Rolling Rocks

Today’s Colloquium
Today’s speaker is Dr. Lori Peek, Co-director of the Center for Disaster and Risk Analysis, Colorado State University. Her talk will be on “The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Enduring Health Effects and Youth Empowerment Efforts along the U.S. Gulf Coast”. This will be held in the Taft Research Center Lecture Hall, Edwards I Suite 1110, 3:00–4:15 pm followed by refreshments. This is a joint talk with the Department of Sociology.

Another Colloquium
Don’t forget we have a colloquium next Tuesday (Sept. 30). It will be held in room 527 from 12:20–1:20 pm and given by Dr. Natalie Kruse Daniels, Ohio University. She will be talking about “On-site treatment of hydraulic fracturing flowback and produced water: Removing hardness ions and radioactive isotopes”

Snails on Saturday

Yurena is hosting the 8th annual Ohio (River) Valley Unified Malacologists (OVUM) meeting. This will be held in our department tomorrow (Braunstein 201). This one-day meeting is free and open to professionals, amateurs, and students who are interested in any aspect of Molluscan Biology, Paleontology, Biogeochemistry and Conservation.

For additional information please visit the OVUM 2014 webpage: https://sites.google.com/site/yurenayanes/ovum-2014
Congratulations to Chris Aucoin who successfully defended his Masters on Monday. Here a photo of him with his Committee following the successful defense. Well-done Chris.

On the Road Again
Mike Menard’s son, Jeremy, is on the road again. The bus with trailer in tow rolled out of Nashville early this morning. The 3rd stop is Cincinnati. Check out the band on [http://www.carrolltonband.com/](http://www.carrolltonband.com/) and guess which one if Mike’s son

Quiz of the week

Does anyone recognize this former student of ours?
If you are wondering where Sarah is this past week, she has set up office on Holden Beach in North Carolina.

**Queen’s English**

I mentioned in Rolling Rocks on September 12 that Arnie Miller was elected president of the Paleontology Association. Sorry, that was a mistake. I should have said Arnie was elected president of the **Paleontology Society**. The Paleontology Society is American and was founded in 1908, while the Palaeontology Association is the British version founded in 1957 and spelling palaeontology as the Queen does with an addition “a”.

Don’t tell anyone, but I used to be a member of the Palaeontology Association!

**Please keep sending me your news.**

**Cheers,**

**Lewis**