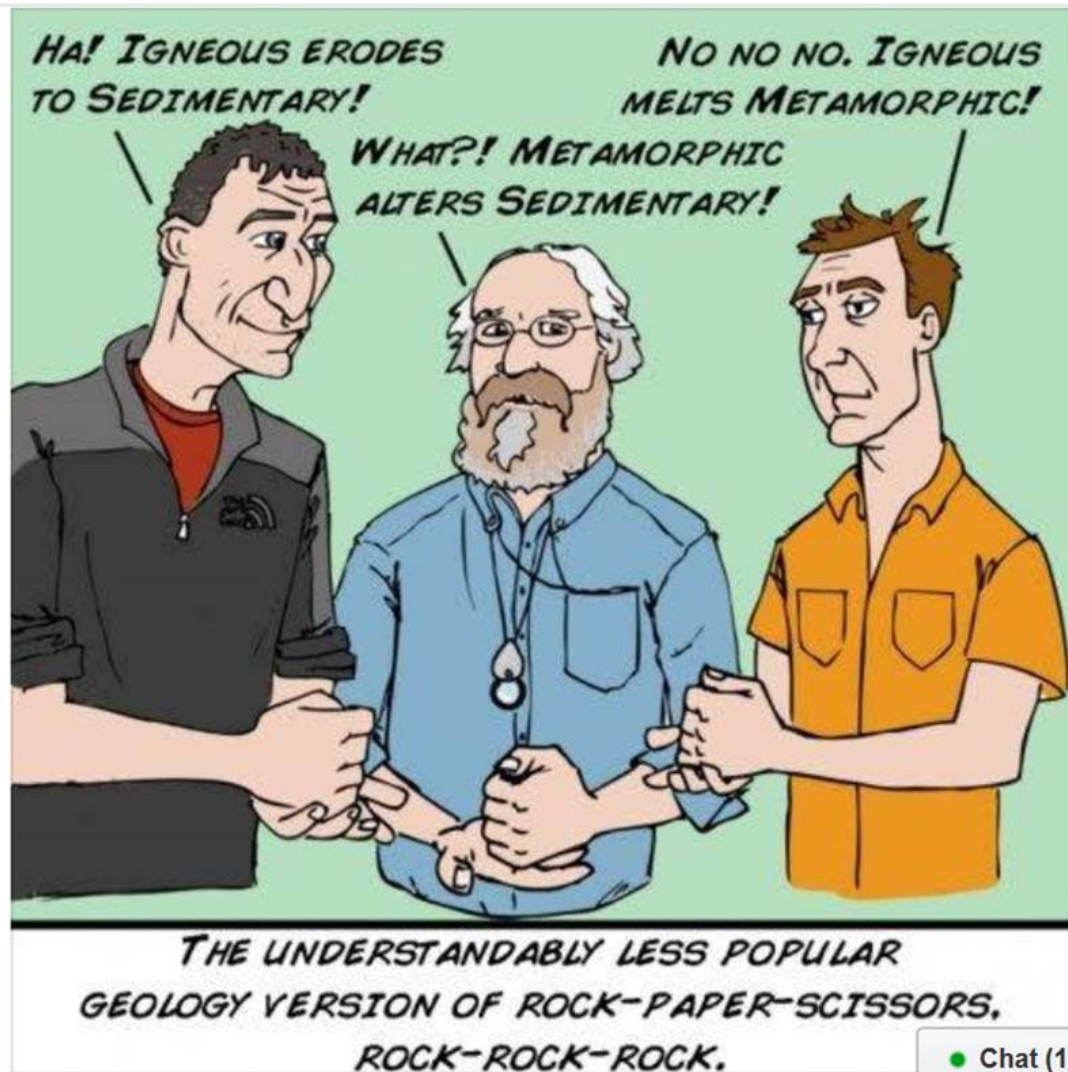


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Today's Colloquium

Today's colloquium will be given by our State Geologist Dr. Tom Serenko (Ohio Geological Survey).

Dr. Serenko will be talking on "The Ohio Geological Survey, its mission, history, current projects and vision for the future". The talks will be in Braunstein 300 starting with coffee and tea at 3:30 pm.



Courtesy of our alumni Ed O'Donnell

More Grants

Congratulations to Jeff Osterhout and Yeon Jee Suh who were awarded GIAR Awards from the UC Chapter of Sigma Xi for their research work.

Rieveschl Lecture
Please mark your diaries.

George Rieveschl Geo-lecture:
Friday, 4 March 2016 at 2pm in Alumni Hall, Russell C. Myers Alumni Center

Dr. Timothy Beach

C. B. Smith, Sr. Centennial Chair, Dept. of Geography and the
Environment, University of Texas at Austin



**The Maya Anthropocene:
A Mirror for a Small Planet**

When did the Anthropocene begin? Some scholars propose that it began with the Industrial Revolution. Others argue that it has much deeper roots and that lasting effects on the environment took hold under the aegis of many ancient civilizations. Eminent geoarchaeological scholar Dr. Timothy Beach addresses this issue through an examination of the lasting impact of ancient Maya Civilization on the tropical forest world. Climate also played a role during periods of instability, droughts, stability, and perhaps Maya caused climate change. Climate change provides our clearest comparison with the modern Anthropocene because the ancient Maya also experienced sea level rise and climate drying like parts of the contemporary world.

Timothy Beach is a Professor and C.B. Smith, Sr. Centennial Chair at the **University of Texas-Austin**, USA. Dr. Beach received his Ph.D. in Geography (with Soils and Quaternary Geology) at the University of Minnesota. He is a AAAS Fellow, a Guggenheim and Dumbarton Oaks Fellow, G.K. Gilbert Awardee in Geomorphology (with one co-author), and received Georgetown University's Distinguished Research Award (2010) and the School of Foreign Service's Faculty of the Year Award (2014) before moving to UT-Austin.

Please keep sending me your news.

Cheers,

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