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President's Column

By Amanda Bielskas

Happy summer! (It's finally here!) For me summer has been a time to catch up on lot of stuff that I haven't had time for during the academic year, work on a variety of projects, as well as starting to get ready for the new academic year. In between all of that, I make sure to squeeze in a great summer vacation!

This year I have had trouble filling in all of the volunteer committee positions for the society. I would like to thank those of you that continue to step up and support the society and the profession by volunteering your time to GSIS. It is through the service of our members that the GSIS is able to accomplish our goals and I commend those that continue to serve the Society. The Membership Committee needs a chair, if anyone is interested in volunteering to

serve on any committees or as a chair, please let me know. The Society can't function well without an active membership.

The GSIS Strategic Planning group has been formed and I'm hopeful they will get a lot of work done over the summer, and will come up with a plan that will help shape the future of the Geoscience Information Society. The group will be reaching out to members for their thoughts and input once the work is further underway but please feel free to contact any members of the group to share your thoughts about the future of GSIS directly with them. Group members are: Amanda Bielskas, Shaun Hardy, Dorothy McGarry, Linda Musser, and Jessica Pierce.

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President's Column, Cont.

The Fall GSA/GSIS conference will be here before we know it! Emily Wild had been busy planning conference activities and it sounds like we will be in for quite a treat in Vancouver (see below). Hannah Winkler has put together a call for great technical and poster sessions (see p. 9). Abstracts for the GSA meeting are due July 29, 2014 so get yours in! For more information see the call for abstracts on GeoNet or in this *Newsletter*.

The GSIS archive was the recipient of wonderful donation from one of the GSIS founding members, Skip McAfee.

The material is wide-ranging with over 23 bound volumes including correspondence pertaining to the formation of GIS, discussion of liaisons with similar organizations, the role of the American Geological Institute in geological documentation, and more! The archives are held

at the University Library of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Thanks to Anne Huber and the Archives committee for helping to make this donation work out.

I would like to thank Jan Heagy who was able to attend and represent GSIS at AGI's Spring Member Society Council (held in conjunction with the AAPG annual meeting) which took place in Houston on April 7, 2014. The agenda and other meeting info can be found here: <http://www.americangeosciences.org/events>. An update from Jan on meeting activities can be found on page 5 of this *Newsletter*.

I hope everyone has a great summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in the fall at GSA in Vancouver!

Vice President's Column

By Emily Wild

I really want to start with happy news for the conference planning in Vancouver; the rooms are all set and I am still working on the sponsorship. I am in the process of sending out emails about sponsorship opportunities for GSIS to our publisher and vendor supporters. Please note, I will be using my personal Gmail account, please add me to your address book (Emily.geolib@gmail.com). I will be sending out a survey soon to see how many plan on attending and preference on social excursions. Now some potential bad news; though I am approved to attend the conference from management within the USGS, attendance is still awaiting approval by the Department of the Interior. I will keep everyone posted, and I apologize in advance if I am unable to attend the fall meeting. A few people in GSIS were interested in the government documentation,

please refer to:

<http://www.doi.gov/pfm/fmm/upload/FMM-2013-013-Guidance-on-Conference-Related-Activities-and-Spending.pdf/>.

Executive Order 13589 is online at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/09/executive-order-promoting-efficient-spending/>

Regardless, I am still excited and hoping to attend! I also hope others are excited to visit Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Information about the conference is available from the Geological Society of America (GSA) web site:

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2014/>

Canada has a "Fast Facts" link that may be of

interest: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/media/facts-faits/109-eng.html>

To determine your eligibility to visit Canada as a tourist:

[http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp)

[who.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp)

Vancouver Convention Centre:

<http://www.vancouverconventioncentre.com/the-city/getting-here/>

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

Best Reference Work Award Nominees Sought

By Rusty Kimbakk

The GSIS Best Reference Work Committee is seeking your nominations for the annual Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award for the best geosciences reference publication. The award recognizes geoscience reference works or works focused on information aspects of the geosciences. So, please nominate your favorite new reference work for the Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award 2014.

Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- The work must have been published or produced within 3 years preceding the GSIS 2014 annual meeting. (This year, we will accept nominations for works produced or published any time since 2011).
- The title does not have to strictly be “geoscience” but it should have significant value to the geoscience information community.
- Local or specialized works can be considered if they are particularly high

in quality and could serve as a model for other works.

- Formats other than monograph may be considered, for example maps, databases, etc.
- Any works nominated should be in a generally useable format (DVD, online, etc.), be generally available for purchase by libraries, and, theoretically, have a stable future.
- Although no work is specifically excluded from consideration, textbooks or monographs in geoscience or library/information science would not normally be considered.

Please forward nominations to rkimball@library.tamu.edu before Friday, July 11, 2014.

Thank you for nominating your favorite reference work!

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AGI Member Society Council Meeting Report

By Jan Heagy

Monday, April 7, 2014

Hilton Americas Hotel, Houston Texas

Agenda, Committee Reports, and Handouts are available here:

<http://www.americangeosciences.org/sites/default/files/events/AgnBkSpr2014.pdf>

Nominations for the AGI 2016 Officers and 2015 Awards are open. The deadline for submitting nomination forms to AGI is February 1, 2015. Nominations are requested from Member Society Representatives; however, individual members of any Member Society can also submit nominations. Online nominations can be submitted here:

<http://www.agiweb.org/members/nominations.html>

Earth magazine publication frequency changes.

Digital editions will publish monthly. However, print editions will be published six times a year as double issues. The first print double issue will be July/August which is due out in August.

New AGI product:

Volume 1: US and Canada is a digital compilation of the “Travels in Geology” feature articles from *Earth*. The focus audience is the general public:

<http://www.agiweb.org/pubs/pubdetail.html?item=701201>

EarthCube

AGI participates in the governance development process of this NSF/ACI project. The project focus is to enhance data interoperability and re-use by building an integrated cyber-infrastructure across the geosciences. Currently 80% of a researcher’s time is spent working with data compatibility and the remaining 20% is actual research. EarthCube seeks to increase research time by reducing compatibility issues.

AGI is looking for ways to engage Member Societies.

<http://www.earthcube.org/>

Communicating Geoscience Issues.

AGI’s Center for Geoscience Education & Public Understanding conducted a web-based survey of geoscientists, decision makers and the public. The report is entitled “Defining Critical Issues Survey: Final Survey Results, January 2014.” Results show that the top three critical issues identified by these groups are significantly different.

<http://geocntr.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Defining-Critical-Issues-Survey-FinalResults.pdf>

Top three issues for geoscientists: Climate Change, Water, Human Population & Growth.

However, for decision makers and the public the second most important issue is energy.

Interestingly, water did not make the top three issues for decision makers.

Open Access Update.

Sharon Tahirkheli provided an open access update. On February 22, 2013 the Office of Science and Technology Policy issued a memorandum on Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research. Each US federal agency with over \$100 million in annual conduct of research and development expenditures is to develop a plan to support increased public access. This includes results published in peer-reviewed scholarly publications based on federally funded research.

So far no draft policies have been revealed. A general perception is that a “Green” open access (authors to self-archive or publisher establishes an embargo period) approach may have a more popular appeal. However, definitions have not been finalized.

Differences among disciplines may impact definitions. Sharon mentioned a study, *Journal Usage Half-Life*, which shows “variation in the usage half-lives of journals both within and across subject disciplines.” In the study results energy and earth sciences journals have median half-life of three to four years.

http://www.publishers.org/_attachments/docs/journalusagehalf-life.pdf

Edmund Nickless offered some comments on open access in the United Kingdom. The Geological Society of London Open Access policy was approved February 2013 and published on the GSL website April 2013. Take up has been slow with mixed reaction from the universities.

Sedimentary Geology, Time, Environment, Paleontology, Paleoclimatology & Energy (STEPPE)

Dena M. Smith, STEPPE Executive Director, introduced her new office to meeting attendees. STEPPE’s mission is to “advance the study of the Earth’s sedimentary crust and the record of life and climate it archives.” Current STEPPE consortium member societies are: Geological Society of America (GSA), Paleontological Society (PS), and Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM).

