DEPARTMENT NEWS

PROFESSOR WEST ATTENDS 59TH ANNUAL MEETING FOR AEG IN KONA, HAWAII

Terry West attended the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) in Kona, Hawaii on September 17-24, 2016. Dr. West presented the oral paper “Backfilling of a Gravel Pit with Road Construction Debris Risks Water Supply Concerns for Nearby Residential Area, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana”, coauthored by our recent graduate, Andy Najafiarby. Included in the conference was a two day field trip to view the volcanic terrain on the “Big Island” of Hawaii.

ADVANCE PURDUE/OVPEC FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

This workshop is open to all faculty and required for serving on a search committee. The session will be held on Oct 14, from 8:15 a.m. to noon, in the Hall for Discovery and Learning Research, Room 131. A light breakfast will be served.

For those that may be on future faculty search committees, the info and registration for next round of required workshops is via the link below (needs to be completed before you can serve on a search committee): http://goo.gl/B2PamV

http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/
What is an Ombudsman? The ombudsmen are an informal, neutral, confidential resource for people in the department, especially students, to raise questions or concerns about any aspect of their academic experience. The EAPS ombudsman is Barbara Gibson (HAMP 2169B; barbara@purdue.edu) - please feel free to contact her if needed.

**COLLOQUIA**

Mark Willis – Halliburton  
(Faculty candidate)

**Monday, Oct. 3, 2016**  
10:30 AM  
HAMP 2201

Wendell Walters – PHD candidate

**Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016**  
4:00 PM  
HAMP 2201

**EAPS DEFENSES**

PhD Defense – Wanchen Wu  
**October 3** at 1:30 PM  
HAMP 3201  
Advisor: Wen-wen Tung

PhD Defense – Subashini Subramanian  
**October 5** at 4:30 PM  
HAMP 2201  
Advisor: Dev Niygoi

**EXXONMOBIL INTERVIEWS**

Lisa Ryan and Robert Wenger, ExxonMobil Recruiters, will be on campus conducting interviews on **October 13th and 14th**.

If you are interested in an interview, please complete an online application and post a copy of your resume and transcripts at [www.exxonmobil.com/apply](http://www.exxonmobil.com/apply) at least one week prior to interviewing. See attached for further information regarding regular employment and internships. If you have previously applied and/or interviewed with ExxonMobil, attended a short course or have had an internship, they encourage you to update your online application as needed.

Lisa and Robert will also give a Geoscience Recruiting presentation at 5pm on Wednesday, **October 12** in Room 2201. Geoscience students are encouraged to attend and learn more about ExxonMobil and the O&G industry. This is not limited to applicants or interviewees.

**2017 MAYMESTER 2 WEEK STUDY ABROAD IN BELIZE**

Call out: **Oct 21st**  
6:00 pm  
Hampton Hall Room 2201  
Contact: Prof Michalski gmichals@purdue.edu

[http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/](http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/)
VII EARTH SCIENCES CONVENTION
(EXHIBITION OF PRODUCTS, NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES)

The Cuban Geological Society (SCG) is inviting scientists, professionals, technicians, and university students of Geology, Geophysics, Mining and related Geosciences, to participate in the VII Earth Sciences Convention, to be held at the International Conference Center in Havana, Cuba on April 3-7, 2017.

For further information, please contact: www.scg.cu; www.cubacienciasdelaterra.com; geociencias@mnhnc.inf.cu

Please see attached flier.

16TH ANNUAL AMS STUDENT CONFERENCE

21–22 JANUARY 2017
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The 2017 AMS Student Conference: Observe the Leaders of Today, Become the Leaders of Tomorrow, will be held 21–22 January 2017, in Seattle, Washington in association with the 97th AMS Annual Meeting.

Important eligibility requirement: You must be an active 2017 AMS student member to attend the AMS Student Conference. You must be an undergraduate or graduate student to present a poster at the Poster Session!

Registration

Registration is now open! Early registration will be available online until midnight EST 16 December 2016 at a rate of $40. Starting on 16 December, late registration will be available for $60. To register online, please go to https://secure.ametsoc.org/meet/atreg/ and select the option corresponding to the 16th Annual AMS Student Conference. On-Site registration ($60) may be available if space permits. Attendees must register separately for the 97th AMS Annual Meeting.

