

ROBERT L. CHRISTIANSEN, PH.D.

Research Geologist Emeritus

1935

Born to Lorenz Walter and Sara (Hugo) C. in Kingsburg, CA.

1956

Earns a Bachelor of Science from Stanford University.

1957

Achieves a Master of Science from Stanford University; Is a geologist with the Utah Construction Company until 1958.

1958

Serves in the U.S. Army.

1960

Is a geologist at the Stanford Research Institute until 1961.

1961

Obtains a Doctor of Philosophy from Stanford University; Is a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, CO until 1971.

1962

Marries Susan Eloise Putnam on June 23.

1971

Is a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at Hawaii National Park until 1973.

1978

Publishes “The Pliocene Conant Creek Tuff in the Northern Part of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.”

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1980

Serves the U.S. Geological Survey as chief scientist for monitoring and scientific analysis of the 1980 eruptions of Mount Saint Helens.

1984

Is a review panelist for the Costa Rican Electrical Institute until 1986.

1987

Is a consultant to the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya.

1987

Is chief of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Branch of Igneous and Geothermal Processes in Menlo Park, CA until 1991.

2001

Publishes “The Quaternary and Pliocene Yellowstone Plateau Volcanic Field of Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana.”

2003

Is named scientist emeritus/geologist of the U.S. Geological Survey.

2011

Publishes “Database for the Quaternary and Pliocene Yellowstone Plateau Volcanic Field of Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana.”

2021

Continues to contribute as a fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Mineralogical Society of America.

2021

Holds membership with the Amer. Assoc. for the Adv. of Science, Amer. Geophysical Union & Intl. Assoc. of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth’s Interior.

A Timeline of Professional Milestones