The STEPPE website includes features such as a STEPPE news digest, resources for jobs, internships, and student grants, and a list of Geosciences Societies (including GSIS).

<http://steppe.org/>

Review: OpenGeoSci - An Open Discovery Tool From GeoScienceWorld

By Jane Quigley

Launched as a beta product in October 2013, OpenGeoSci provides a geographic access and discovery layer for data across the geosciences. It offers free searching for more than 300,000 maps, charts, figures, tables, and other data assets from the GeoScienceWorld (GSW) collection of journals from 2000 to the present; GSW plans to extend the content scope of OpenGeoSci at some future point to include data from the new GSW eBooks collection and other vetted research resources.

OpenGeoSci searches key words and phrases from the descriptive captions of maps, charts, figures, tables, and data found within articles. Abstracts and full text of articles are not searched; the phrase "Nazca Plate" yields 26 results in OpenGeoSci (as of 06/12/14), many fewer than from a title+abstract search of GSW content (86 results) or from a full-text GSW search (703 results). It might be helpful, in a future iteration, to integrate an option to expand

one's search to include article abstract, keywords, and/or fulltext; this option would also help define and clarify for searchers the more focused domain (data assets only) of the default OpenGeoSci search. Users should also note that the map layer is purely for the display and exploration of search results; there is no way to use the map to generate a set of results based on specified (or drawn) coordinates – though OpenGeoSci developers are considering this for a future enhancement (this feature is already available on GSW's Advanced Search).

Search results can be filtered by journal, subject category (based on AGI's GeoRef subject category scheme), publication date, or an area filter that allows you to define the size of the area of interest (e.g., between 1,001 – 10,000 hectares).

