2015 GEOSCIENCE DAY

Student Research Day & Industry Open House

Friday, May 1 9am - 5pm Science & Research 1 University of Houston Houston, Texas 77204











SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All activities are located in Science & Researc	h Building 1
REGISTRATION (SR1, 2 nd Floor Lobby)	8:30-9:00
ORAL PRESENTATIONS	9:00 - 12:15
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LUNCH (SR1, 2 nd Floor Lobby)	12:15-1:00
STUDENT POSTER SESSION (SR1, Corridors)	1:15-3:30
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EAS LAB TOURS1	:30 and 2:30
(Meeting place SR1, 2nd Floor Lobby)	pg. 10
AGL VIBROSEIS DEMO (Outside SR1)	3:30-4:00
AWARD CEREMONY (SR1, Room 116)	4:00-5:15
GROUP PHOTO (in front of SR1)	5:15
EAS FACULTY-STUDENT-ALUMNI-INDUSTRY	
HAPPY HOUR	5:30
McGonigal's Mucky Duck (2425 Norfolk, 770	198)
** All are invited **	

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE

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RESEARCH TALKS: SESSION A

SR1, Room 634

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Time	Speaker	Title
9:00	Eray Kocel	NEAR-SURFACE GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE 2010 HAITI EARTHQUAKE EPICENTRAL AREA: LÉOGÂNE, HAITI
9:20	Laura Judd	INFLUENCES OF SPATIAL RESOLUTION ON NO2 COLUMN MEASUREMENT COMPARISONS DURING DISCOVER-AQ TEXAS
9:40	Lei Liu	INFLUENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL FACTORS ON HOUSTON'S AIR POLLUTION: OZONE A CASE STUDY
10:00	Mohammad Ullah	INTERPRETING BACKWATER EFFECTS ON FLUVIAL STYLE AND ARCHITECTURE IN A HIGH-GRADIENT COMPOUND INCISED-VALLEY DEPOSITS: EXAMPLE FROM CRETACEOUS FERRON NOTOM DELTA, SOUTHEASTERN UTAH
10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:35	Tucker Conklin	EVOLUTION OF A SHELF- MARGIN MINIBASIN, NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO
10:55	Xinyang Chen	SI ISOTOPE VARIATIONS IN AUTHIGENIC QUARTZ CRYSTALS: IMPLICATION FOR LOW TEMPERATURE FRACTIONATION
11:15	Ramya Ravindranathan	COMPARISON OF UPSCALING METHODS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PAIR CORRELATION FUNCTION TO IDENTIFY THE RESERVOIR FROM THE NON-RESERVOIR
11:35	Kivanc Biber	QUANTITATIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF SHALE DRAPES WITHIN TIDALLY-INFLUENCED FLUVIAL VALLEY FILL DEPOSITS OF THE FERRON SANDSTONE, EASTERN UTAH - IMPLICATIONS FOR SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION
11:55	Ismail Ahmad Abir	TECTONICS OF BANNU BASIN AND ITS RELATION TO THE TRANS-INDUS-SALT RANGES FOLD-THRUST BELT IN NORTHERN PAKISTAN

