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From the AWG President

Sara Welna

The AWG Board of Directors' spring meeting in Long Beach California was yet another successful meeting! President Elect Heidi Hoffower, with the help of Pacific Alternate Delegates Stafano Mazzoni and Katie Kovac, organized a great meeting venue, lodging accommodations, dinner arrangements and a spectacular field trip to the Occidental Oil & Gas THUMS drilling islands in Long Beach. We even had the pleasure of spending an afternoon with the AWG Foundation in a strategic planning session. I must say the ideas were flowing from the group like a meltwater stream! Somehow amongst all of these activities, I managed to catch a few rays of California sunshine!

In order to conserve Association travel funds, this year's spring meeting was required for the Executive Committee and voluntary for the delegates and student representatives. However, there was the opportunity for board members to participate remotely via conference call. The Association is investigating a variety of options to conduct meetings remotely in order to address business but save on travel expenses and reduce our carbon footprint. If you are aware of a web conferencing option that has the potential to work within AWG's budget, please contact me at president@awg.org. For details on business discussed at the spring meeting, be sure to check out AWG Secretary Shawn Blaesing-Thompson's recap article found in this issue of Gaea.

In previous issues of Gaea, I've touched on a variety of reasons why an AWG membership is of personal and professional value. I've discussed leadership skills, networking opportunities, the importance of mentoring and now I'd like to discuss outreach. We are in a time where geosciences education is being cut from K-12 curriculums.



Sara Welna in the northern Minnesota Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

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Post-secondary educational institutions are facing budget cuts and in some cases, geoscience programs are being eliminated. Research funding is being cut from national agencies and programs across the United States. The American Geological Institute (AGI) is asking all member societies, including AWG, to voice this concern to members of congress. Even though events relating to geoscience make the news headlines daily, geoscience research, funding, and education continues to be threatened. This threat is why outreach is important to all professional societies and action is necessary to ensure a successful path for geoscience and geoscientists in the future. Fortunately, AWG has a number of important outreach programs which include participation in AGI's Geo-Congressional Visits Day (Geo-CVD) where AWG members can represent women geoscientists and convey a unified message to congress on the importance of geosciences funding, research and education. Other programs include working with the Girl Scouts of America to encourage geoscience education at an early age.



The AWG Executive Committee Meeting in Long Beach, CA. Pictured left to right are Secretary Shawn Blaesing-Thompson; Past President Charlene Sundermann; President Sara Welna; Treasurer Susan Nissen; President Elect Heidi Hoffower. Not pictured is Editor Maggie Brewer-LaPorta.

The AWG Special Award for Geoscience Excellence (SAGE) program recognizes a deserving young female for her outstanding work on a geoscience project at science and engineering fairs. The AWG Distinguished Lecturer Program provides travel funds for a distinguished geoscientist to speak to a group of professionals or students, to serve as an inspiration – or in some cases, a mentor. AWG also participates in AGI's annual Earth Science Week where one day of that week has been dedicated to women in the geosciences and teachers can purchase an Earth Science Kit to teach their students about geoscience. While AWG has a number of outreach programs, there is far more we can do. If you are interested in any of the programs I mentioned, I'd be happy to put you in touch with our invaluable program coordinators who can fill you in on the details. If you have an idea for an outreach program that can expand AWG's involvement, please let me know. Remember, it doesn't take much. It can be as simple as reaching out to a school in your area. I have had the opportunity to speak at several schools and they are always thrilled to have a "real live geologist", and the fact that I'm a woman geologist, really puts the icing on the cake!

Thank you for being a member of AWG and supporting women geoscientists. Summer is the perfect time to start thinking about an outreach event at a school in your area that could certainly benefit from a volunteer like you. So what are you waiting for?

I hope you have an enjoyable summer!