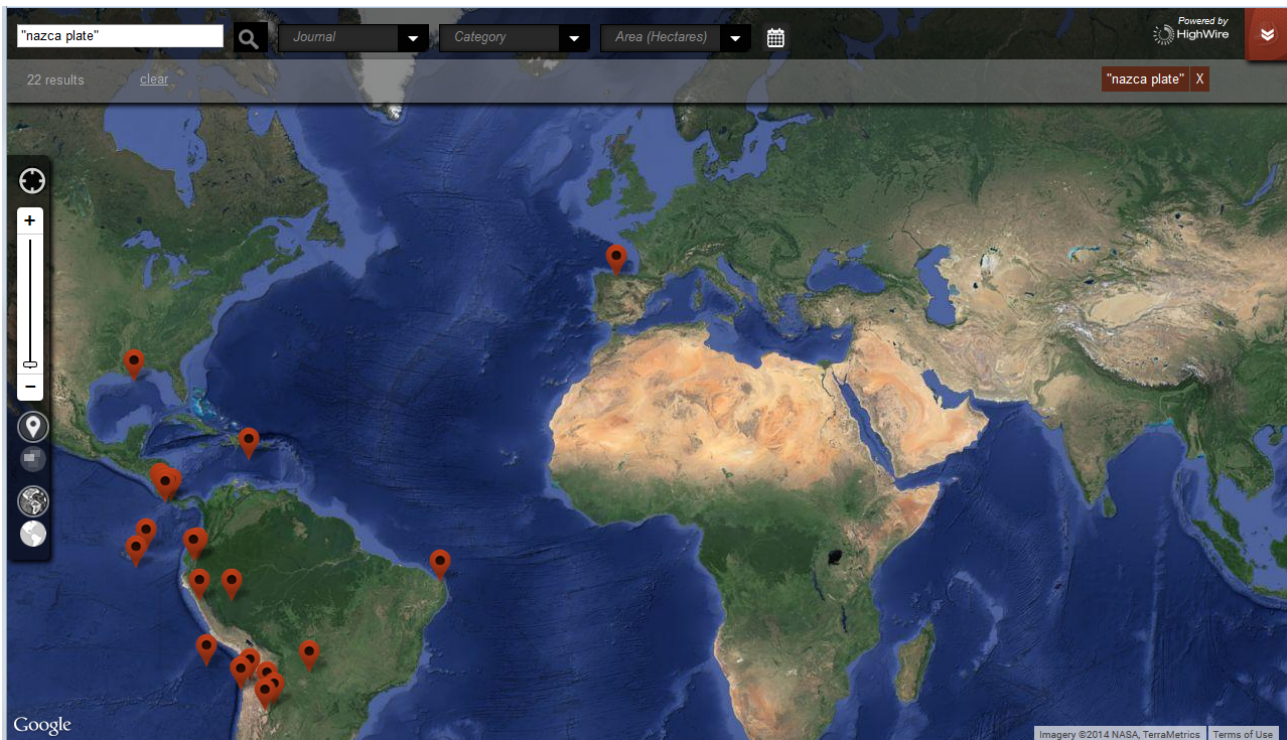


Figure 1: Search results are displayed as georeferenced pins (“Nazca Plate” in this example).

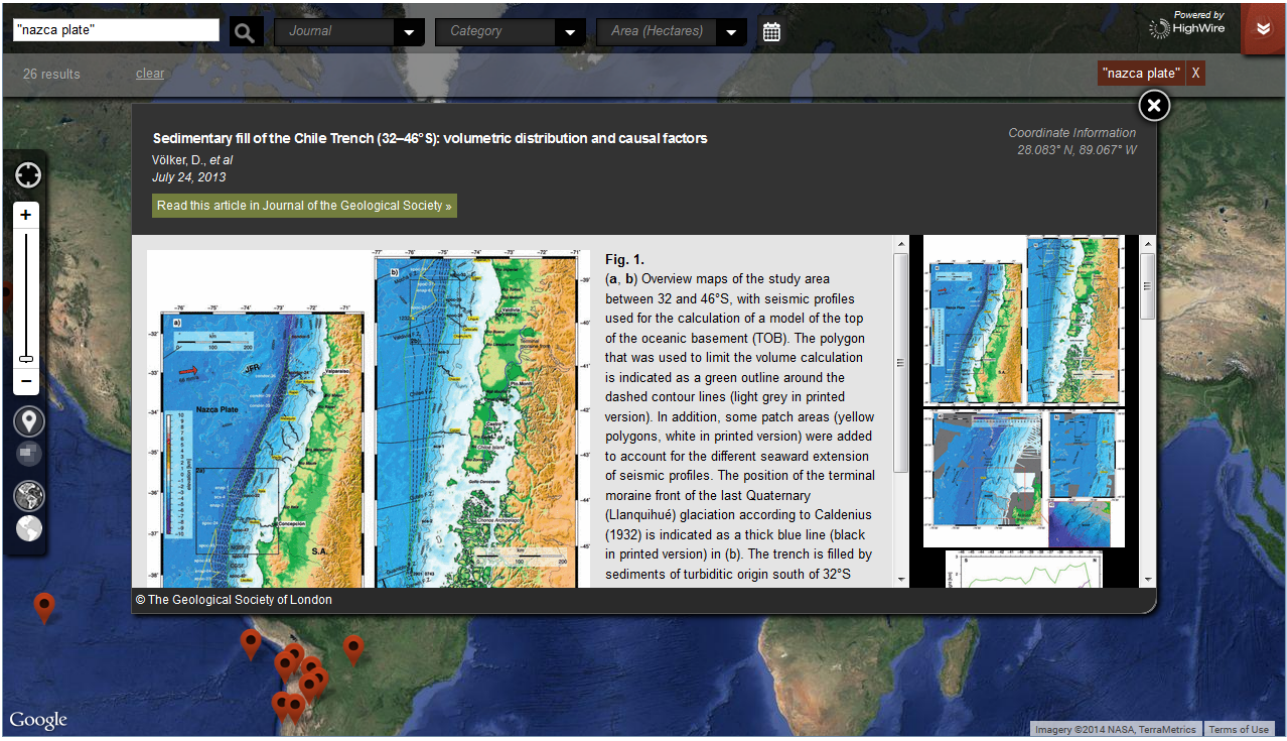


Figure 2: Each pin opens to display the article citation and link, along with the maps, figures or charts

retrieved by the search.