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RESEARCH TALKS: SESSION B

SR1, Room 234

Time	Speaker	Title
9:00	Charles Jeffcoat	TWO OXYGEN FUGACITIES RECORDED IN A SINGLE TYPE-B1 CALCIUM - ALUMINUM-RICH INCLUSION: INSIGHTS INTO CONDITIONS OF THE EARLY SOLAR NEBULA
9:20	Matt Cannon	POST-RIFT SUBSIDENCE ABYSSAL GULF OF MEXICO
9:40	Alexander Kotsakis	CORONAL INDUCED PRODUCTION OF OZONE FROM A THUNDERSTORM DURING DISCOVERAQ 2013
10:00	Nicholas Bartschi	DISCRIMINATING SEDIMENT SUPPLY VERSUS ACCOMMODATION CONTROLS ON LATE CRETACEOUS FORELAND BASIN STRATIGRAPHIC ARCHITECTURE IN THE BOOK CLIFFS, CENTRAL UTAH USING DETRITAL ZIRCON U-PB DATING
10:20	COFFEE BREA	K
10:35	Gustavo Cuchiara	MODELING DISPERSION IN A CONVECTIVE DECAY PLANETARY BOUNDARY LAYER USING THE WRF LARGE EDDY SIMULATION MODEL
10:55	Jiangbo Yu	GPS DERIVED GROUND DEFORMATION (2005 – 2014) WITHIN THE GULF OF MEXICO REGION REFERRED TO A STABLE GULF OF MEXICO REFERENCE FRAME (SGOMRF)
11:15	Andrew Kerekgyarto	SUPRA-CANONICAL INITIAL 26AL/27AL FROM A REPROCESSED ALLENDE CAI
11:35	Kurt Sundell	TESTING GEODYNAMIC MODELS FOR SURFACE UPLIFT OF THE CENTRAL ANDEAN PLATEAU THROUGH BASIN ANALYSIS AND VOLCANIC GLASS PALEOALTIMETRY IN SOUTHERN PERU
11:55	Yiduo Liu	SLAB TEARING TRIGGERED THE CRETACEOUS IGNEOUS ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

SR1, 1st Floor Corridor

Presenter	Title	No.
Vanessa	GRAIN SHAPE ANALYSIS USING MATLAB	1
Alejandro		
Lokin Casturi	INFLUENCE OF MIO-PLIOCENE	2
	MILANKOVITCH FREQUENCY MONSOON	
	FLUCTUATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL	
	HYDROLOGY IN ZHADA BASIN, SW TIBET	
Alexander	IMPACTOGEN TECTONIC ORIGIN FOR	3
Cheney	FORMATION OF THE PERMIAN BASIN OF	
	WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO	
Sarah Dailey	IDENTIFYING ACTIVE FAULTS IN JAMAICA	4
	FROM REMOTE SENSING, GPS,	
	EARTHQUAKE, AND SEISMIC REFLECTION	
	DATA	
David Lankford-	INFLUENCE OF BASEMENT DIP ON	5
Bravo	MORPHOLOGICAL AND STRUCTURAL	
	CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERDIDO-PORT	
	ISABEL AND NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN	
	MEXICAN RIDGES, WESTERN GULF OF	
	MEXICO	
Sabrina	EFFECT OF SEA LEVEL CHANGES ON THE	6
Martinez	LANDBRIDGES CONNECTING HISPANIOLA,	
	PUERTO RICO AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS	
	DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE LAST GLACIAL	
	MAXIMUM (26500-19000 KA)	
Maisha Mujib	CARBON ISOTOPES OF EVOLVED CO2	7
	DURING ACETIC ACID OXIDATION BY	
	DIFFERENT OXIDIZING AGENTS	
Crystal Saadeh	STABLE ISOTOPIC RECORD OF MONSOON	8
	INTENSITY AND PALEOENVIRONMENTAL	
	CHANGE IN THE ZHADA BASIN, SW TIBET	
Derek Scott	CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CENTRAL	9
	SOUTH GABON BASIN THROUGH 2D SEISMIC	
	INTERPRETATION	

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

SR1, 1st Floor Corridor

Presenter	Title	No.
Stephen Potter	MELT INCLUSION ANALYSIS OF RBT 04262	10
	WITH RELATIONSHIP TO SHERGOTTITES AND	
	MARS SURFACE COMPOSITIONS	
Shelly Tran	CLASSIFYING AND COMPARING SHAPES OF	11
	CONTINENT-OCEAN BOUNDARIES ON THE	
	EASTERN US AND NORTHWEST AFRICA	
	CONJUGATE MARGINS FROM	
	INTERPRETATIONS OF A NEW GLOBAL	
	GRAVITY DATASET	





Undergraduate, Graduate and Professors at Geophysics Field Camp.