Abstract due by: 3 October 2016

*Authors of accepted presentations will be notified via e-mail by early-November 2016.

To submit an abstract free of charge, visit https://ams.confex.com/ams/97Annual/oasys.epl and click on “16th Annual Student Conference” before 3 October 2016.

PUPS
PURDUE UNIVERSITY PLANETARY SCIENCE

There is a new student club called PUPS (Purdue University Planetary Science)–to provide a sense of community for students who are interested in planetary sciences, as well as, providing encouragement and information about the future of planetary science. The goal is to increase awareness of and the interdisciplinary nature of planetary sciences.

Advisor: Briony Horgan.
E-mail: briony@purdue.edu

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

It is time to request nominations for the spring 2017 Staff Professional Development Fund. These applications should be for professional development opportunities that will take place during the spring months.

To apply, please completed the attached application and return it to me by Monday, October 3.
A committee of fellow CoS staff members will then meet to evaluate the applications and make the final funding decisions.

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**OVERLEAF PRO**

The Purdue University Graduate School is providing free Overleaf Pro accounts for all students, faculty and staff who would like to use a collaborative, online LaTeX editor for their projects, presentations and papers. Please see flyer for details.

**HARRY S. TRUMAN FELLOWSHIP**

Sandia National Laboratories is beginning its ad campaign to attract qualified candidates for its President Harry S. Truman Fellowship in National Security Science and Engineering. The deadline for proposal submission is **November 1, 2016**. Attached is a letter that was sent from Marcey Hoover (a Purdue grad) to Dean Svensson and a flyer. The flyer contains a link to the Sandia web site which explains the Truman Fellowship in more detail. If you need additional information, please contact Yolanda Moreno (ymoreno@sandia.gov).

See attached letter/flyer.

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**“SKILLS PERFORMANCE” TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STAFF**

Purdue University – Training offers a wide selection of extension courses for both personal and professional growth. Taught by experts in their fields, the courses provide practical, hands-on experience. And, best of all, anyone can afford them. Take a look through their online catalog for courses that interest you. Then, register for the courses you want right now using the web site below!

Please click here to sign up for upcoming classes: [https://www.eventreg.purdue.edu/training/Home.aspx](https://www.eventreg.purdue.edu/training/Home.aspx)

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**COSINE**

COSINE (College of Science Instructional Nightly Enrichment) is a free tutoring program to help students in first-year courses in Biology, Chemistry and Math. COSINE offers evening tutoring right in your own backyard. Our goal is to help you develop problem-solving skills needed to do your homework. Please visit their summer location for assistance. COSINE at Shreve Hall URSC (you may enter from the new dedicated entrance on 3rd street) from 6 – 9 pm on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays** of summer school. Tutors will be available beginning **June 14, 2016**.

*** For optimal tutoring results, bring your textbook and class notes. ***

**APSAC WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS IN SEPT.**

Examples of funded grant applications include but are not limited to professional education or certification; attendance at lectures, conferences and seminars; or tuition assistance for academic classes. The maximum award amount is $750. Applications for fall grants will be considered for activities occurring from **July 1, 2016**, through **June 30, 2017**. The application process will be completed online, and the deadline is 11:59 p.m. ET **Oct 3** for this grant period. More information and a link to the online application are available at [www.purdue.edu/apsac/Grants/index.html](http://www.purdue.edu/apsac/Grants/index.html). Questions may be directed to the Professional Development Subcommittee at [APSAC-PD@purdue.edu](mailto:APSAC-PD@purdue.edu).

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**STEM EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT PURDUE**

1/12/17

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Purdue will be hosting the 2nd Annual Indiana STEM Education Conference at Purdue on **1/12/17** from 9 to 4:30. I hope that you will consider attending this event. We had an outstanding turnout of over 650 people last year and are expecting 1,000 this year.
Proposals are due by **10/15/16**. Email to carlacjohnson@purdue.edu. You will be notified of the decision on your proposal by **11/4/16**.

Presenters will need to register for the conference at: [https://goo.gl/5KbfKP](https://goo.gl/5KbfKP)

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**NSF OPENMP HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING WORKSHOP AT PURDUE SET FOR OCT. 4**

Purdue will host a free workshop focusing on OpenMP programming on **Tuesday, Oct. 4**, for faculty, staff and students looking to learn more about using OpenMP to leverage the power of cutting-edge computing resources, including Purdue’s community cluster research supercomputers. Participants should leave the National Science Foundation-sponsored workshop with a working knowledge of how to write scalable codes using OpenMP.