Zooming or moving the map changes the search results accordingly. Search results appear as pins on a Google Map layer, which when clicked expand to display the bibliographic citation and link to full text, along with a visually appealing lightbox display of figures, maps, charts and tables from the article together with their descriptive captions.

Each reference is accompanied by the geographic coordinates corresponding to the location of research interest in the article; the coordinates derive from the article's record in GeoRef (articles without GeoRef coordinates are excluded from OpenGeoSci). These coordinates generate the pin display on the OpenGeoSci map, and allow the searcher to readily group and explore geographically proximate data and article references. All this content is freely available to anyone with internet access, though the articles' full text is restricted to GSW subscribers.

One last constraint should be noted; in its current fledgling state, OpenGeoSci searches data assets from a limited portion of the geoscience literature, namely the journal content from GeoScienceWorld's Millennium collection (2000-present), including 45 journals from 28 scholarly geoscience publishers. While a valuable offering, especially at no cost, this content collection omits results from such a large swath of the literature that OpenGeoSci

can only be an interesting research sidebar until coverage is more comprehensive.

OpenGeoSci's producers note that it is still in test/beta phase, and is intended primarily to generate feedback for the project's next directions. It is to be hoped that partnerships with other publishers will allow OpenGeoSci to continue to expand as an open, visually rich tool for data exploration, facilitating discovery through its data-oriented search system that complements more traditional keyword and topic searches (much as chemical structure searches complement keyword and topic searches in the chemical literature).

OpenGeoSci is a product of GeoScienceWorld, a non-profit organization offering digital publishing services to geoscience publishers, in collaboration with HighWire Press, a division of the Stanford University Libraries, which has been hosting the GeoScienceWorld platform since 2005.

Links:

OpenGeoSci - <http://opengeosci.org>

About OpenGeoSci -

http://geoscienceworld.org/site/ogs/about_opengeosci.xhtml

GeoScienceWorld Advanced Search (with map-based search interface) -

<http://www.geoscienceworld.org/search#map-hiding>

Member Updates

Publications:

Linda Zellmer has published a bibliographic essay describing publications and other resources on the geology of the United States, U.S. states and regions. The article, titled "State and Regional Geology: A Guide to Resources", appears in the June 2014 issue of *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

Bibliographic essays are extended literature reviews that describe books and other publications related to a particular topic.

Read the essay online here (paywall):

<http://dx.doi.org/10.5860/CHOICE.51.10.1725>

Contact Linda Zellmer for more information:

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Call For Abstracts: GSA/GSIS Annual Meeting

By Hannah Winkler

Please consider submitting an abstract for one of the Geoscience Information Society's (GSIS) sessions at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting, which will be held October 19 – October 22, 2014 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.



This year GSIS is planning to have an oral technical session and a poster session around the theme of **geoscience data**. This year's session titles are:

- GSIS Oral Technical Session: “Where in the World? Access and Availability to Geoscience Data”
- GSIS Poster Session: “Where's the Data? Finding and Using Geoscience Data” (Posters)

When: Oct. 19-22, 2014

Where: Beautiful Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Deadline: Abstracts are due **July 29,**

2014 and can be uploaded online:

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2014/>

Despite technological advances in data

management and preservation standards, identifying and accessing geoscience data sets can be a daunting task. One of our greatest challenges is how to respond to this new era of data-intensive science discovery in the geosciences. This session will examine how researchers, information professionals and librarians are supporting ways to easily find and rapidly visualize and analyze and use geoscience data. Some thoughts we consider: How many people are looking for the old data; who needs data preserved? What happens with rediscovered and reused data? What impact is data management having on the geosciences? In what ways are the geosciences being transformed through new technologies and data services? How will geoscience preservation policies transform the field? What are some of the challenges of and solutions to sharing and managing data within the geosciences? How can we better promote data-intensive scientific discovery in the geosciences?

