



October 25, 2017 (Happy Halloween - Tuesday)



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WSU Geoscientists Storm Seattle:

The Geological Society of America is holding its annual meeting this week in Seattle, WA. The Department of Geosciences is well represented at this major scientific conference by both faculty members and recent alumni. Below are links to a sample of the presentation abstracts authored by WSU geoscientists. Safe travels, everyone.

Liz Balgord:

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/306711>

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/306776>

Carie Frantz:

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/307516>

Adolph Yonkee:

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/305559>

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/305615>

Daksha Patel (Class of 2017):

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/306824>

Ashley Provow (Class of 2015):

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2017AM/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/305825>

Great Time at Alumni Open House:

Thank you everyone who attended our Alumni Open House & Tailgate! We explored the Geoscience labs and classrooms in the new Tracy Hall Science Center (THSC), heard from our newest department faculty members, and enjoyed a delicious "tailgate" dinner in the Atrium. If you were unable to make it and would like to connect with the department, other alumni, and/or learn more about THSC, please contact us at [801-626-7139](tel:801-626-7139) or [via email](#). We'd love to hear from you!

Part-Time GIS Position Open:

Draper City currently has an opening for a part-time GIS Technician. They have reached out to our department, asking we let our students know about this position, which is listed as "Open until filled." [The job posting and a copy of the job description can be found here.](#)

Graduate School 101 (How to prepare, apply, and have a life):

Rob McDermott, a geology PhD student at Utah State University, and his wife Emily McDermott, with the Utah Geological Survey, will be speaking Saturday, October 28, in room TY 211 at 1:30 pm about graduate school. They will explain the graduate school application process, including GRE prep, and describe life as a graduate student. Take the opportunity to have your graduate school questions answered. This event is sponsored by Sigma Gamma Epsilon, but all GEO majors are encouraged to attend. Contact [Aaron Phipps](#), SGE President, with any questions about the event.

Kennecott Geology and Geotechnical Monitoring:

The Geoscience Speaker Series continues with "Kennecott Geology and Geotechnical Monitoring" presented by WSU Geoscience alumni Jens Gibbs (Geotechnical Engineer/Geologist) and Matthew Laird (Geotechnician) with Rio Tinto Kennecott Copper. Join us Monday, November 6, 12:30 pm in TY 234. A flyer is attached.

Slime & Mass Extinctions:

We are pleased to host Dr. James Hagadorn for two presentations on Wednesday, November 8. "Deep Time Slime" will be presented 11:30 am-12:20 pm in TY 217, and "The Rocky Mountains' Newest Mass Extinctions" will be presented 3:30-4:20 pm in TY 211. Everyone is welcome to attend. Flyers are attached..

Study Abroad Opportunity:

Northern Arizona University is offering a geo-study-abroad trip to Bosnia, Croatia, and Montenegro to investigate hydrogeology and water-systems engineering in karst aquifers. Weber State students may participate and transfer earned credits from NAU to WSU for geoscience elective credit. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Come in for Advising:

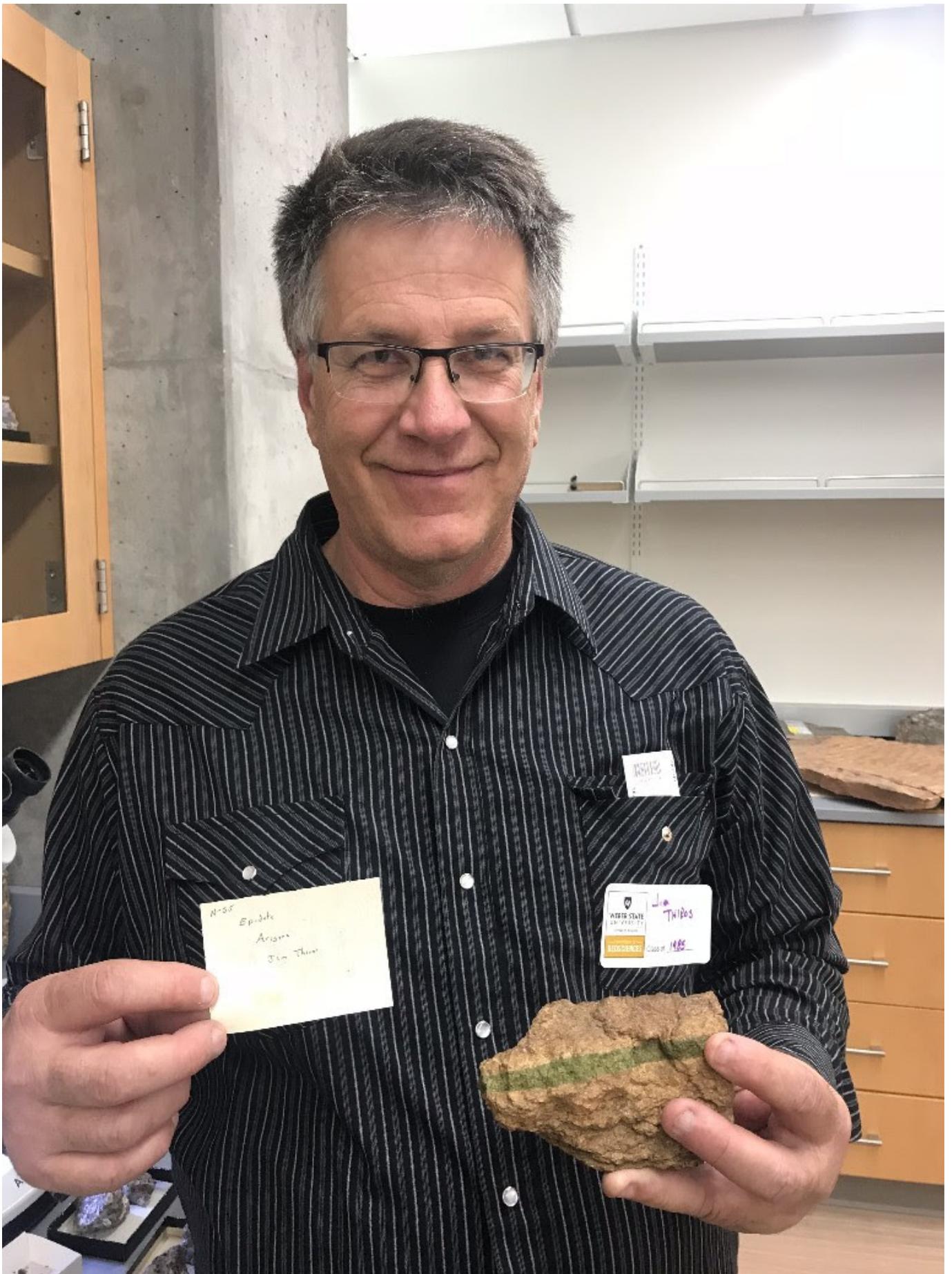
The Spring 2018 course schedule is now available online. As you consider your choices, please come touch base with your departmental faculty advisor to discuss your course selections, and overall degree progress. The advisors are listed below. Academic Advising can save you time, effort & money -- come see us!

- All Graduating Seniors (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018): [Dr. Rick Ford](#)
- Geology: [Dr. Rick Ford](#)
- Applied Environmental Geosciences: [Dr. Marek Matyjasik](#)
- Earth Science Teaching: [Dr. Rick Ford](#)
- Geospatial Minor/Geomatics Certificate: [Dr. Michael Hernandez](#)

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Photo of the Week:



During the Alumni Open House & Tailgate, Jim Thiros (class of '87) was touring the rock

labs and spotted this rock with an epidote vein that was being used in the Earth Materials mineral exam study session. Jim quickly recognized it as a rock he personally submitted as a student here at Weber State, and sure enough, the label with the rock has his name on it! (Photo Credit: Laura Neill)

Hope your semester is going great!

[The Department of Geosciences faculty & staff](#)

