

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 Geoscience 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, 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

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/Currents064 2011GeosciSalaries\\_State.pdf](http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/Currents/Currents064%202011GeosciSalaries_State.pdf)

[http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/Currents/Currents063 2011GeosciSalaries\\_Industry.pdf](http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/Currents/Currents063%202011GeosciSalaries_Industry.pdf)

Have a wonderful week!

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