Questions: rac-help@purdue.edu.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter is used as the primary information source for current and upcoming events, announcements, awards, grant opportunities, and other happenings in our department and around campus. Active links to additional information will be provided as needed. Individual email announcements will no longer be sent unless the content is time-sensitive. We will continue to include our publications, presentations and other recent news items as well.

Those using paper copies of the newsletter should go to our newsletter archive on the EAPS website at [http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/news/newsletters.html](http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/news/newsletters.html) and Click on News to access active links as needed. Material for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted to Fallon McQuern (fmcquern@purdue.edu) by 5:00pm on Thursday of each week for inclusion in the Monday issue.

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[http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/](http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/)
Sept. 1  Joel Saylor, University of Houston Host: Ridgway
“Integrating Stable Isotopes and Basin Analysis for a Paleogene-Neogene Paleoelevation History of Southern Peru”

Sept. 8  William McKinnon, Washington University in St. Louis Host: Melosh
“Pluto Revealed! Results from NASA’s New Horizons Mission”

Sept. 13  Wanchen Wu, PhD Candidate Advisor: Tung
“The Effects of Continental Aerosols on the Eyewall of a Typhoon”
Tuesday, 4:00PM, Room 2201/HAMP

Sept. 15  Peter Colarco, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Host: Harshvardhan
“Aerosol Modeling Applications in the NASA GEOS-5 Earth System Model”

Sept. 22  Oliver Boyd, U.S. Geological Survey Host: Gilbert/Freed
“Seismic Hazard and Geodesy in the New Madrid Seismic Zone”

Sept. 27  Sarah Bischoff, PhD Candidate Advisor: Flesch
“Breaking Down the Impact of Strength Heterogeneity on Deformation of the India-Eurasia Collision: A Numerical Modeling Approach”
Tuesday, 4:00PM, Room 2201/HAMP

Sept. 29  Kevin Reed, SUNY-StonyBrook Host: Chavas
“High-resolution Global Simulations from Reduced Complexity to Future Projections”

Oct. 4  Wendell Walters, PhD Candidate Advisor: Flesch
“Unraveling the “Fingerprints” of Nitrogen Oxides using Stable Isotopes: Implications for Source Partitioning and Evaluation of Atmospheric Oxidation Pathways”
Tuesday, 4:00PM, Room 2201/HAMP

Oct. 20  Fan-Chi Lin, University of Utah Host: Nowack
“Imaging the Yellowstone Magmatic and Hydrothermal System Using Seismic Tomography”

Oct. 25  Logan Dawson, PhD Candidate Advisor: Baldwin
“Examination of Mesoscale Feedbacks on Convective Scale Predictability During MPEX”
Tuesday, 4:00PM, Room 2201/HAMP

Oct. 27  Allison Wing, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Host: Chavas
“Clouds, Circulation, and Climate Sensitivity in Cloud Resolving Model Simulations of Self-Aggregation of Convection”

Nov. 1  Shaoqing Liu, PhD Candidate Advisor: Zhuang
“Quantifying Terrestrial Ecosystem Carbon Dynamics with Mechanistically-based Biogeochemistry Models and In Situ and Remotely Sensed Data”
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Abstract: What does the future hold for oil and gas exploration? We are currently still in a slump, with experts predicting a slow recovery, perhaps as late as 2018. There is much talk about exotic, unconventional resources like gas hydrates, but one thing is certain – unconventional tight shale reservoirs are here to stay and are providing vast quantities of current and future oil production. While “blue sky,” long term research has mostly been shut down, vibrant short term research has ramped up to create ways to reduce the cost of finding and producing each barrel of oil. One exciting technology that is transforming how we are monitoring reservoirs is fiber optic distributed acoustic sensing (DAS). This is one of the topics in which I’ve been innovating. Ordinary fiber optic cables can be permanently installed in a well during completion and then used like microphones placed at every meter throughout the well. This creates the opportunity to monitor reservoir stimulation efforts and production. It also allows natural and induced fractures to be characterized. I will describe this technology and show examples that will convince you that DAS technology can be widely used, even outside of our energy applications.
Unraveling the “Fingerprints” of Nitrogen Oxides using Stable Isotopes: Implications for Source Partitioning and Evaluation of Atmospheric Oxidation Pathways