We welcome oral papers about programs, projects, crowdsourcing initiatives, examples of interdisciplinary research, and unusual findings related to the long-term sustainability of geoscience data and information. We are particularly keen to solicit abstracts from students, researchers and librarians in order to see a diverse range of topics and data sets.

If you have any questions, please contact Earth Sciences Librarian Hannah Winkler at winklerh@stanford.edu.

What Is The Best Guidebook You've Seen All Year?

By Erin Palmer

The Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) Guidebook Committee is now accepting nominations for the annual Best Guidebook Award. This year we are considering nominations for geology field trip guidebooks produced in 2012 or 2013.

The titles nominated should meet the "Guidelines for Authors" published by GSIS: <http://www.geoinfo.org/GuidebookGuidelines.pdf>

A list of previous winners can be found on the web site:

http://www.geoinfo.org/best_guidebook.html

Nominations **must** include the full citation along with information on how to acquire copies.

Send your nominations to Erin Palmer (erin_palmer@gov.nt.ca) as soon as possible but no later than Friday, July 11, 2014.

Editor's note: GSIS members may be interested in the lists of recent guidebooks submitted by Lura Joseph and others in this issue (below), the March 2014 *GSIS Newsletter* (p. 9) or the December 2014 *GSIS Newsletter* (p. 6).

Guidebooks Recently Reported

By Lura Joseph

The following geology field trip guidebooks have been received and/or identified by GSIS members:

Altaner, S. & Butler, S. (2013). *Geologic Field Trip to the Fithian Illite, Fithian, Illinois*. Guidebook for field trip held on October 10, 2013 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of The Clay Minerals Society held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Urbana-Champaign, IL: Clay Minerals Society. Available online: http://www.clays.org/annual%20meeting/50th_annual_meeting_website/docs/CMS13-Fieldtrip-Guide-Fithianillite.pdf

Altaner, S. & Butler, S. (2013). *Geologic Field Trip to the Starved Rock State Park Area, LaSalle County, Illinois*. Guidebook for field trip held on October 6, 2013 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of The Clay Minerals Society held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Urbana-Champaign, IL: Clay Minerals Society. Available online: http://www.clays.org/annual%20meeting/50th_annual_meeting_website/docs/CMS13-

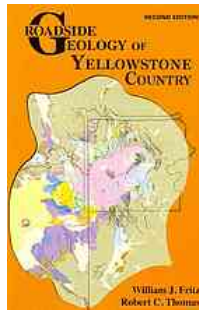
[Fieldtrip-Guide-StarvedRock.pdf](#)

Bezy, J. V. (2012). A guide to the geology of the Sedona & Oak Creek Canyon Area, Arizona. Tucson, AZ: Arizona Geological Survey.

The Clay Minerals Society. (2014). Field Trips. Guidebook for field trip held on May 17 and 21, 2014 in conjunction with the 51th Anniversary Annual Meeting of The Clay Minerals Society held at Texas A & M University. College Station, TX: The Clay Minerals Society. Available online: https://cms2014.tamu.edu/program.html#Field_trips

DeLancey, T. (2013). A geologic field guide to Steamboat Springs and vicinity. Steamboat Springs, CO: Author.

Fritz, W. J., & Thomas, R. C. (2011). *Roadside geology of Yellowstone country* (2nd ed.). Missoula, Mont: Mountain Press Publishing Company.



Gore, P. J. W., & Witherspoon, W. D. (2013). *Roadside geology of Georgia*. Missoula, Mont: Mountain Press Publishing Company.

Grünert, N. (2013). *Namibia--fascination of geology: A travel handbook* (5th ed.). Windhoek, South Africa: Klaus Hess Publishers.

Lacks detailed road logs

Korus, J. T. (Ed.). (2014). *Geologic field trips*

along the boundary between the central lowlands and Great Plains: 2014 Meeting of the GSA North-Central Section. Boulder, CO: Geological Society of America

Reynolds, R. E., & Reynolds, J. (Eds.). (1997). *Death Valley: The Amargosa route. The 1997 Mojave Desert Quaternary Research Center field trip*. Redlands, Calif: San Bernardino County Museum Association.

