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- 2015 Kristen Jenkins Voorhies, Biologist, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Chicago. Dissertation title: "Variability in marine molluscan communities: Historical versus modern drivers across local and regional scales" (Co-Advisors: Kidwell, Wootton)
- 2013 Matthew T. Bizjack (BS Honors thesis, Univ. Chicago). Thesis title: "The trouble with dribbles: Detection of dredged material on the seafloor using dead mollusk shells"
- 2012 Mara Brady, Assistant Professor, California State University Fresno: Dissertation title: "Carbonate sequences from cratonic interior versus continental margin settings: a comparative stratigraphic and taphonomic analysis of the Devonian of Iowa and Nevada" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 2012 M Devon Moore (BS Honors thesis, Univ. Chicago). Thesis title: "A coastal history of human environmental stressors in Coos Bay, Oregon"
- 2011 Christina Belanger, Assistant Professor, South Dakota School of Mines. Dissertation title: "From the individual to the community: Biotic responses to Early Miocene warming and continental shelf dysoxia" (Astoria Formation, Oregon) (Co-Advisors: Kidwell, P. Martin)
- 2011 Slawomir Abramski (MA in Physical Sciences, Univ. Chicago). Thesis title: "Changes in the Puget Sound ecosystem as a result of human activity and climatic variation: A geohistorical perspective
- 2009 Joshua Miller, Fenneman Asst. Res. Prof. Quaternary and Anthropocene Science, University of Cincinnati. Dissertation title: "The large mammal death assemblage of Yellowstone National Park: Historical ecology, conservation biology, paleoecology" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 2008 Rebecca Terry, Assistant Professor (Zoology), Oregon State University. Dissertation title: "Raptors, rodents, and paleoecology: recovering ecological baselines from Great Basin caves" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 2006 Bjarte Hannisdal, Researcher, Centre for Geobiology, University of Bergen. Dissertation title: "Inferring evolutionary patterns from fossil records using Bayesian inversion: an application to the Miocene of the mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 2005 Thomas Rothfus, Executive Director, Gerace Research Center, University of the Bahamas. Dissertation title: "Taphonomic damage, taxonomic identifiability, & preservational quality: implications for bias in paleoecogical data" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 2004 Yael Edelman-Furstenberg, tenured Research Geologist, Geological Survey of Israel. Dissertation title: "Macrobenthic paleoecology of high-productivity marine environments, Cretaceous of Israel and Recent of Namibia" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 2002 Francesca Smith, Future Fellow Assistant Professor, University of Adelaide (EarthSciences), Australia. Dissertation title: "Biogeography of Neogene C3 & C4 grasses: C-isotopic signatures of phytoliths" (Co-Advisors: Kidwell, J. White (U Colo Boulder)
- 2000 Mairi Best, Consultant on Ocean Observing and Environmental Sensor Systems, Ontario, Canada. Dissertation title: "Fates of bivalve skeletal carbonate in tropical siliciclastics and carbonates, Caribbean Panama" (Advisor: Kidwell)

- 1995 Raymond Rogers, Professor, Macalester College. Dissertation title: "Sequence stratigraphy & vertebrate taphonomy of Upper Cretaceous Two Medicine & Judith River Fms, Montana" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 1991 Eric D. Gyllenhaal, Senior Scientist, Selinda Associates Museum
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- 1990 Steven M. Holland, Professor, University of Georgia. Dissertation title: "Distinguishing eustasy & tectonics in foreland sequences: Upper Ordovician Cincinnati Arch & Appalachian Basin" (Advisor: Kidwell)
- 1987 Charles D. Winker, Senior Research Geologist, Shell Exploration and Production Company, Houston (PhD Univ. Arizona) Dissertation title: "Neogene stratigraphy of the Fish Creek-Vallecito section, southern California: Implications for early history of the northern Gulf of California and Colorado Delta", 494p.
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- 1986 Nancy Beckvar, Environmental Scientist, Assessment & Restoration, National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration, Seattle (M.S. Univ. Arizona). Thesis title: "Stratigraphy, taphonomy, and faunal-substrate relations in a Pleistocene marine terrace near Punta Chueca, Sonora, Mexico"
- 1985 Alison A. Hess, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, NYC (M.S. Univ. Arizona). Thesis title: "Chertification of the Redwall Limstone (Mississippian), Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona"
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