Wendell Walters
PhD Candidate

The nitrogen and oxygen stable isotope composition ($\delta^{15}$N & $\delta^{18}$O) of nitrogen oxides (NO$_x$) may be a useful tool for constraining NO$_x$ emission sources as well as for understanding the atmospheric oxidation pathways responsible for its removal as various NO$_x$ sources and sink processes exhibit characteristic isotopic compositions (“fingerprints”). However, this requires (1) an accurate and complete inventory of $\delta^{15}$N-NO$_x$ values from major emission sources and (2) an assessment of the isotope effects and their impacts on $\delta^{15}$N and $\delta^{18}$O of NO$_x$. Here I present recent findings on the $\delta^{15}$N-NO$_x$ values from various NO$_x$ fossil-fuel combustion emission sources and a bimonthly estimate of the $\delta^{15}$N-NO$_x$ across the United States (isoscape). Additionally, both experimental and theoretical investigations have been undertaken and indicate that isotope effects via equilibrium isotope exchange and unidirectional oxidation reactions may play a large role on $\delta^{15}$N as NO$_x$ is photochemically cycling and eventually oxidized to atmospheric nitrate. Recent isotopic data from NO$_2$ collected from ambient air indicates that $\delta^{15}$N-NO$_2$ largely reflects NO$_x$ emission sources during the nighttime but is a complex function of emission sources and the isotope effects associated with NO$_x$ photochemical cycling during the daytime. $\delta^{18}$O of ambient NO$_x$ indicate a strong diurnal profile with highest $\delta^{18}$O values during the daytime due to the photochemical cycling between NO$_x$ and O$_3$ and lowest $\delta^{18}$O values during the nighttime due to the absence of this cycling. These results suggest that $\delta^{15}$N and $\delta^{18}$O of NO$_x$ are unique tracers that will be useful for tracing NO$_x$ sources as well as increase our understanding of oxidation pathways in response to seasonal changes as well as climatic events.
PURDUE RECEPTION at the SEG Annual Meeting

Monday, October 17
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hyatt Regency, Windsor Room
300 Reunion Boulevard, Dallas
Complimentary heavy hors d’oeuvres

Co-Sponsored by:
Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) and
Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience (SAGE)
9th Annual PURDUE RECEPTION at the AGU Fall Meeting

Thursday, December 15
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ThirstyBear Restaurant, Billar Room
661 Howard Street, San Francisco

Complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres

Co-sponsored by:
Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS)
and
Purdue Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC)
Applicants are required to fill out an online application and post a copy of their resume on www.exxonmobil.com/apply one week prior to interviewing with our campus recruiter. Copies of transcripts should also be posted or brought to the interview. At this stage of the process, "unofficial" school versions of transcripts will be accepted as attachments to the online submittal. Download the Working at ExxonMobil app to learn more about ExxonMobil and career opportunities—available at iTunes or Google Play app stores.

The recruiter will conduct a pre-interview presentation on October 12. The time and location of the orientation will be designated by the Department.

Candidates for Regular Employment:

For those interested in careers in Exploration, Development and/or Production, we will be interviewing outstanding students receiving a BS, MS or a PhD in Geology or Geophysics. ExxonMobil is interested in finding outstanding candidates who have a strong fundamental background in the earth sciences, physical sciences, and mathematics. We have excellent proprietary capabilities in teaching petroleum science and technology, and therefore do not require new geoscientists to have any prior petroleum course work or experience. There is, however, a requirement for demonstrated leadership, business awareness, adaptability, teamwork, excellent communication skills in English, and a commitment to high safety and ethical standards. The company regards its global and long-term approach to hiring and career development as the foundation of its future success as a company, and as a source of great opportunity for geoscientists who want to grow their skills and capabilities for a long-term career.

