

Q2 2017 Employee Bios - Service Awards



Heather Stevenson
5 Years
Environment

I started working at Canadian Natural in the Projects & Approvals group as a new grad. Bill Clapperton has said that they took a risk hiring an E.I.T. for that role... he hasn't said if that risk paid off. In the P&A group, Anita Sartori taught me the importance of carefully using the right words, including creative ways to replace curse words with benign words like "sugar". Regulatory approval of the Kirby Expansion Project was the highlight of my time in that group. Last year I transitioned to the Environment group in a role dealing with greenhouse gas emissions reporting and policy development. This has been challenging to say the least. When I was studying Engineering I did not imagine becoming a lobbyist for an oil and gas company; but I am proud to do so because I believe that this industry can help address climate change and continue to produce oil and gas to meet energy demand.



Broni Hoza
5 Years
Exploitation

Five years, Four departments, Three offices, Two field trips, One daily coffee, Zero sick days (until two weeks before my anniversary when this self-imposed super hero status came to a crashing halt. So much for trying to develop myself while adding value with fun and integrity). I'm truly proud to work at CNRL and all this company continues to accomplish. I look forward to the next five years and also want to extend a thank you for the beautiful gift and luncheon.



Ivy Cheung
5 Years
Exploitation

I enjoy travelling, snowboarding, scuba diving, and spending time with family.



Peter Hodgkinson
5 Years
Exploitation

My first O&G job was battery operator for HBOG near Sundre in 1977. After graduating in mechanical engineering, started with Mobil in drilling, production & reservoir before moving to Anadarko as a do-all engineer. Other major stops were Suncor (domestic & international acquisitions), Rigel, Gulf/Conoco, Highpine, Zargon, & Devon, where I got a taste of thermal developments. Most intriguing projects were in Siberia in 1992 right after the Soviet collapse, and Brazil when Petrobras's monopoly was reduced. I've traveled a fair bit but still haven't set foot in Africa or Antarctica. Favorites were steamy boat trips on the Amazon & Mekong rivers. Also canoe tripping in Canada. My approach to developing people: Give them enough rope to hang themselves, and if they aren't falling down, they aren't trying hard enough.



Johanna Alvarez Luzon
5 Years
Exploration

I am a Geomodeller of 12 years experience with a geophysical background. My passion is to work with multidisciplinary team to achieve a unified vision of the reservoir and its characterization. I have worked in different projects worldwide, this has provided me the experience to work in reservoirs with different complexities. I love working with people and being a team player. I joined CNRL 5 years ago and I haven't stopped to have fun. From the personal side: I am few of the tropical people who love cold weather, I love animals (especially dogs) and in my free time I look for traveling and reading.



Karen Diaz Garcia
5 Years
Exploration

"Karen Diaz has been working as a Geological Technologist supporting Geologists in Primrose & Wolf Lake thermal project helping with loading and maintenance of the geological database. She has significantly improved the shape of the Petra database over these years through cleaning, QC and standardizing processes making data more reliable. When she isn't glued to a computer screen, she likes to bake cakes and use her creativity skills to beautifully decorate them"



Philip Butler
5 Years
Exploration

I moved to Calgary in 2007 after completing my undergrad from Memorial University of Newfoundland. Yes.., I'm from St. John's, Newfoundland, and I'm currently ranked the top 'Newfie' out of the four that reside on my floor. I'm also a graduate student up at the University of Calgary. I figured I'd try to supplement my geophysical background with the even darker arts of reservoir characterization. In my spare time, I enjoy composing music and collecting instruments. If you ever want to test your wife's patience, I'd highly recommend purchasing a drum kit. On a more serious note, I'd like to take a moment and welcome our new teammates from the recent Shell acquisition. CNRL is a wonderful place to grow both personally and professionally; I look forward to my years ahead of contributing to the continued success of this company.



Jamie Walker
5 Years
Facilities & Pipelines

I have 3 lovely kids ages 5, 6, 10. I enjoy cycling, hunting, camping and just spending time outdoors with my family.



