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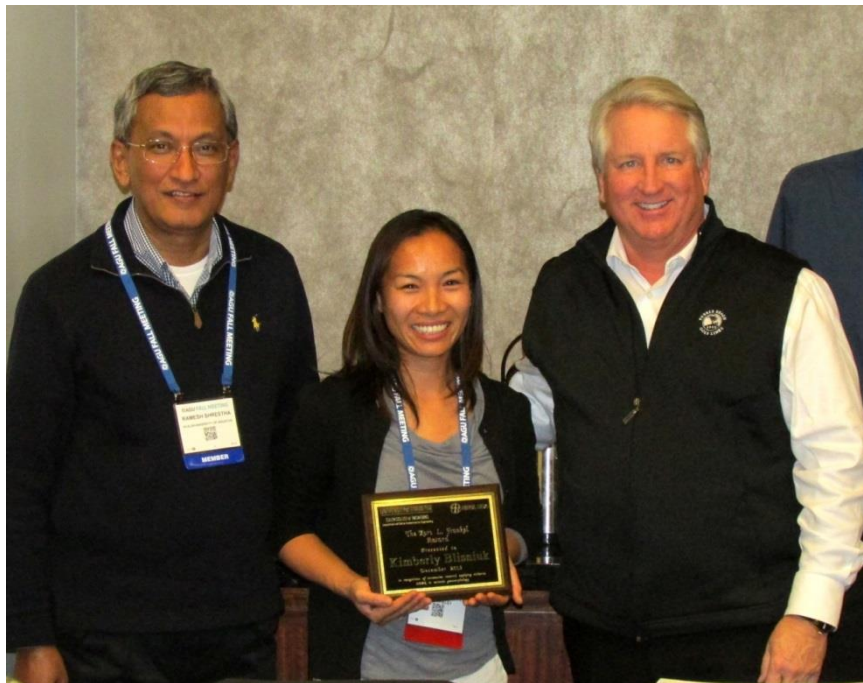
NCALM Announcement

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### **Kimberly Blisniuk Receives 2013 Kurt Frankel Award**

On December 11, 2013, Kimberly Blisniuk was presented with the University of Houston/RIEGL USA Kurt Frankel Award. The award was presented to Kimberly by Jim van Rens, representing RIEGL USA, and Ramesh Shrestha, representing the University of Houston, at the annual meeting of the NCALM steering committee, held each year in conjunction with the AGU Fall meeting. The inscription on the plaque presented to Kimberly reads: *In recognition of creative and innovative research applying airborne LiDAR and other data, such as cosmogenic dating, for geological and geophysical research in tectonic geomorphology, or closely related specialties.*

Kimberly is an early-career scientist, less than two years beyond her Ph.D., and is currently working as a Post Doc, with support from the National Science Foundation, with joint appointments at the Berkeley Geochronology Center and University of California, Berkeley. Kimberly Blisniuk received the Kurt Frankel Award primarily for her research on the tectonic geomorphology of the San Andreas fault system, in southern California, and in particular for her innovative work in developing more reliable estimates of fault-slip rates for the past  $\sim 10^3$  to  $10^5$  years by means of an improved approach to dating offset landforms, using airborne LiDAR observations. Details of the work are presented in the 2012 paper, "Assessing the reliability of U-series and  $^{10}\text{Be}$  dating techniques on alluvial fans in the Anza Borrego Desert, California," published in the journal *Quaternary Geochronology*.



**Photograph of Kimberly Blisniuk (center) with Jim van Rens (right), president of RIEGL USA, and Ramesh Shrestha, University of Houston (left).**