

# Diana Northup Receives Award at 2013 National Speleological Society Convention (NSS)



The NSS Science Award recognizes an individual NSS member who has made significant contributions to the science of speleology. This year's recipient is Diana E. Northup, NSS 11233. Diana earned a Ph.D. in Biology with Distinction from the University of New Mexico, where she is currently a Professor Emerita in the University Libraries and is active as a Visiting Associate Professor in Biology at UNM. She has been honored as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the NSS, and CRF, has been a Waksman Foundation speaker, and gave a popular TEDxABQ talk on mentoring

students. Diana started studying caves in the 1970s and is well-known for work in Carlsbad, Lechuguilla, and Ft. Stanton caves, as well as caves around the world. An amazing mentor to students ranging from high school to Ph.D. candidates, the students say they found their passion for science in her lab. Dr. Northup stresses to students the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship through scientific publication and public education. As a mentor, our winner is unfailingly patient, provides expert guidance with an irrepressible personality. She started out as the western cricket lady and now finds her passion in SLIME (Subsurface Life In Mineral Environments).