

EAPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

EAPS PUBLICATIONS

Jay, C. N., L. M. Flesch, and R. O. Bendick (2017), Kinematics and dynamics of the Pamir, Central Asia: Quantifying surface deformation and force balance in an intracontinental subduction zone, *J. Geophys. Res. Solid Earth*, 122, doi:10.1002/2017JB014177.

PROFESSOR WEST ATTENDS INDIANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATIONS 38th ANNUAL MEETING

Terry West attended the Indiana Water Resources Associations 38th annual meeting, from June 28 to 30, 2017 at Turkey Run State Park where he gave the oral presentation " Progress Toward Solving the Combined Sewer Overflow Problem, West Lafayette Indiana". The talk was co-authored by Victoria Leffel, who holds a B.S. degree from EAS and recently completed her master's degree in Health Science. The three day conference included a tour through the sandstone valley of the Park led by a DNR Park Ranger.



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

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:

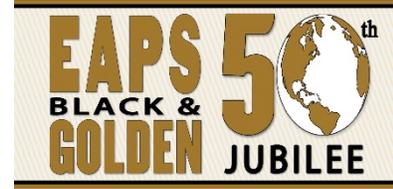
- applicants name, position title, email address
- a detailed, one paragraph description of what is being requested
- a short explanation of how this will help the individual be productive in their work
- amount requested (this program will accept requests between \$200 and \$2,000)
- time constraints 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.

EAPS OMBUSMAN

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.

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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Cassidy Jay and Jeff Seymour had a son, Oren Harper Jay Seymour, on **May 24**.



PhD Defense – Logan Dawson
July 12, 2017

2:00pm, HAMP 2201

Advisor: Michael Baldwin/Jeff Tripp

MS Defense – Angus Moore
July 17, 2017

10:00am, Hamp 3201

Advisor: Darryl Granger

PURDUE TECHNOLOGY DIGEST – JUNE 2017

Campus IT: web.ics.purdue.edu/~username personal pages are going away. ITaP does not currently have a plan to continue personal page hosting service for general campus. Due to scope of this change, end of service date has not yet been set.

In near future (current go live date is **June 29th**, 5PM), Purdue is switching from Sophos e-mail spam filter to a new solution from Cisco called IronPort. It is reportedly far more advanced than Sophos SpamQ, and looks beyond domain reputations, mailer agents, header info, and content. When fully implemented, the daily 3PM Quarantined spam messages digest will sport a new look, and include a link to the new self-management page.

One of the biggest visible changes will be introduction of e-mail URL rewriting. This is an automated process which uses Cisco's threat database to prevent people from visiting phishing, malware, ransomware, and other malicious sites via e-mail links.

EAPS: Linux lab, and other departmental Red Hat PCs to be converted to Ubuntu. Purdue reluctantly renewed RHEL support contract for one more year. This was said to be done to give more time for IT groups across campus to convert existing Red Hat computers to something else.

RCAC: Halstead GPU cluster (halsteadgpu.rcac.purdue.edu) nodes are now available for purchase for those who are interested in what RCAC describes as "wide variety of highly-parallel and HPC applications, using GPU acceleration." Each node comes with

2x 10 core Xeon E5 CPUs, 256GB of RAM, and 2 Nvidia Tesla P100 GPUs. Current price is \$15,229 per node (much cheaper than buying a comparably configured physical server).

<https://www.rcac.purdue.edu/compute/halsteadgpu>

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.

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



The Department of the Earth Science, The College at Brockport, State University of New York seeks a one year visiting assistant professor in the area of sedimentary tectonics or closely related field. The incumbent will be responsible for teaching 12 contact hours per semester including courses in sedimentation and stratigraphy, structural geology, historical geology and other courses as assigned. They may also contribute to the department's senior research capstone as a project mentor. Minimum qualifications are a PhD or ABD in geology or closely related discipline, ability to teach the indicated courses and a willingness to mentor undergraduate research. Preferred qualification are a PhD in geology with an emphasis in sedimentary tectonics and experience teaching and mentoring undergraduates. Position is open until filled with applications completed by **1 July 2017** given full consideration. Applications may be submitted at www.brockportrecruit.org

BIRTHDAYS



Alexander Gluhovsky **July 13**
 Stacie Cordell **July 31**

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>