BEGINNING GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

SR1, 2nd Floor Corridor

Presenter	Title	No.
Abigail Corbett	CO2 VARIABILITY FROM SATELLITE RETRIALS AND	1
	MODEL SIMULATIONS, AND POSSIBLE CO2 AND	
	CH4 CORRELATIONS	
Naila Dowla	NORTHWEST AFRICA AND THE SOUTHEAST	2
	COAST OF THE USA AS ASYMMETRICAL	
	CONJUGATE MARGINS	
Shenelle	STRUCTURAL FRAMEWORK AND HYDROCARBON	3
Gomez	PROSPECTIVITY OF THE TOBAGO FOREARC	
	BASIN- BARBADOS ACCRETIONARY PRISM	
	TRANSITION ZONE	
Kirstie Haynie	EFFECT OF SLAB DIP VERSUS PLATEAU	4
	SUBDUCTION ON OVERRIDING PLATE	
	DEFORMATION IN ALASKA	
Diana Krupnik	ANALYSIS OF CRETACEOUS EDWARDS	5
	FORMATION USING INTEGRATED REMOTE	
	SENSING TECHNIQUES	
Yipeng Li	PAMIR INTRACONTINENTAL OVERLAPPED	6
	SUBDUCTION AND ANATAXIS: EVIDENCE FROM	
	CENOZOIC UHT METAMORPHIC XENOLITHS AND	
	ULTRAPOTASSIC VOLCANIC ROCKS	
Patrick	CONTROLS OF ASYMMETRICAL RIFTING ON	7
Loureiro	DISTRIBUTION AND THICKNESS OF PRE-SALT	
	CARBONATE RESERVOIRS IN SAG BASINS OF	
	BRAZIL AND WEST AFRICA	
Sharif	ANISOTROPIC EFFECTIVE MEDIUM MODELING	8
Morshed	TO MICROSTRUCTURAL PROPERTIES OF GAS	
	SHALE	
John Neese	SEISMIC-STYLE PROCESSING OF NUMERICAL EM	9
	DATA	
Jena Nolting	SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY AND	10
J	ENERGY DISPERSIVE SPECTROSCOPY ANALYSES	
	OF MUONG-NONG TYPE TEKTITES FROM HAINAN	
	ISLAND, CHINA	

BEGINNING GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

SR1, 2nd Floor Corridor

Presenter	Title	No.
Lourdes	TECTONIC CONTROLS AND TIMING OF THE	11
Rodriguez	INVERSION OF THE LATE JURASSIC ESPINO RIFT	
	OF CENTRAL VENEZUELA	
Jaymason	TRANSPORT OF INDUSTRIAL PLUMES IN THE	12
Shelton	GREATER HOUSTON AREA ON THE MORNING OF	
	NOVEMBER, 3RD 2009	
Tyson Smith	REVEALING THE ANCESTRAL ROCKY	13
	MOUNTAINS: STRATEGY FOR UNRAVELLING LATE	
	PALEOZOIC INTRAPLATE DEFORMATION IN	
	NORTH AMERICA	
Amir Hossein	THE LONG TERM ANALYSIS OF TROPOSPHERIC	14
Souri	NO2, HCHO AND SURFACE OZONE IN URBAN	
	CITIES OF TEXAS	
Lei Sun	TERRESTRIAL LASER SCANNING AND	15
	HYPERSPECTRAL IMAGING OF THE EAGLE FORD	
	FORMATION	
Lucia Torrado	3D SEISMIC FACIES AND ATTRIBUTE ANALYSIS	16
	FOR RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION OF A	
	COMPLEX FLUVIAL SYSTEM: CASE STUDY OF THE	
	LATE EOCENE-OLIGOCENE CARBONERA	
	FORMATION, LLANOS FORELAND BASIN OF	
	COLOMBIA	
Yukai Wo	2-D DEFORMABLE-LAYER TOMOSTATICS IN	17
	SICHUAN, CHINA	
Shuting Yang	PROPOSAL TO QUANTIFY METHANE SOURCES	18
	(BIOGENIC VS. NON-BIOGENIC IN THE HOUSTON	
	AREA USING δ13C-CH4	
Jingjing Zong	ELASTIC PROPERTIES OF ROCK SALT: LAB	19
	MEASUREMENTS AND WELL LOG ANALYSIS IN	
	THE GULF OF MEXICO	

ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

SR1, 3rd Floor Corridor

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Presenter	Title	No.
Ayodeji	4D AVO INVERSION ENHANCEMENT BY	1
Babalola	GATHER CONDITIONING USING DYNAMIC	
	TIME-WARPING	
Joan Marie	LA VELA BAY, OFFSHORE FALCON BASIN,	2
Blanco	WESTERN VENEZUELA: EASTERN EXTENSION	
	TO THE LA PERLA CARBONATE RESERVOIR	
	TREND	
Vanessa	COMPARISON OF BOUNDARY LAYER	3
Caicedo	RETRIEVAL METHODS USING AEROSOL LIDARS	
Luis Carlos	TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHY AND SEDIMENTARY	4
Carvajal	ARCHITECTURE OF THE NICARAGUAN RISE	
Arenas	AND COLOMBIAN BASIN	
Lijun Diao	MODELED IMPACTS OF RELATIVE HUMIDITY	5
	ON HONO CHEMISTRY	
Tithi Ghosh	DREDGING PERIDOTITES FROM IZU-BONIN-	6
	MARIANA FOREARC: A CRUISE REPORT	
Long Huang	ELASTIC PROPERTIES OF 3D-PRINTED PHYSICAL	7
	MODELS: FLUID SUBSTITUTION	
	OBSERVATIONS IN CRACKED MEDIA	
Ismot Jahan	FAULT TREND IN BAKKEN FORMATION	8
Angela Kao	INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC MOISTURE	9
	RECYCLING RATE FROM OBSERVATIONS AND	
	MODELS	
Unal Okyay	REMOTE DETECTION OF FLUID-RELATED	10
	DIAGENETIC MINERALOGICAL VARIATIONS IN	
	THE WINGATE SANDSTONE AT DIFFERENT	
	SPATIAL AND SPECTRAL RESOLUTIONS	
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ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

SR1, 3rd Floor Corridor

Presenter	Title	No.
Javier Sanchez	TECTONIC EVENTS IN THE WESTERN	11
	MARACAIBO BLOCK: BASED ON BASIN	
	ANALYSIS OF THE CESAR-RANCHERIA BASIN,	
	NORTHWESTERN SOUTH AMERICA	
Jiannan Wang	INFERRING MARINE SEDIMENT TYPE USING	12
	CHIRP SONAR DATA: ATLANTIS FIELD, GULF OF	
	MEXICO	
Ling Xiang	GLOBAL GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES OF K-	13
	RICH MID-OCEAN RIDGE BASALT	
Yao Yao	RAYLEIGH WAVE TOMOGRAPHY AND SHEAR	14
	WAVE STRUCTURE OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN	
	TEXAS FROM AMBIENT SEISMIC NOISE	





Graduate students volunteering at Houston Geological Society Earth Science Celebration at Houston Museum of Natural Sciences.

EAS LAB TOURS

SR1, Basement Floor

AGL Physical Modeling Lab

Location: SR1, Rm 60

Function: AGL operates two fully equipped ultrasonic modeling tanks with acoustic and elastic measurement capability in this lab. One of the tanks is used to simulate land seismic acquisition, while the other one is used to simulate marine surveys. These systems accept multiple channels simultaneously and run on a robotic system. In addition, we have

a bench top system which is used for precise study of specific models. **Host**: Anoop William

Student hosts: Jiannan Wang (PhD), Jingjing Zong (PhD)

Website: http://www.agl.uh.edu

SR1, 1st Floor

AGL Instrumentation Lab

Location: SR1, Rm 138

Function: AGL has the capability to conduct seismic, VSP, well logging, GPR, magnetic, gravity and GPS studies in the field. This lab is the hosting area for some of this equipment.

In addition, we also maintain our own mini-vibe. During research day, this will be parked near the south main entrance to SR1.

Host: Li Chang

Student hosts: Eray Kocel (PhD), Azie Aziz (PhD), Alexandre Silva (PhD)

Website: http://www.agl.uh.edu

Center for Petroleum Geochemistry

Location: SR1, Rm 103

Function: CPG Lab has a variety of instruments from simple TOC analyzers; RockEval II-Plus and RockEval-6 source-rock analyzers; organic microscopy; oil & gas extraction and characterization capabilities; to a highly advanced suite of molecular and stable-isotope geochemistry tools including natural gas analyzers, GC/MS; GC/MS/MS; Micropyrolysis/GC/MS; GC/IRMS; EA/IRMS analyzers. Visit our website for a comprehensive list of analytical capabilities. This suite of capabilities distinguishes us as the most well-equipped petroleum geochemistry lab in the country.

