the case at the Centre for Exploration of Targeting at the University of Western Australia where I did a postdoc in developing isotopic techniques to apply to ore deposit research. Under the past helm of Cam McCuaig and now the current leadership of Steve Rowins, this research centre really is the perfect environment for collaboration between industry geologists and researchers of various backgrounds. There, visiting scientists are plenty and doors are always open for discussion and ideas. I learned to work closely with students, postdocs and researchers in order to build on each others expertise and also how to check my ego at the door. Specifically, thank you to Marco Fiorentini, Nicolas Thebaud, and Steffen Hagemann, as well as many others, for involving me in your projects and helping me to develop my own.

From there, I thought to bring the open style of research back to Canada to Université Laval where I'm now an assistant professor and Canada Research Chair in sulfur isotope geochemistry, but honestly it already existed under the leadership of Georges Beaudoin. He has done a great job of bringing colleagues together of all sorts of different disciplines to work together on problems affecting the mining cycle. I've been on maternity leave since May, so I missed the Canadian field season this year, but my colleagues helped me keep my research program alive this summer. Further I have three great independent students that are here - Laura, Dennis and Micheal. Thank you. We all want to have a good work-life balance these days, whether male or female, with kids or without, so I look forward to picking up the slack for others in the future.

Finally, thank you to my husband. He took time off work to come here with our 4 month old baby, so that I could be here to collect this award. He jokingly said if you're in your 30s and you win an award with the word Young in the title - you should go accept it in person. We had a nice few days exploring this beautiful country. Thank you to the SGA, I humbly accept this award but do so in recognising the many named and unnamed people that have been a part it.