



Hello! We hope you find these weekly emails informative and helpful. Please feel welcome to reply back to these emails, or contact the person listed within any given piece of information, with any questions that you may have.

Geoscience students and faculty will be on the move next week. Safe travels.

GSA Annual Meeting: Amanda Gentry and Justin Williamson will be representing the Department of Geosciences and presenting their undergraduate research next week at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. This year's GSA meeting is in Charlotte, NC. Amanda will present her poster, co-authored with Bob Biek of the Utah Geological Survey, on Monday as part of the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Undergraduate Research poster session. Their research focuses on the nature of the early-phase volcanism in the Marysvale volcanic field of central Utah. Justin will be giving an oral presentation, based on work he did this past summer as a GeoCorps intern, on Wednesday in a paleontology and biostratigraphy session. Justin's paper will report on his use of a screen-washing technique to recover new fossil taxa from the John Day Formation (Oligocene) in Oregon. Although he is not attending the meeting, Dr. Yonkee's recent research efforts will be on wide display as he is a co-author on three presentations that will be given by various colleagues (see his abstracts for details).

Amanda's abstract: <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2012AM/webprogram/Paper212666.html>

Justin's abstract: <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2012AM/webprogram/Paper211926.html>

Dr. Yonkee's abstracts: <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2012AM/webprogram/Paper212072.html> / <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2012AM/webprogram/Paper212192.html> / <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2012AM/webprogram/Paper211935.html>

Sigma Gamma Epsilon National Convention: SGE will be holding its 42nd Biennial Convention on Saturday, November 3, in conjunction with the GSA meeting in Charlotte, NC. Delegates from SGE chapters across the country will be gathering to conduct the business of the society. Amanda Gentry will be serving as the official delegate from the WSU chapter (Eta Gamma). SGE members that have questions or concerns about the operation of the national office should contact Amanda via email ASAP.

Conference on STEM Learning: (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Dr Ford will be a member of a team of faculty from the College of Science traveling to Kansas City, MO, to participate in a conference dedicated to improving students' achievement in scientific literacy, quantitative reasoning, and analytical thinking (<http://www.aacu.org/meetings/stem/12/>). The conference is sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U).

Geoscience Salary Reports: The American Geological Institute (AGI) has recently released two summary reports on median and starting salaries for geoscience-related occupations. Good News: the majority of

geoscience-related occupations have very competitive median and starting salaries when compared to other occupations within the same state.

http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/Currents/Currents-064-2011GeosciSalaries_State.pdf

http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/Currents/Currents-063-2011GeosciSalaries_Industry.pdf

Registration Begins Monday, November 5: Before registering for Spring 2013 classes, all Geoscience majors should consider touching base with their departmental degree advisor:

Geology BS/BA: Dr. Eaton or Dr. Yonkee

Applied Environmental Geoscience BS: Dr. Wilson

Earth Science Teaching BS: Dr. Ford

Geospatial minor/Geomatics certificate: Dr. Hernandez

Withdraw Deadline (W) Tuesday, November 6: Last day to withdraw from individual classes online, resulting in a W on your transcript for that course.

Library Having Annual Book Sale: The Stewart Library will be having its annual book sale November 8th-11th. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks just .50 cents. For more information and hours the event will be open on each of those days, please visit www.library.weber.edu/ref/more/events.cfm

Preparedness on a Grand Scale: The Great Utah ShakeOut is the premier preparedness event in the Beehive State. It is a coordinated, state-wide earthquake drill, and next year it will occur on April 17, 2013. For more information about participating, go to [p://www.shakeout.org/utah/](http://www.shakeout.org/utah/).

Photo of the Week:



Geoscience majors (from left to right) Justin Williamson, Josh Poulsen, and Amanda Gentry during the 2012 Geosciences Club Fall Break Trip to Yellowstone National Park.

Have a wonderful week!

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