Paresh Lalani
5 Years
Horizon - Calgary

Play tennis and volley ball, hiking, traveling, driving, meet friends,



Tess Gonzales
5 Years
Horizon - Calgary

Hi, my name is Tess Gonzales. I graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton where I took up Civil Engineering Technology. I completed my Bachelors' Degree in Civil Engineering in the Philippines in 1984. I am currently living in both cities of Edmonton and Calgary. Edmonton as my Home home, and Calgary as my Work home. I started my career as a Civil Engineer in a major Power and Generation Company in the Philippines. I was transferred to estimating group and worked as Civil Estimator for 5 years then got promoted during my career as Project Controls Head where I had most of my experience. I worked with the same company for 15 years before I came to Canada. Over-all, I am now in my 32nd year in my profession. In Canada, I started to work in the Oil and Gas Industry, mostly hired by engineering, construction and EPC companies like AMEC, Jacobs, Bantrel, Worley Parsons and SNC Lavalin. I was assigned to work for Suncor, Syncrude, and Albian Sands (Shell). My first job here in Canada was a Civil Geotechnical Technologist at AMEC - a job that was more hands-on and with my petite body, I struggled to carry pails of concrete and gravel for testing of materials. With determination and my engineering background, I was given the chance to work back in Project Controls at Jacobs where I enjoyed as my profession and background experience. A succession of jobs followed with Bantrel, Worley Parsons, SNC Lavalin, and finally with CNRL. I am really enjoying my job and very happy to be given the chance to practice here in Canada. Being with a big company like CNRL, I can not ask for more. I am an active person who loves to go places and explore. My hobbies are biking, swimming and dancing, not to mention shopping. I have passion for pets like fishes either fresh or saltwater. I am considered a quite type of person but for those who knew me, they will find that I do rock too.



Theo Eeuwes
5 Years
Human Resources

Developing strategic workforce planning process. Hobby is nature photography.



Jessica Abramyk
5 Years
Human Resources

I grew up on the farm in Saskatchewan, milking cows and driving tractors...I loved life on the farm. At the age of 14, my family moved to Fort McMurray where my father landed a position in the oil sands. Quite a culture shock to say the least! Little did I know then, that I would later on, be heavily involved in oil and gas. I lived there for 10 years and learned a great deal about something that was completely foreign to me, but would prove invaluable down the road. I moved to Calgary in 2006 and love it here! Having worked for CNRL for the last 5 years, I can truly say I feel like this company is "home" to me. I love my position, and my co-workers are the best I could ask for. Coming to work is both a pleasure and a gift. This company has taken great care of me through the downturn and I am extremely grateful for this - I have watched so many friends and family members become unemployed, and I am lucky enough to feel secure in a climate where many do not. Thank-you for an amazing 5 years CNRL, here's to another 5 more!



Natasha Cambridge
5 Years
Human Resources

Canadian Natural is the first company I worked for when I moved to Canada. I was initially hired on a 6 month contract, but they couldn't get enough of me so I accepted a permanent offer and have been here since. Since being at Canadian Natural I have had my feet firmly planted in the human resources world because it fits with my experience and educational background. I'm sure many departments have this claim, but I feel that by working in human resources, my world is centered around the mission statement and I hope that my various clients within Canadian Natural would agree. Having the opportunity to fit these elements into my day on a daily basis is what gets me out of bed in the morning. When I am not at work, I am spending time with my family. Our activities aren't quite as adventurous as I'm used to. Instead skydiving has turned into kite flying; snowboarding has turned into sledging; scuba diving has turned into swimming at our local recreation center; and travelling around the world with a backpack has turned into short trips that take a few hours to get to and a LOT of luggage. It is a different kind of adventure and equally as challenging, so I am not complaining and I am certainly not bored!



Elizabeth Myers

5 Years

Information Systems

Only 5 years? More like 9! started at CNRL as a contractor in 2008, as the Service Desk manager. Moved into a fulltime position as Deskside Team Lead in 2012. Being a single mom, my favorite past time is watching my 2 sons turn into great young men. 1 is in University taking business and marketing and the other becoming a red seal chef. I am honored to be working for a great company like CNRL and looking forward to many more years =:o]



Neil Barnes

5 Years

Information Systems

I have become the 'Acquisition PM', with the Shell Acquisition being far above anything we have done in the past. I have really enjoyed my time so far at Canadian Natural, working with great people that are motivated to make this a world class company.



Barrie Wolstoncroft

5 Years

Information Systems

Barrie has served on our Records Management team since June of 2012, particularly in our Facilities records area. Outside of work, he is very active as a bass guitar player in the Calgary music scene; both in live performances and professional studio work. He also participates in a variety of informal discussion groups and enjoys scale model railroading.



Brenda Coke
10 Years
Accounting & Finance

Brenda loves to engage people in learning more about JV Accounting and thrives on challenging project based work. Brenda is an avid arts supporter and sports enthusiast. Season tickets to the philharmonic, ballet, opera, theatre, Stampeders, and the odd Flames game keep her social calendar pretty full! Relaxing in her back yard with a tall drink and a good book, after the gardening work is done is a favorite summer pastime.



Melissa Power
10 Years
Exploration

Began my career with CNRL as a Geologist -Core logger in Thermal-CSS 2003. Have since worked in Heavy Oil North, Off shore West Africa, Thermal-SAGD & now in Heavy Oil Central. I took "Geology" as an elective in High School with a teacher, former Geologist who clearly loved the science. He took us on field trips - I was hooked! I paid my way through university working for the Canadian Military Engineers & deferred graduating with my classmates to accept a deployment to Bosnia in 2000. Outside of work I enjoy white water & Slalom Kayaking, Cross country skiing & running. I like to "give back" by volunteering in programs that involve kids in science. I hope that one day I will inspire a child, maybe one of my own, to be a Geologist just like my teacher inspired me.



