



June 6, 2016

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EAPS MEETINGS & EVENTS

EAPS FACULTY & STAFF FALL RETREAT

August 18, 2016
Beck Ag Center, Rm 111
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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### EAPS FALL WELCOME BACK PICNIC

**August 18, 2016**  
Happy Hollow Park, Shelter 1  
4:30 – 7:00 PM

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FALL 2016 - PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016
3:00 PM
HAMP 3201

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### FALL 2016 - FACULTY MEETINGS

**Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016**  
3:00 PM  
HAMP 3201



## EAPS NEWS

### PROFESSOR TERRY WEST ATTENDED THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF MINING AND RECLAMATION (ISMR) CONFERENCE

On **June 2, 2016**, Terry West attended the planning session for the December conference of the Indiana Society of Mining and Reclamation (ISMR) to be held in Evansville, IN. The Executive Committee for the conference met in Jasonville, IN to plan the two day conference where 200+ members of the coal mining industry meet annually. Dr. West is the academic member of the committee, appointed by the Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

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EAPS OMBUDSMAN

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.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

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

SUMMER 3-CREDIT FIELD COURSE OPPORTUNITIES WITH ECOSYSTEM FIELD STUDIES!

Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies – Study, snorkel & SCUBA dive along the Caribbean coast of Mexico
May 21- June 9

Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies – Study, camp, & hike in the Colorado Rocky Mountains from
June 21 – July 10 or July 18 – August 6

An opportunity to apply classroom & textbook learning while immersed in an incredible ecosystem setting! Gain valuable career skills in hands-on ecosystem field research. Earn 3 undergraduate transfer credits. Also offering post-course, extended credit options of Independent Research & Conservation Internship

Open to students from all universities & majors. Accredited by the University of Montana at Missoula's Environmental Studies. Program: ENST 391- for 3 undergraduate semester transfer credits.

For all course information visit the course website:
www.EcoFS.org or see the attached flyer.

Direct any further questions to Professor Steve Johnson, Course Director at steve@EcoFS.org

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 10th ANNUAL GRADUATE CLIMATE CONFERENCE

The 10th Annual Graduate Climate Conference, which will be held **October 28-30, 2016** at the University of Washington Pack Forest Conference Center.

The Graduate Climate Conference (GCC) is an interdisciplinary climate conference run by graduate students, for graduate students, with the goal of assembling a broad range of talks and posters featuring high-quality research focused on past, present, and future climate change and its impacts.

They encourage students at all stages of their graduate career to apply and we seek abstracts on climate research from a variety of disciplines from the physical, natural, and social sciences and humanities, including: anthropology, atmospheric sciences, biology, Earth and environmental sciences, economics, engineering, ethics, geography, law, oceanography, public policy, and resource management.

They highly encourage abstracts from students with traditionally under-represented backgrounds.

The abstract submission period opens **April 11** and closes **June 1**. Lodging and meals are covered for all participants. Limited travel funding is also available. Please see our website for more information and for submitting abstracts:
www.graduateclimateconference.com

The GCC 2016 organizing committee.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR CLERICAL, SERVICE STAFF TO USE PERSONAL HOLIDAY

Clerical and service staff must use their fiscal year 2015-16 personal holiday no later than **June 30**. The paid personal holiday does not carry over from one fiscal year to the next.

Each year, the University provides one paid personal holiday to regular benefits-eligible clerical and service staff who have completed three continuous months of service. The paid personal holiday, which employees may use for any purpose, is eight hours maximum and proportionate to the employee's capacity utilization level (CUL) for the fiscal year.

To request the paid personal holiday, employees must submit a request to their supervisor for approval.

The paid personal holiday for fiscal year 2016-17 will be available for use starting **July 2**.

For additional information or assistance, contact Human Resources at 49-42222.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ "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>

OTHER NEWS

SKATEBOARDS ON CAMPUS

With the nicer weather, we have been asked to remind folks that it is against Purdue Regulations to bring bicycles in to buildings/offices/classrooms (need to be parked in bicycle racks), and you may not ride skateboards or use in-line skates in buildings (see attached in Chapter 7.3). Many thanks for your cooperation!

7.3 SPECIAL UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

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c) Bicycles may be parked on campus only in bicycle racks and on bicycle pads provided specifically for this purpose. Motorcycles are not allowed in bicycle parking areas. Bicycles must be ridden on designated campus drives and bike

- paths. Any bicycles found in violation of these regulations may be removed and/or ticketed with a violation notice.
- b) Bicycles are not permitted inside any University building, without permission from the Building Deputy. Bicycles approved for building storage must not block hallways, doorways, or other building egress. The Senior Director of Environmental Health and Public Safety, or designee will have final determination for approval of bicycles stored in buildings.
- c) Use of skates, skateboards, and in-line skates is prohibited in any University building or on any surface where damage may occur.

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**ENDOWMENT FUND CREATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
PAUL BIRKHIMER  
(SUZANNE ZURN-BIRKHIMER'S HUSBAND)**

As you may know, Paul Birkhimer, Suzanne Zurn-Birkhimer's husband, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer last summer. An endowment has been set up in his name, with the funds being intended to support the professional development for advisors in the School of Engineering Education, Paul's home school, where he was an advisor in the First Year Engineering Program. If you would like to contribute to this endowment, you may use the on-line form at <https://goo.gl/tiq42l> or you can set up a payroll deduction online thro

Group trainings may be requested by sending an email to [IRBCoeusLiteTraining@purdue.edu](mailto:IRBCoeusLiteTraining@purdue.edu), or calling the HRPP office at 765-494-5942.

**SUMMER WORKSHOP IN MATHEMATICAL MODELING  
OF EARTH'S DYNAMIC SYSTEMS**

This workshop will be an intense, hands---on introduction to the creation and use of numerical models as a method for investigating the dynamics of Earth systems. Participants will learn how to translate their understanding of Earth processes into systems of differential equations, and solve them to test hypotheses concerning both modern and ancient systems. In addition, participants will learn how to apply and evaluate selected existing Earth system models. The short course is open to graduate students and faculty. The event is from **July 31- Aug 5, 2016** in University Park, PA. See the attached flyer for additional details and registration information.

**FUN FACT OF THE WEEK**

**GRAVITY IS NOT DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY**

Places like Hudson Bay in Canada actually have less gravity than other regions of the globe. This is due to the fact that there is less land mass in that part of the planet thanks both to retreating glaciers on the surface and swirling magma deep in the core.



**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> 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](mailto:fmcquern@purdue.edu)) by **5:00pm on Thursday** of each week for inclusion in the Monday issue.

**If it is in the newsletter, we assume you know about it and no other reminders are needed.** For answers to common technology questions and the latest updates from the EAPS Technology Support staff, please visit [http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/resources/information\\_technology/index.htm](http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/resources/information_technology/index.htm)

Also, as an additional resource for information about departmental events, seminars, etc., see our departmental calendar at <http://www.EAPS.purdue.edu/events-calendar.html>