Road log on pp. 3-24.

Rose, P. R., & Woodruff, C. M. (2012). *The Hill Country appellation: A geologic excursion to selected wineries of central Texas*, Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies 65th Annual Convention, Austin, Texas, October 24, 2012. Austin, Texas: Austin Geological Society.

Please report any newly received or identified guidebooks, including online guidebooks. Please give as much information as possible, including the full citation and where they can be ordered, if known, and the DOI/URL if online. Also, let us know if you think a guidebook should be considered for the GSIS Guidebook Award; if so, please tell us the reasons. Send information to Lura Joseph, luraj@Illinois.edu.

GSA Expands *The Geological Society Of America Bulletin* Archive

By Matt Hudson, GSA Publications Manager

The Geological Society of America has completed digitizing another 23 years of *The Geological Society of America Bulletin*. Published between 1922 and 1944, this content includes many well-known authors and subjects, including Joseph Pardee and J. Harlen Bretz's work on the Channeled Scablands and papers by Beno Gutenberg, Charles Francis Richter, Ian Campbell, Arthur L. Day, and Kirk Bryan.



The cover-to-cover scanning included hundreds of large foldouts, all of which have been made available to *GSA Bulletin* and GeoScienceWorld subscribers. Nonsubscribers can access the content via pay per view or GSA's Bloc of Docs service, where access costs as little as \$4 per paper. The maps from the content will also be indexed in Geofacets.

The Society plans to digitize the remaining archive, 1890–1922, this fall. The Society's complete e-book archives, dating back to 1934, were digitized and made available last year.

New Geoscience Open Access Publications

By Shaun Hardy

If anyone has news to share concerning new OA publications in the geosciences, please email me at shardy@ciw.edu.

More than 80,000 research papers from AGU now freely available.



The big news from the American Geophysical Union this spring was that, effective May 1, all articles in AGU's scientific journals and in *Eos* from 1997 through content published two years ago will be freely accessible. New open content will roll out monthly from behind the 24-month subscription wall. According to the AGU announcement, the change affects more than 80,000 research papers.

Royal Society Open Science



In February the Royal Society of London announced the introduction of Royal Society Open Science (RSOS), a new OA journal that will span the physical and life sciences, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. RSOS is due to be launched sometime this fall. The journal will be based on "objective peer review" (i.e., submissions will be screened for scientific soundness, but will "leave any judgment of importance or potential impact to the reader.") Open peer review will be offered as an option. There will be no restrictions on article scope or length and the journal's prospectus states that it "welcomes research article submissions that may be difficult to publish elsewhere, for example, reports that

include negative findings."

The Royal Society joins a growing number of publishers embracing the "cascade journal" model, whereby submissions not accepted by one journal in the publishers's portfolio may be "referred" or routed by the editors to another (presumably less prestigious) journal down the chain without undergoing a second peer review. Science Advances (listed below) is another example. (See "Cascading Peer-Review — The Future of Open Access?" by Phil Davis for more about how the cascade system works, <http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2010/10/12/cascading-peer-review-future-of-open-access/>).

<http://royalsocietypublishing.org/royal-society-open-science>

GeoResJ

Elsevier's GeoResJ is a new, multidisciplinary OA journal covering all earth and planetary science fields. It is intended as a rapid-publication vehicle for original research and reports of technical developments that



demonstrate "novelty and usefulness to the scientific community and society at large." Field work, theoretical/computational studies, and experimental studies are all eligible. The first articles went online in March 2014. Four papers have been published to date - two in geodynamics, one in marine volcanism, and one in atmospheric chemistry.

There is an article processing charge of \$2,200 but the fee is being waived for all submissions through the end of 2014. While authors retain copyright, the required publishing agreement

grants Elsevier exclusive rights to publish and distribute the articles.