For those interested in a career in Research, we will be interviewing outstanding students receiving a MS or PhD in Geology or Geophysics. Fundamental and applied research opportunities exist for applicants in three general areas:

- Hydrocarbon systems research includes, geochemistry, basin evolution, structural dynamics, petrophysics and geomechanics
- Reservoir performance prediction research includes controls on flow in clastic and carbonate reservoirs, geologic modeling and visualization
- Geophysics research includes advanced processing, acquisition, interpretation and modeling of seismic and other geophysical data

Research in all areas includes a significant component of field studies and takes advantage of state-of-the-art analytical and experimental laboratories and processing and numerical modeling capabilities.

For those interested in careers blending Geoscience and Computing, we will be interviewing graduate students receiving a MS degree in Geology or Geophysics who have an interest in computing.

Candidates for Internships:

ExxonMobil is dedicated to an ongoing recruiting program and our geoscience internship and recruiting short courses are the primary avenue we utilize to find qualified candidates. Internships (typically three months) and recruiting short courses are available year-round for students participating in BS, MS or PhD programs.

Internships are available throughout the year. Although we will give preference to those students graduating in 2017 or 2018, we will be happy to discuss career opportunities with other students as the interview schedule permits.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO CANDIDATES FOR REGULAR AND INTERNSHIP EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must have the permanent right to work in the United States. Under very limited circumstances, visa sponsorship may be available for applicants with an MS with significant, relevant work experience and/or a PhD in certain research or geophysical specialty disciplines.

Applicants for internship must have the legal right to work in the U.S. during the period of the internship. If you are interested in regular U.S. employment after your internship, you must be able to meet the regular U.S. hiring criteria at the time of regular U.S. hiring.

Individuals who have authorization to work in countries where ExxonMobil has geoscience staff such as Angola, Nigeria, Europe, Malaysia, Indonesia, Russia, and the Middle Eastern countries, may be considered for employment by our affiliates in these locations and should sign up to interview for such employment. Students currently attending school in the U.S. who have authority to work in one of the above countries and are interested in these opportunities should utilize the www.exxonmobil.com/apply website.

ExxonMobil is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.
The Cuban Geological Society (SCG) is pleased to invite scientists, professionals, technicians and university students of Geology, Geophysics, Mining and related Geosciences, to participate in the VII Earth Sciences Convention, and Exhibition of Products, New Technologies and Services, to be held at the International Conference Center of Havana, Cuba on April 3-7, 2017.

The convention welcomes presentations about Cuba, the Caribbean and other regions or in general about the geology, geophysics and mining experiences in the search and management of natural resources, including minerals (metals, industrial), water, oil and gas, construction, earthquake research and other geohazards, education of geosciences; as well as any other related to the sustainable exploitation of natural resources.

We invite professional societies, institutions and non-government organizations to organize workshops, round tables and meetings during the Convention.
In 2012, the University created a performance evaluation policy for staff which included a focus on capturing the professional development activities of staff throughout the year. The College of Science firmly believes that participation in professional development provides long lasting benefits to both the individual staff member and their department. As such, the College desires to support these activities.

College of Science Professional Development Philosophy:

- Professional development participation should be available to all full- or part-time, permanent staff—clerical, service, administrative/professional and managerial/professional.
- Professional development should focus on developing skills that will prepare staff to advance at Purdue or to perform their current duties more effectively.
- All supervisors are strongly encouraged to allow appropriate amounts of time for each staff person throughout the year to attend trainings that will help them accomplish their professional development goals. Approval for participation in such activities should be based on the business needs of each area.

College of Science Professional Development Fund:

In order to support staff professional development activities, the College has created a Professional Development Fund to financially assist with participation in trainings that involve fees or the purchase of training materials.

Professional Development Fund Guidelines:

- Professional Development funds are to be used to support College of Science staff’s participation in activities that will assist them in developing skills that will prepare staff to advance at Purdue or to perform their current duties more effectively.
- Award applications will be requested three times annually with approximately 10 awards per call. Funds requested may be used to defray costs associated with attending professional meetings or seminars, to participate in workshops, or to enroll in professional-oriented courses related to employment responsibilities. The funds must be utilized within two application cycles (Spring awards utilized by the end of Fall, etc.).
- Applications for amounts of up to $1000 will be accepted.
- Individuals are eligible for one award per calendar year.

Application Deadlines:

- Spring Application Call – application due by first Monday in October; decisions made by November 30
- Summer Application Call – application due by first Monday in March; decisions made by April 30
- Fall Application Call – application due by first Monday in June; decisions made by July 31