Faculty Host: Adry Bissada, Director of CPG

Website: http://cpg.uh.edu/

EAS LAB TOURS

SR1, 2nd Floor

GeoRS (Geological Remote Sensing) Lab

Location: SR1 Room 234

Function: GeoRS group combines field hyperspectral and LiDAR imaging, GPR with traditional geologic mapping and for the precise 3D imaging of outcrops. Applications range from mapping distribution of river channels, developing 3D fluid flow models, understanding rock alterations and sulphide mineralization and reservoir analog studies.

Remote sensing and GIS research lab (GeoRS) include various hardware and software, more details are available at

(http://www.uh.edu/~sdkhan/facilities.html)

Faculty host: Dr. Shuhab Khan Student host: Casey Snyder (MS)

Website: http://www.uh.edu/~sdkhan



Undergraduate Field Methods class, Boquillas Canyon, Big Bend, TX.

EAS LAB TOURS

SR1, 3rd Floor

PGE Geochemistry Lab

Location: MC-ICP-MS Geo-Cosmochemistry (SR1 Room 317)

Function: Re—Os isotope and PGE analysis of shale and oil for absolute

dating and source tracing.

Faculty host: Alan Brandon, Associate Professor

Student hosts: Shawn Wright (PhD) **Website:** http://www.tims.uh.edu/

MC-ICP-MS Geo-Cosmochemistry Lab

The MC-ICP-MS Geo-Cosmochemistry lab will be open for the research

day open house.

Location: SR1 Room 317

Function: Isotopic and trace element analysis of terrestrial and extraterrestrial rocks and minerals for radiometric dating and petrological evolution studies, including petroleum reservoir rock

characterization.

Faculty hosts: Dr. Tom Lapen and Dr. Alan Brandon, Directors

Host: Rasmus Andreasen

Website: https://mynsm.uh.edu/groups/mcicpms/



Undergraduate Field Methods class, Big Bend, TX.

EAS LAB TOURS

SR1, 4th Floor

Atmospheric Chemistry Lab (ICAS LAB)

Location: SR1, Room 430

Function: My lab is a component of the Institute for Climate and Atmospheric Science. I study atmospheric mercury in Houston, which has elevated levels and time periods of extremely high values. I have instrumentation atop Moody Tower on the UH campus and at the UH Coastal Center. My group also shares the atmospheric science mobile laboratory with Dr. Lefer's group. This is a \$1M laboratory which we utilize to sample emissions sources and study photochemistry in Houston. I also have a program in Houston/Fort Worth examining fugitive emissions of CO_2 and CH_4 from gas and oil extraction, distribution and storage. We also have a unique ability to measure $\delta^{13}C$ in CH_4 to distinguish contributions from different sources.

Faculty host: Dr. Robert Talbot, Director of ICAS

Student hosts: Lei Liu (PhD) **Website**: http://icas.uh.edu

Caribbean Basins, Tectonics, and Hydrocarbons (CBTH)

Location: SR1, Room 427

Function: CBTH is a 21-company consortium and one of the largest industry consortia at UH with the goal of cutting edge academic research and facilitating oil exploration in the geographic and oil-rich region of the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, northern South America, and equatorial Atlantic margins in South America and Africa. The room 427 work area provides workstation, server, software, GIS databasing, and printing capabilities to 12 UH MS and PhD graduate research assistants, 7 UH undergraduate research assistants supported as RAs by the project, and five members of the UH Imperial Barrel Award team who are part of a UH graduate level course in the spring semester.