<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/georesj/>

Earth Surface Dynamics

Earth Surface Dynamics (ESurf) is a recent introduction by the European Geosciences Union focusing on “physical, chemical and biological processes shaping Earth's surface and their interactions on all scales.” Papers report results from field measurements, remote sensing, and experimental and numerical modeling. Like the EGU's other journals published through Copernicus Publications, *ESurf* uses an unusual two-stage editorial/review process: new submissions first go through a rapid editorial screening and are posted immediately online on a “Discussion” site where they are open for interactive public commentary; later, after revision and successful completion of peer-review, the finalized papers are formally published on the main *ESurf* site.



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the journal's launch in September 2013. The publisher is currently waiving article processing charges to encourage submissions.

Science Advances

“An extended forum for high-quality, peer-reviewed research” is how the AAAS describes its forthcoming OA journal *Science Advances*, planned for launch in 2015. Citing the inability of *Science* magazine to accommodate the volume of quality manuscripts it receives, the AAAS intends its new offering as an attractive alternative for work that is “potentially important, well written, of broad interest, and technically well executed” but declined by *Science* and other established AAAS journals because of space constraints. Following the “cascade” process, the editors of those journals may automatically refer papers to *Science Advances*. Direct submissions are also invited. The new journal will publish original research and review articles only – news and commentary will remain in *Science* – and will run the gamut of science, technology, engineering, and social sciences. Publication charges have not yet been announced.



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Lura Joseph Wins GSIS Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award

By the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee: Louise Deis, Jody Foote (chair) and Clara McLeod

Lura Joseph, Content Access and Research Services Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), is the 2014 recipient of the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award given by the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS). From 2001 to 2012 she served as the Geology and Digital Projects Librarian at UIUC.

The award was established in 2005 through the generous support of Ms. Ansari, Director Emerita for Branch Libraries and Administrative Services at the University of Nevada-Reno and President of the Geoscience Information Society in 1990.

Over the past twenty years, Lura has consistently made the significant contributions

to geoscience information that the award recognizes. Lura's long record of professional activity and research reflects a deep understanding of, and thoughtful concern for, the future of library collections, bibliography, and geoscience information.



Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award winner
Lura Joseph.

Lura led the Geoscience Information Society as president from 2003-2004. She has served GSIS in many other ways since joining in 1993. In 2004 she edited the GSIS Proceedings, *Geoscience information horizons: Challenges, choices, and decisions*. For several years she was an instructor in the Geoscience 101 course offered to new geoscience librarians. She also served as chair of the Archival Committee and GSIS representative to the GeoRef Advisory Committee of the American Geological Institute.

Field trip guidebooks are Lura's true passion. She has been the driving force on the GSIS Guidebooks Committee for many years. She helped revise the "Guidelines for Authors, Editors, and Publishers of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks" as a member of the Guidebooks Standards Subcommittee. Her dedication to maintaining, improving, and contributing to the

Union List of Field Trip Guidebooks and the Geologic Guidebooks of North America database is well known among her peers. She devoted a sabbatical leave to researching and documenting guidebooks from many organizations. Lura continues to be a vocal advocate for the recognition of the value of guidebooks to the geoscience literature, and has been contributing a column for this Newsletter about recently published guidebooks (see p. 10).

If guidebooks are Lura's true passion, conducting research on topics of immediate and practical application to the library community is a close second. She is the author of nine peer-reviewed journal articles. Two of those articles received the Best Paper Award from GSIS. Her first award-winning article, "Image and figure quality: A study of Elsevier's Earth and Planetary Sciences electronic journal back file package," was published in 2006 in *Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services*. One of her colleagues said of her research, "Faithful to her scientific training, she diligently assembles the relevant data, rationally analyzes them, and clearly and logically presents the results which emerge. The results of Lura's seminal study objectively demonstrated cause for concern and reiterated to the publishing, research, and library communities the critical importance of quality in preserving the scientific record in the digital age." Lura has authored several book chapters, written numerous book reviews, and made presentations at conferences, institutes, and workshops around the country.

Lura received both a Master of Science degree in Geology and a Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of Oklahoma. Her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology was also earned from OU.

Lura will receive the award at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Geoscience Information Society/Geological Society of America in Vancouver in October.

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