

EAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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EAPS PUBLICATIONS

Shuai Wang, Qianlai Zhuang, Qiubing Wang, Xinxin Jin, Chunlan Han, Mapping stocks of soil organic carbon and soil total nitrogen in Liaoning Province of China, *Geoderma*, Volume 305, 1 November 2017, Pages 250-263, ISSN 0016-7061, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoderma.2017.05.048>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR ELLIOTT

Professor Julie Elliott was appointed to the Fulbright Specialist Roster! The Fulbright Specialist Program is a unique opportunity for highly qualified U.S. academics and established professionals selected to engage in two-to-six week, project-based exchanges at host institutions across the globe.

Specialists, who represent a wide range of professional and academic disciplines, are competitively selected to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster based on their knowledge, skill sets, and ability to make a significant contribution to projects overseas. Once abroad, Specialists partner with their host institution to conduct project activities in support of the host institution's priorities and goals.



EAPS MEETINGS & EVENTS

EAPS FACULTY MEETINGS

September 19, 2017
October 31, 2017
November 28, 2017
3:00 PM
HAMP 3201

EAPS FACULTY/STAFF RETREAT

August 18, 2017
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Beck Agricultural Center

EAPS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 12, 2017
October 24, 2017
3:00 PM
HAMP 3201

BLACK AND GOLDEN JUBILEE

September 21-23, 2017

PROF. WEST ATTENDS 3rd NORTH AMERICAN LANDSLIDE SYMPOSIUM

Terry West attended the 3rd North American Landslide Symposium in Roanoke, VA from **June 4-7, 2017** where he presented the oral paper "A Slope Stability Success Story: The Georgetown Incline, Interstate 70, West of Denver, Colorado". The conference consisted of three days of technical presentations, plus five full-day field investigations into the Blue Ridge and Ridge and Valley physiographic provinces. 250 registrants from nine countries plus the U.S. attended the conference that meets every four years in the United States or Canada.

EAPS FACULTY/STAFF RESOURCE FUND

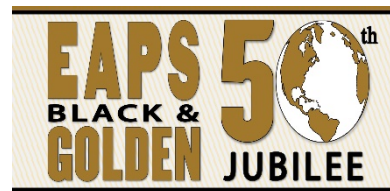
The EAPS Faculty and Staff Resource Fund provides faculty and full-time, permanent staff with a simple, open, and transparent way to request resources they need to be productive in their work. This is not intended to replace other sources (e.g. grants, discretionary accounts, start-up, competitive programs on campus, and usual supplies and expenses), rather it is to meet occasional needs that are important for individual productivity and advancement in cases where these other sources are not available to an individual. Examples include professional development course tuition, office needs, and professional conferences...

Procedure: Applications to the fund should be sent via email (as a pdf) to the Assistant Department Head. Requests must include the following items and not exceed one page:

- applicants name, position title, email address
- a detailed, one paragraph description of what is being requested
- a short explanation of how this will help the individual be productive in their work
- amount requested (this program will accept requests between \$200 and \$2,000)
- time constraints on what is being requested (e.g., a deadline for registration) *Request deadline is the 20th of each month.* Decisions will be made by the **5th** of the following month.

All requests will be reviewed by a group including the Assistant Department Head, the Business Manager, and at least two members of the EAPS Executive Committee.

BLACK AND GOLDEN JUBILEE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



The Black & Golden Jubilee website is now open for registration. For more information on the event: [go to the event website](#). To register, [go to the registration website](#).



STUDENT NEWS

MS Defense - Lauren Colliver

July 6, 2017

2:00pm, Hamp 3201

Advisor: Ken Ridgway

PhD Defense – Chen Chen

July 7, 2017

11:00AM, HAMP 3201

Advisor: Chris Andronicos/Hersh Gilbert

PhD Defense – Logan Dawson

July 12, 2017

2:00pm, HAMP 2201

Advisor: Michael Baldwin/Jeff Tripp

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM RECRUITING IN FULL SWING!

As Purdue faculty and staff, you have the opportunity to build rewarding friendships with international students who are eager to learn about American culture from 'real' American families. The International Friendship Program provides an easy way to make these connections happen.

Volunteer hosts get together once a month with their assigned students, or 3 or 4 times during the student's first semester at Purdue. Hosts typically invite students into their homes and normal everyday activities.

New hosts must attend a host orientation. Sign up here for a session time, or contact friendship@purdue.edu for more information.

PARKING PERMITS EXPIRE AUG. 15; ONLINE RENEWAL AVAILABLE NOW

All parking permits at the West Lafayette campus are set to expire on Aug. 15. To purchase or renew a parking permit, visit the Parking Facilities website and choose "Purchase Permit," followed by "Get Permits." Employees who have disability parking needs should contact Parking Facilities before renewing their permit online.

Employees will receive their parking permits via campus mail.

Questions about purchasing or renewing parking permits should be directed to Parking Facilities at 765-494-9497 or parking@purdue.edu.

HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES NEW BENEFIT ENROLLMENT SYSTEM; ACTION REQUESTED

Faculty and staff will see a new benefit enrollment process, as Human Resources rolls out a new benefits enrollment system beginning July 5.

The new "BenefitFocus" system will take the place of the current EBenefits enrollment tool -- and will give faculty, staff and graduate staff* a fresh, user-friendly look and feel as they enroll in and manage their benefits. (* Graduate staff on the West Lafayette campus only.)

New enrollment processes:

Faculty and staff will use this new system beginning in July to manage and update their benefits for occasions such as:

- * Life events (change in family status).
- * Adjusting HSA contributions.
- * New hire enrollments.
- * Reviewing personal benefit summaries.
- * Updating life insurance beneficiaries.

In August, graduate staff on the West Lafayette campus will complete the enrollment process through the new tool and then, later in the fall, employees will enroll for 2018 benefits coverage during the annual open enrollment period.

Important changes

It is important to note a few changes occurring with this transition:

- All faculty and staff will be asked to enter new beneficiary information for life insurance plans.

Some voluntary benefit plans will have carrier changes. Purdue has made arrangements that allow employees to keep their same plan coverage at the same or reduced premiums.

- Critical Illness insurance coverage is moving from Unum to MetLife -- Employees currently covered by the Critical Illness plan through Unum will have their coverage moved automatically to MetLife. Premiums for the coverage have been decreased while the coverage levels remain the same.

- Accident Insurance coverage is moving from Trustmark to MetLife -- Employees currently covered by the Accident Insurance plan through Trustmark also will move automatically to MetLife. Again, premiums will be reduced for the same coverage levels.

- Universal Life Insurance coverage -- Employees currently covered by the Universal Life plan

through Trustmark will keep the same coverage at the same premiums; however, they no longer will pay through payroll deduction. Trustmark will send information to employees to set up direct payment arrangements.

Assistance is available to help navigate the new system and answer questions by contacting Human Resources at 765-494-2222 or hr@purdue.edu.

BIRTHDAYS



Indrajeet Chaubey	July 1
Steven Smith	July 7
Andy Freed	July 8

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

Curious to know the status of the Strategic Plan Initiatives? Please be sure to regularly check out the Strategic Plan page on the website (<https://www.science.purdue.edu/strategic-plan.html>). It has now been updated to include the finalized plan and two versions of the plan's initiatives. Each file contains blue highlights indicating progress on specific items

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) 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

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>

