

Curriculum Vitae-Robert F. Diffendal, Jr.

Present Positions-Professor Emeritus, Conservation and Survey Division, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Licensed Professional Geologist (NE) G-0002; Curator, Invertebrate Paleontology, University of Nebraska State Museum

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Education-

Diploma, North Hagerstown High School, Hagerstown, MD, 1958
A.B., Geology, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, 1962
M.S., Geology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, 1964
Ph.D., Geology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, 1971

Previous Professional Experience-

Instructor-Assistant Professor, 1966-1970, St. Dominic College, St. Charles, IL
Assistant-Associate Professor, 1970-1980, Doane College, Crete, NE; Chair, Doane College Natural Science Division, 1977-1979; Associate Dean, 1978-1979
Associate Professor, 1980-1986; Professor, 1986-2003, Conservation and Survey Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Lincoln, NE
President, UNL Faculty Senate, 1988-1989
Interim Associate Director, Conservation and Survey Division, 1990-1991
Assistant Director, UNL/IANR School of Natural Resource Sciences, 1997-2000
Editor, *Great Plains Research*, Center for Great Plains Studies, 2004-2012

Professional Experience in Foreign Countries-

University of Nebraska China Tour, February, 1979
Exchange Professor, Department of Geology, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, November, 1985-January, 1986; November, 1990-January, 1991; May, 1998; December, 1999; November, 2003-January, 2004; November-December 2013; November-December, 2018
Research and Lecturing, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China, October-November, 1993
Guest Professor, Chengdu University of Technology, Chengdu, China-April, 1998
Visiting Professor, Chang'an University, Xi'an, China, May 2010; May-July 2011

Honors-

Shell Oil Fellowship, Department of Geology, University of Nebraska, 1964-1965
Fellow, Geological Society of America
Fellow, UNL Center for Great Plains Studies
Graduate Faculty Fellow, University of Nebraska
Honorary Visiting Professor, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, China-March, 1998-

March, 2000 (Actual Times of Visits-May, 1998; December, 1999)
Appointed Permanent Member, Diffendal Prize Foundation Board, Geology
Department, Zhongshan (Sun Yat-Sen) University, Guangzhou, China, 2005
Awarded Distinguished Alumni Award, UNL Department of Earth and Atmospheric
Sciences, September 2012
Awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award (with Anne Diffendal) by the School of
Earth Science and Geological Engineering of Sun Yat-Sen University, China, 2018
Elected Life Member of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences Advisory Board, October 2019
Recipient of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association's 2024 Wisherd Award for
Outstanding Service to UNL

Courtesy Appointments-

University of Nebraska State Museum, Adjunct Professor

Publications-More than 300 Research Papers, Maps, Abstracts, Etc., Mostly on Nebraska
Geology – Online list through 2023 at <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/diffendal>