

January 22, 2008

THE HEAD'S PERSPECTIVE

I am pleased to announce that the following individuals have been recognized as recipients of awards through the College of Science Faculty and Staff Awards Program. Dr. James Ogg has received the EAS Undergraduate Advising Award and the Graduate Student Mentoring Award and Melissa Guinn is the recipient of the EAS Customer Service Award. Jim and Melissa will be recognized at a College of Science awards lunch on February 6. Congratulations Jim and Melissa!

I am also pleased to report that Dee Gillespie has agreed to serve as the EAS department's ombudsperson. Dee attended an ombudsperson training workshop in October. More information on the role of the ombudsperson is provided later in this newsletter.

OUR RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Eric Riggs is the Guest Co-Editor with Claudia Alexander from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) for a Special Edition of the *Journal of Geoscience Education* titled Broadening Participation in the Earth Sciences (Number 6, Volume 55, December 2007 – shipping January 2008). NAGT and AGU were awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation GEO Directorate to produce this Special Edition. The Special Edition contains 21 articles (including 2 co-authored by Riggs – references below) dealing with current research and programs focused on expanding diversity in the earth and space sciences. Diversity in the geosciences has been a major concern of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers, which publishes the *Journal*, and the American Geophysical Union along with most other earth science associations.

Riggs, E. M., and C. J. Alexander, 2007: Broadening Participation in the Earth Sciences (*editorial*) – Special Edition on Broadening Participation in the Earth Sciences, *Journal of Geoscience Education*, **55**, N. 6, 445-446.

Riggs, E. M., E. I. Robbins, and R. Darner, 2007: Sharing the Land: Attracting Native American Students to the Geosciences – Special Edition on Broadening Participation in the Earth Sciences, *Journal of Geoscience Education*, **55**, 478-485.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 22

- Honors Committee Meeting, CIVL 3223 (3 p.m.)

Friday, January 25

- Alumni and Corporate Relations Committee Meeting, CIVL 2173 (1 p.m.)

SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, January 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Lilly Nature Center*: "Climate Change: A Lot of Hot Air?" Dr. Dev Niyogi, Indiana State Climatologist, Purdue University

*Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area (on north side of Lindberg Road between Northwestern & McCormick in West Lafayette).

Thursday, January 24, at 3:30 p.m. in CIVL 1252: "The Earth's Inner Core: Anisotropy, Rotation and Topography." Prof. Xiaodong Song, University of Illinois-Urbana

Refreshments at 3 p.m. in CIVL 2201

For more information, see the EAS online [calendar](#).

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a time of day that is generally open? If you would be interested in taking a break from the daily grind and sharing your knowledge with students visiting the department, contact our Outreach Coordinator, Steven Smith (mrsmith@purdue.edu). Outreach has the lessons and the materials already, so you would just need to show up when a group is coming. If you would like to help out but don't want to work with the students, help develop and put together new activities in various EAS related topics.



JAMC EDITOR

Dev Niyogi started serving as the Associate Editor for the AMS Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology as of January 1, 2008.

OMBUDSMAN SERVICES IN EAS

As noted earlier in this newsletter, Dee Gillespie is now serving as an Ombudsman in the EAS Department. In October, she completed a training course by the International Ombudsman Associate that addressed the basic theory and practice of ombudsman services.

Please see the description below to better understand the role of the ombudsman in our department. If you would like to meet with Dee, please call her to request an appointment at x44753 (please do not send a description of your concern via email). Meetings will be arranged at suitable locations outside of the EAS Department.

Mission:

The Ombudsman in EAS serves as a neutral third party providing assistance to students, staff, and faculty who have University/Department-related complaints and/or concerns of a non-legal nature and as a resource for information regarding University/Department-related policies and procedures. The Ombudsman is authorized to investigate both academic and non-academic complaints, and to make recommendations for corrective measures. The Ombudsman does not arbitrate or participate in any internal or external formal investigative or disciplinary processes (including legal actions).

Confidentiality and Neutrality:

To the extent practicable, the Ombudsman will not share any information with anyone without expressed written permission. An exception will be made if there is a threat of violence or harm. There will be no formal written records kept of conversations with the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is not an advocate for any party or the Department/University.

"Official Notice":

When informing the Ombudsman of a conflict, dispute or complaint, the employee or student has not "officially" informed the University/Department and therefore the University/Department cannot, and will not, take action to remedy the situation. The Ombudsman will assist in directing the individual to the official University/Department resource where they can seek action or provide "official notice."

AEG NEWS

Terry West attended the Executive Council (officers) meeting of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) in Denver, Colorado from January 11-13. As the Immediate Past President of AEG, he is serving in his final year on the Executive Council which meets four times per year.

The weekend began with a meeting Friday night with the Rocky Mountain Section of AEG and Saturday and Sunday were spent on conducting the business of the Association. Its membership consists of 3400+ professional geologists and engineers, located in 25 sections of the U.S. and Canada. With two successful meetings this year, the First North American Landslide Conference in Vail, Colorado in June, and the 50th Annual Meeting held in Los Angeles in September, cash flow through AEG including all activities, exceeded \$ 1,000,000.

A NOTE FROM OUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

CCO Open House

Thursday, **January 24**, The Center for Career Opportunities is hosting its 6th Annual CCO Open House. The Open House partners the CCO with employers to do a Resume Blitz from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., facilitate workshops, mock interviews, and speed interviewing sessions. Games, prizes, and food can be enjoyed while you become better acquainted with the services that the CCO offers.

Upcoming Campus Career Fair

[Krannert Undergraduate Spring Career Fair](#), Wednesday, **January 30**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., PMU Ballrooms.

Eta Sigma Iota Callout

Tuesday, **January 22**, at 8 p.m. in MANN Hall, Room 203. As a professional student organization, HZI can provide:

- Training and certification opportunities to foster volunteers who can assist in emergency response.
- Awareness of roles and responsibilities relating to homeland security within the community.
- Networking opportunities for students seeking career prospects within government and industry, including a career fair and resume workshops.

Class of 1937 Scholarship

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be enrolled at the West Lafayette campus, registered for 12 or more credit hours, classified as a

sophomore, junior or senior during the academic school year, have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average, in good academic and social standing within the University, evidence of leadership ability or potential and financial need; however, applicants do not need to be eligible for financial assistance through Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

[Applications](#) are now available at the Office of the Dean of Students, Schleman Hall, Room 207; Purdue Student Government office, Stewart Center, Room G-6; Black Cultural Center, 1100 Third St.;

Nancy's office; and online and must be submitted by **February 15** to the Office of the Dean of Students, Schleman Hall, Room 207. Award recipients will be notified by mail by April 14.

For information, contact Lou Ann Hamilton, Class of 1937 Scholarship Program representative, at (765) 494-1252, lahamilton@purdue.edu.

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER:

This weekly newsletter will be the place to look to keep up with departmental happenings, announcements (seminars, student group events, scholarship and award deadlines, departmental committees), job and grant opportunities, and anything else you need to know about the department. It should cut down on the glut of email and other forms of separate announcements – **if it is in the newsletter, we assume you know about it** and no other reminders are needed. Past issues will be available on our department web site (www.purdue.edu/eas/). Material for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted to Gina Richey (grichey@purdue.edu) by **Friday noon** of each week for inclusion in the Monday newsletter.

Also, as an additional resource for information about departmental events, seminars, deadlines, etc., see our departmental calendar at <http://calendar.science.purdue.edu/eas/seminars>.

