Rolling Rocks

Welcome Back
Welcome back to a new academic year. Hope you all had a wonderful summer. We have another stimulating and busy year ahead.

Colloquium
Today’s colloquium will be held at 3:30 pm in Room 527. We will be looking at photos of our summer’s activities. There will be refreshment served.

Welcome new students
Please welcome our new freshman and graduate students. Here’s a list of the new graduates:

Masters students:
- Ben Bates
- Andrew Gangidine
- Evan New
- Jenelle Wallace

Doctoral students:
- Jeff Hannon
- Chris Sheehan

Congratulations to grads
We had a whole bunch of graduates successfully defend their degrees this summer. Congratulations everyone. They included:

Masters:
- Frida Akerstrom
- Catherine Dunn
- Thomas (TJ) Malgieri
- Christopher Sheehan

Doctorates:
- Matthew Vrazo
- Julia Wise

AAPG Awards
AAPG presented Professor Paul Potter with the very prestigious Sidney Powers Medal in June. Our alumni Mike Lewan also received a prestigious award, the Robert Berg Outstanding Research Award. Please check out the link at:
Tenured and Promoted

Congratulations for Eva Enkelman and Amy Townsend-Small who were promoted to Associate Professor with tenure this past summer.

Eastern Section AAPG meeting in September

If you haven’t already registered, we hope you are considering attending the Eastern Section, AAPG meeting in Lexington, Ky. September 25-27. Check out our website here: www.esaapgmtg.org

New Papers


**Enkelman, 2016.** Cover Image of current GSA Journal Lithosphere Journal featuring Eva's and her students latest research paper from the St. Elias Mountains.


**Conferences**

In May, Dylan presented at the Community Surface Dynamics Modeling System (CSDMS) annual meeting in Boulder, CO on “A dynamical-statistical approach to forecasting regional glacier response to projected warming: An example from the Cordillera Real, Bolivia”


Lewis Owen attended the biannual meeting of AMQUA in Santa Fe where he presented an invited talk on geomorphic and geochronic aspects of the Anthropocene. Thomas Lowell also attended this meeting where in was elected as President Elect of the AMQUA – well done Tom.

Lewis Owen attended and presented at the British Quaternary Research Association annual field meeting on the Isle of Skye in May. And visited his land on the Isle of Islay (see below).
**Fieldwork**

Eva Enkelmann conducted fieldwork in Southeast Alaska together with John Garver (Union College) and Cameron Davidson (Carleton College) and 4 undergraduate students research on the Yakutat flysh and melange units. Eva conducted also fieldwork with Dr. Emily Finzel (University of Iowa) collecting river sand in the Talkeetna Mountains in southern Alaska.

Yurena along with two UC students Wesley Parker and Kayla Parr conducted field work in three of the Canary Islands as part of the National Geographic Society grant entitled: “The stories shells hold: inferring ancient cultural and environmental history from mollusk middens in the Canary Islands”

In July, Dylan, Rachel Thornton, and Jason Cesta spent a few weeks sampling moraines at 5,000 m in the Andes of northern Chile and interfacing with Chilean scientists. As a guest of UC Geology alum Esteban Sagredo, Dylan gave a talk at Universidad Catolica de Chile entitled “Late Pleistocene glaciations of the arid subtropical Andes and new results from the Chajnantor Plateau, northern Chile”.
Julianne Fernandez was selected to participate in the UNOLS Deep-Submergence Science Leadership Cruise aboard the RV Atlantis, operated by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Julianne took her first decent in DSV ALVIN in the Atlantic Ocean to a depth of 1130 m at 39°N/69°W to collect sediment cores and water to measure methane from newly discovered seeps.

Picnic
We’ll be having an informal potluck get-together to welcome the new grads and reconnect on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 3-6(ish) pm. It will be held at Rhinegeist Brewing (kids are allowed). Dylan will provide more details soon, but please save the date!

Don’t forget to send me your news.

Cheers,

Lewis