Welcome back to a new academic year and the start of a new year for Rolling Rocks. We have yet an interesting and busy year ahead. Hopefully Rolling Rocks will help keep us informed of the many things we are doing. Please don’t forget to send me your news, and if you haven’t already then please let me know what you got up to during the Summer and we can add it to next week’s Rolling Rocks.

Welcome New Students
Please join me in welcoming all our new undergraduates and graduate students.

Our new graduate students include:

- Nate Bootes (working with Eva)
- Ivan Carabajal (working with Chris Atchison)
- Anastasia Fries (working with Amy)
- Wes Parker (working with Yurena)
- Tim Paton (working with Carl)
- Sonia Sanchez-Lohff (working with Eva)
- Rachel Thornton (working with Dylan)

Today’s Colloquium
Our first colloquium of this new academic year will start today at 3:30 pm in Braunstein 201. We will have a lab safety presentation by Lewis. After that we will hear about our summer of stimulating activities.

Graduated Students
Several graduate students completed their degrees this summer. These include Jason Cesta, Jim Thomka, Kelsey Feser, Adam Piestrzeniewicz and Claire Botner. Congratulations to all. We wish them the very best for the future.

Ibrahim is a Winner
Congratulations to Ibrahim who was the winner of the H. Victor Church Award for the best poster presentation at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Section AAPG held in Oxnard, CA during May. The Honors and Awards Committee of the Pacific Section of the AAPG made the award. The Award will be given to Ibrahim at the Joint Meeting of the Pacific and Rocky Mountain Sections AAPG to be held in Las Vegas, NV in October 2016.

Cincinnati GeoFair
The GeoClub volunteered again this year at Cincinnati GeoFair held in May. This year the show was located at the Sharonville Convention Center. Thanks to all who were involved.

TJ’s defense
Please note that TJ will be defending his thesis next Wednesday, September 2nd at 3:00pm in Geology/Physics Room 521. The title of his thesis is “Revised Sequence Stratigraphy and Nomenclature of the Ordovician (Katian, Maysvillian-Lower Richmondian) of Southwest Ohio and North Central Kentucky.”
Departmental Picnic Tomorrow
Please see details below! All are welcome.

Saturday, Aug. 29th
2 PM — 7 PM
at the UC Field Station

Welcome Graduate & Undergraduate Students, Faculty and Staff. Bring a dish to share! (BBQ pork & chicken provided by the department)

To RSVP to picnic & to reserve a spot in a departmental van, email Krista at krista.smilek@uc.edu. Van(s) will be leaving the dock at 1:00 PM!

See You There!

Directions:
- From Cincinnati, take I-74 west to Exit 3.
- Turn right onto Dry Fork Road off of the exit ramp.
- After 2 miles, Dry Fork turns into New Haven Road, bear right on New Haven and continue until you enter the forest of New Haven.
- Turn left onto Oxford Road at the stop light.
- Continue on Oxford Road for 3/4 of a mile. The field station will be on the left. The address is 11650 Oxford Road, Crosby Township.
Congratulations to Sarah and Geoff on the arrival of Adam Steven Hammer! Adam was born on August 15 at 10:38 pm weighing a very respectable 9lbs and he was 23 inches long. Mom and baby are doing really well, and we look forward to seeing Adam enroll in our geology classes in the very near future.

New Articles Published

Here's a list of some of the articles that were published over the summer:


New Grants

Congratulations to everyone who got a grant this past summer. Here’s a list of those that I know about:


Andy Czaja received an E/O grant from the Paleontological Society. It is for $2500 to buy materials for iPhone microscopes that he will take to local schools as part of the program that Eva has developed.

Yurena Yanes received a grant from the NSF for a project titled: "Collaborative Proposal: Development and calibration of the oxygen isotope systematics of small terrestrial gastropods". This is with Jason Rech at Miami University and Jeffrey C. Nekola at the University of New Mexico.

Invited Presentations

Chris gave several invited presentations this summer.

Atchison, C.L. (2015). Fostering an international initiative to mitigate the barriers of full participation for geoscience students and practitioners with disabilities. Invited presentation at the Knowledge Media Institute, The Open University, Milton Keynes, England, United Kingdom, June 29. Recording available online at: http://stadium.open.ac.uk/stadia/preview.php?whichevent=2527#.VXibtPnBzRY


Josh Miller in the news

Josh is quoted in a news report on Jurassic Park. Check it out at: http://www.abcactionnews.com/news/national/22-years-of-science-since-original-jurassic-park-movie
Kelsey Feser and Krista had another successful trip to San Salvador Island, Bahamas for the Ocean Margins Field Course this past May. They had fantastic group of students, which included 12 majors, three minors, and one graduate student. Trip highlights included learning of the interesting sedimentology and stratigraphy of the island by visiting outcrops and drafting (many) stratigraphic sections, visiting the Cockburn Town Fossil Reef and snorkeling patch reefs to compare ancient to modern coral reefs, exploring karst features, such as Lighthouse Cave and Owl’s Hole pit cave, and investigating different types of shorelines from beaches to mangroves to rocky intertidal. Please check out their walking tour maps that the student groups put together highlighting interesting stops on the island. These along with photos from the trip are posted in the main hallway of the department. Take a look and if any students are interested in participating in the course summer of 2017, please Krista know!

Everyone returned safely from our departmental fieldtrip to the Himalaya in June, run by Lewis Owen, Craig Dietsch, Dylan Ward and our colleagues Brian Davies from DAAP and Richard Beck from Geography. They spent three weeks in the Himalaya of northern India examining the geology and culture as part of a UC Forward class.
Many thanks to Paul for inviting us all to his 90th birthday party last Sunday. Everyone had a wonderful time. Excellent food and great company. Please go to the following link to see more photos:
http://homepages.uc.edu/~huffwd/Paul's_Party/index.html

Please keep sending me your news. Apologies for anything I may have forgotten to include from over the summer. I know there is much more to include, but you need to send me the details.

Cheers,

Lewis