

Bradford E. Prather

Biography

Prather is currently the Chief Geologist and Manager of Regional Exploration Consultancy for Shell Upstream Deepwater Exploration Division. He has 30 years of oil and gas exploration, production and research experience with Shell. He received a BSc degree in geology from the University of Kansas and an MSc degree in Earth Sciences from the University of New Orleans. Through contributions to geology, and service to professional and scientific organizations he has become an internationally recognized expert in deep-water siliciclastics. He has published over 190 public and proprietary scientific articles on the science of petroleum geology with particular emphasis on slope and base-of-slope depositional systems. He advanced the geologic understanding in a wide variety of depositional settings (carbonate/evaporite systems, petroleum systems of passive continental margins, turbidite reservoir architecture, static modeling, etc.). He is routinely invited to chair technical meetings in national and international geological conferences. He was selected by the National Science Foundation to serve on a panel to review the National Center for Earth-Surface Dynamics at the University of Minnesota, the Austrian Science Fund and U.S. Department of Energy to provide research project reviews. He is an Associate Editor for the AAPG Bulletin, and serves on the AAPG Research Committee, SEPM Research Committee, and Executive Board to the Department of Geology at the University of Kansas.

He is the recipient of the Robert R. Berg Award for Outstanding Research, Erasmus Haworth Most Distinguished Alumni Honors in Geology, AAPG Distinguished Lecturer, Jules Braunstein Best Poster Award, 1993 and 1994 J. C. "CAM" Sproule Memorial Best Paper Awards and W. A. Tarr Leadership Award.