Luis Manzano Weffer
10 Years
Horizon - Calgary

It's hard to summarize a life and career in just a few sentences but what is important is how much I have enjoyed and had personal celebrations of all my achievements and success at CNRL Horizon. Starting as a Construction Coordinator at the Horizon Phase 1 project, walking through the ladder up and become a Construction Manager, have been a real reward in CNRL. Through all my 10 years in this company I have contributed to the Horizon success with my hard work, committed to results, accountable for my obligations and responsibilities; and most important all the fun I have had when working together with my colleagues and managing spare time to enjoy and have fun with my family and personal hobbies as well. Playing Ping-Pong, riding bicycle and exercising at the gym are my biggest hobbies. Hopping to continue adding value is my motive.



Mike Tosio
10 Years
Horizon - Calgary

I have worked in Quality and Integrity Inspection for over 30 years around the world. It has been fun and it has been rewarding.



Randle Morrison
10 Years
Horizon - Calgary

Raised and educated in Alberta, but lived most of my adult life overseas in Europe and the Far East. Returned to Canada and went to work for CNRL immediately. Enjoy travel and walking.



Lisa Doyle
10 Years
Human Resources

CNRL has given me extraordinary professional development opportunities over the past 10 years. I began as a Recruiter, developed into a Coordinator role, promoted into Leadership and by all accounts reached career success. When I requested a "change", CNRL supported that decision as well and gave me the opportunity to work more within the HR field allowing me to diversify my skill set. I am a walking CNRL "Mission Statement" billboard!



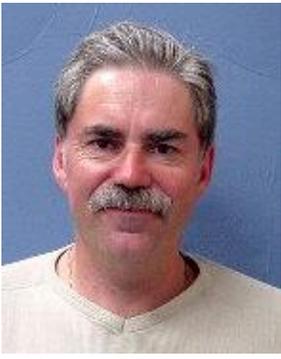
Paul Olaniyan
10 Years
Information Systems

It felt very much like yesterday when I joined CNRL as a contractor in 2006 and then continued on as an employee in 2007. I'm very truly proud to work at CNRL and what we have achieved together as a world class company. I'm thankful for the beautiful gift and luncheon. I particularly enjoy meeting people so I have made quite lots of friends across the company. Over the years, I have enjoyed soccer (also called football in Africa/Europe/South America) and even played it competitively in my high school team. When not glued to a computer screen working, I treasure the time that I have and enjoy it with my families. I have volunteered for various organizations including the United way. Also volunteered as an additional Mathematics and Calculus Teacher. I also enjoy travelling. I have travelled to several countries across all the continents including over 30 countries in Africa.



Julina Eagleson
15 Years
Accounting & Finance

I currently reside in a hamlet northeast of Calgary with my husband, three daughters, and one dog. Living in small community means having to be involved in order for the community to operate; therefore, I spend a lot of my time with not-for-profit boards, curling in a couple of leagues, fundraising, and babysitting random neighbourhood kids. My current community involvement activity is soccer coach. In my spare time, I also like to camp and garden.



Tom Lemon
15 Years
Exploration

One of the unique things about myself is that I am a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Airforce Reserve, Cadet Instructor Cadre. I am presently the training officer for the #52 City of Calgary Royal Canadian Air Cadets. This is a position that I am a very proud of as it allows me to give back to the citizens of tomorrow. Seeing cadets progress through the first year, where they still are quite unsure of themselves to become leaders in the squadron is extremely rewarding. The only thing I am more proud of than that are my 2 daughters and my wife, all of whom get kudos for putting up with me. I probably know more about figure skating than any guy should because of them. I am a guitar and bass player, motorcycle rider, and a pilot. As an Area Geophysicist in Heavy Oil, I enjoy sharing ideas about geophysical techniques with my peers. The dialogue between the asset team members leads to making the right decision in a timely manner. As I tell anybody that will listen: ""in my 36 year career, CNRL would not have been a company that I would have chosen (I came over from Anadarko)' but it is the company that I should have been with my entire career."



Daniel Ng
35 Years
Accounting & Finance

I enjoyed working with my co-workers & rapport with them about the jobs on hand. My hobbies include walking, cycling & golfing. I have been in the oil patch a long time.



Gerard Iannattone
35 Years
Exploitation

In my career, I have had the pleasure of working for 6 organizations and yet I have never quit a job! You will have to ask me in person to find out how it came about. CNRL is a great company with its unique culture, abundant opportunities and continuous challenges. The past 10+ years at CNRL have been both interesting and fun. I am looking forward to more of the same.