Welcome back everybody. Hope you all had a wonderful summer. We have a fun packed year ahead. Below are details of some of our activities during the summer. If you haven’t sent me your details of your Summer yet then please do this coming week so that I can add them to next week’s Rolling Rocks.

Welcome to our new Graduates
Christopher Aucoin
TJ Malgieri
Rajarshi Dasgupta
Jani Sparks
Lauren Wasserstrom
Julia Wise

Welcome to our new Professors
Andrew Czaja
Joshua Miller
Dylan Ward

No Colloquium Today
No colloquium today. BUT we have a packed program this coming semester starting next Friday.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Sarah Kolbe and Zhenzhu Wan on successfully defending their doctorates this summer.

Warren Appeared on Local 12 News

New Papers Published
Some of new papers published this summer include:


**Attila visited St. Lucia and St. Kitt**

Check out Attila’s photo of some the volcanic feature he examined on this travels.

**Geology Club Elections**
The new executive committee for the Geology Club includes:

- President: Tashia P.
- Vice President: Eric B.
- Secretary (in a hotly contested race): Sharm G.
- Treasurer: Gary M.
- GSGA Reps: Kate H. and Matt V.
- Outreach: Becky S. and TJ M.
- Activities Committee: Jani S., Brian S., TJ M., Chris A., Emily M., and Torrance T.
Geology Wii Tournament
Tashia Pierce was the victor of the Wii Tournament of Ultimate Geologic Glory back in early June! She defeated runner-up Kent Walters to claim the title of “Supreme Wiiologist” and a good time was had by all. Congratulations Tashia!

Department History Website
Warren has put quite an extensive collection of departmental history information together, much of it very well organized by Barry during the years when he edited the newsletter, and he has started to digitize some of it so it doesn't become completely lost to posterity. With thanks to Dani, who re-typed some of these documents for Warren, he has started departmental history webpage at (http://homepages.uc.edu/~huffwd/Department_History/History.html). Warren says it is definitely a work in progress, but please check it out. Warren welcomes any suggestions for change or improvement that you might have. Warren thinks that this, or some version of it, might eventually be linked to our A&S departmental page.

Student New Articles
Check out these great articles on two of our students, Julia Wise and Jenny Arkle, on the McMicken Website!

Foerste Symposium and IGCP Meeting in Our Department

During the summer of 2012 Carl Brett organized and co-hosted (with Bradley Cramer of University of Iowa) the Foerste Symposium, the 2nd Annual Meeting of International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) Project 591: The Early to Middle Paleozoic Revolution. This meeting, held July 21-28 here in the Tristate area, featured two days of talks on Ordovician and Silurian research by some 40 specialists, representing 14 countries; held in the Rug Room of the Geology Department. The meeting was preceded by a two-day field trip, which showcased much new research by UC folks on Upper Ordovician and Silurian sequence stratigraphy and paleoenvironments along the southeastern Cincinnati Arch region, and followed by a 3-day, post-meeting field trip along the western flank of the Cincinnati Arch and adjacent Illinois Basin. The pre-meeting trip included an interactive exercise in which participants interpreted sequence stratigraphy on 3-D digital images of an outcrop on iPads, while Carl pointed out key features of the actual exposure; good fun. The conference resulted in two guidebooks (see below) with papers by Brett and UC students and former students Nathan Marshall, Pat McLaughlin, Tom Schramm, Nick Sullivan, and Jim Thomka; pdf versions of these two guides will be made available to a broader audience as they will be posted on the official IGC 591 website (http://igcp591.org/). In addition, a volume of papers resulting from the conference is being compiled and will be published through the international journal Stratigraphy in 2013. A particularly gratifying feature of this conference was the strong support of the meeting by the Dry Dredgers, North America's oldest and one of the largest amateur paleontology organizations, advised by our department. The Dry Dredgers not only gave generous monetary support, but, also, Dan Cooper, Don Bissett, Steve Felton and Tom Bantel, of the Dry Dredgers, aided in the field trips, set up displays, and distributed spectacular samples to participants. Brett expresses his sincere appreciation to those folks and to Tammie Gerke who aided in innumerable ways in making the meeting a success. We have had much very favorable feedback from the participants.

IGCP 591 Post-meeting Field Trip participants in the famed Thornton Quarry, Thornton, Illinois; (note clinoform beds flanking reef). July 28, 2012. Can you identify the five UC-related participants?

Guidebooks produced include:

Carl Goes Down Under
Carl Brett attended the 34th International Geological Congress held in Brisbane, Australia, August 4-10, 2012, where he presented a keynote talk: "Sea level, Climate, and Biotic Stasis and Change in the Middle Devonian of eastern North America" (co-authored by former UC PhD students Jay Zambito and Mike DeSantis). Carl participated in meetings of the International Commission on Stratigraphy, and subcommissions on Ordovician and Devonian global stratigraphy, and assumed new responsibilities as Vice Chair of the Devonian Subcommission.

Mike’s a Grandpa!
Congratulations to Mike Menard who became a Grandpa this summer.

Associate Dean Miller
Congratulations to Arnie Miller who has just become Associate Dean of our College. We all wish him the very best with his new duties.

Please don’t forget to e-mail me your news for Rolling Rocks.

Best wishes,

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