Faculty host: Dr. Paul Mann, Director of CBTH

Student host: Bryan Ott (PhD). **Website**: http://cbth.uh.edu/index.php

For more information:

www.geosc.uh.edu/research-institutes-programs/index.php

Who we are

The Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Houston has a wide range of research programs central to the earth sciences. These include sedimentology, carbonate petrology, sequence stratigraphy, micropaleontology, structural geology, tectonics, geodynamics, marine geology, petroleum systems and geochemistry, inorganic geochemistry, isotope geochemistry, igneous petrology, thermochronology, GIS, remote sensing, seismology, applied geophysics, applied rock physics, whole earth geophysics, potential fields, hydrology, atmospheric sciences, climate change, and air pollution sciences.

The Department offers M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Geology, Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences, a B.S. in Geology, Geophysics and Environmental Sciences, and a B.A. in Earth Sciences. Fieldwork is a major component of all degree programs. The Department also offers Professional M.S. programs in Petroleum Geology and Petroleum Geophysics that are offered at convenient hours for professional geoscientists working in industry or aspiring for a professional position within the petroleum industry.

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MEET THE JUDGES

POSTER SESSION

ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS:



Clayton Painter

is a Senior Geologist at ConocoPhillips. He received his PhD from the University of Arizona on a study of sequence stratigraphy, geodynamics, and detrital geothermochronology of Cretaceous foreland basin deposits, in western USA.



Bernhard Rappenglueck

is currently at the University of Houston where he is an Associate Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry, Meteorology. He received his PhD in Physics from the University of Munich in 1996.



Kush Tandon

is currently a Geophysicist and Senior Software Engineer at Bluware, Inc., and a consultant with Shell Global Solutions (US), Inc., in Houston, Texas. He received a PhD from LSU in 1998 on modeling of basin formation and lithospheric bending during continental collision.

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Xun Jiang

is an Associate Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Houston. She completed her PhD in Environmental Science and Engineering at California Institute of Technology in 2006.



Jinny Sisson

is currently at the University of Houston where she is a Research Associate Professor of Geology, Director of Summer Field Geology, and Co-director of the Geoscience Learning Center. She received her PhD from Princeton University in 1981 on metamorphic belts in British Columbia.



Stuart Hall

is currently at the University of Houston where he is a Professor of Geophysics, Potential Fields. He received his PhD in Geophysics from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1976.



Barry Lefer

is an Associate Department Chair and Associate Professor of Atmospheric Science, Atmospheric Chemistry. He received a PhD in Earth Sciences - Geochemical Systems, at the University of New Hampshire in 1997.

MEET THE JUDGES

ORAL PRESENTATIONS



William Sager

is a Professor of Geophysics at the University of Houston. He received his PhD in Marine Geophysics at the University of Hawaii in 1983. His research interest include Marine geophysics, High-resolution marine geophysics, and Plate tectonics, among others.



Juan C. Silva-Tamayo

is an Assistant Professor of Sedimentary and Environmental Geology at the University of Houston. He received his PhD in Isotope Geochemistry at the University of Berne, Switzerland in 2009.





Debleena Banerji

is currently a Senior Exploration Geologist at Shell in Houston, Texas. She received her PhD from the University on Houston in 2004 on a study of oceanic crust formation at ultraslow spreading ridges.



Sean Connell

is a Stratigrapher for Chevron in Houston, Texas. He received his PhD at the University of New Mexico in 2010 on a study of fluvial sedimentation in half-graben basins.

MEET THE JUDGES

POSTER SESSION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS:



Guoguan Wang

is currently at the University of Houston where he is an Assistant Professor of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geosensing Systems Engineering. He received his PhD from Institute of Geology in Beijing China in 2001 in Solid Earth Geophysics. He also serves as a PI for NCALM (National Center for Airborne Laser Mapping).

POSTER SESSION
BEGINNING GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS:



Maria Veronica Castillo

is currently a Senior Geophysicist at Repsol. She completed her PhD in 2001 on the Maracaibo basin in Venezuela at the University of Texas at Austin.



Kristy T Milliken

is a R&D Clastic Stratigrapher for Chevron. She received her PhD in Earth Science from Rice University in 2008.



Julia Wellner

is an Assistant Professor at the University of Houston in Stratigraphy, Sedimentology, and Glacial Processes. She received her PhD from Rice University in 2001.