Sara Welna
President - 2011

New coordinators for Gaea

Sophie Bonnet & Kimberly Schumann

Dear AWG members,

My name is Sophie Bonnet and I am one of the new Gaea coordinators. I share this work with the other co-coordinator Kimberly Schumann. However, I would like to introduce myself and explain the reasons that pushed me to apply for this job, and particularly in this association. I am a Ph.D student in Earth Sciences at *Université*



du Québec à Montréal (GEOTOP-UQAM, Canada). My research interests are mainly about paleoceanography/paleoclimatology and micropaleontology. My project focuses on the North Pacific-Arctic Ocean linkages and the role of the Bering Strait. Specifically, I try to understand the influence of freshwater fluxes from the North Pacific to the Arctic from a hydrographical and physical point of view. To answer to this challenging question, I use microfossils called dinocysts, transfer functions as well as modeling. I did my M.Sc. at this same university. Prior to arriving at Montreal, I studied in France where I did my B.Sc. at *Université Joseph Fourier* (Grenoble). Since I came to GEOTOP-UQAM, I had the opportunity to do and learn plenty of things such as participate to three oceanographic campaigns including one of two months in the North Pacific, help in the organization of conferences and be a teaching assistant. Currently, in addition to my Ph.D, I assist the GEOTOP coordinator in several tasks by, notably, writing the newsletter and updating the website. During my free time, I practice, amongst other activities, running, hiking and ice/rock climbing. I am also a volunteer at the Canadian Red Cross in the first aid services. One of my passions is helping people but also to support environmental projects led in developing countries. As an example, in July-August, I leave for three weeks in Ecuador with a NGO for a project concerning Amazon plant conservation and organic farms. It is a pleasure to go there and to feel useful.

I have been a member of AWG for few months. I knew the existence of this association for two years. However, I never had the time to be a part of it. So, now being a new one in the team, I want to be more involved and gain experience in an association I care about. I hope to be qualified for this job and do not disappoint you. If you have any comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

Sophie Bonnet
Gaea coordinator

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AWG Secretary's report

Shawn Blaesing-Thompson

Hi all,

It seems I am finally getting my feet under me since taking over the office of Secretary. Since taking office last fall I have had the opportunity to visit the Iowa State University Special Collections which is the place where we **archive our AWG/AWGF documents** as part of their Women's Organizations collections. They have a rich list of information that they have maintained over the last 30 years. If there is a historical document you would like let me know and I can work with you to get copies. I also have a pdf file with the list of the entire AWG collection they hold for us if you are interested in that.



There have been a lot of changes happening with AWG management and we know some of you have been affected. I will give a few highlights of the changes and what we are doing to support you in these efforts. Our office staff switched over to **new database management software** around the end of 2010 and as a result there were some hiccups related to renewals that came in around that time. If you have had any issues please contact the office to help resolve things. They assure us that the two databases have been thoroughly inspected and integrated. We apologize for any issues the change over may have caused for any of you.

Recently at request from the editor and office staff I worked to develop a new **Advertising Form** to help streamline the application process for new advertisers. The new two sided form is quick and easy to fill out, and will roll out with the changes in procedure for billing moving to a billing on request format instead of billing later in the process. If you have any questions about this let the office know and I can also send a copy of the new form to anyone who is interested.

We are in the process of updating our **AWG product sales** portion of the website. If you are want set the size or color information for clothing items you have to add the item to your cart and go to checkout before you can select this information. At this time we are not able to change this so be patient and keep moving towards the checkout area to specify the things you need. There are a lot of great items with the fantastic new logo so I highly recommend you take a look and if there is something else you would like to see available please let us know.

The office has been getting a lot of inquiries about starting up **Student Chapters**. We added a section to our chapter documents to outline how to go about establishing student chapters. Our first student chapter implemented is the Cowgirl Chapter at Oklahoma State. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a student chapter please contact me for more information. We are in the process of getting our documentation out on the website updated to reflect some of these changes.

Check out our new job board – Job Target

With the help of many, AWG has expanded its career services! In addition to Job Web, which remains mostly academic, we now have Job Target. Through Job Target, AWG members can locate job postings pertinent to whatever sector of the geosciences they're looking for.

Check out this link: http://www.jobtarget.com/home/index.cfm?site_id=12051. You can get there from the AWG homepage by clicking on one of the icons on the right hand side, or by clicking "Looking for a Job" on the main banner at the top of the homepage. You can post your resume and view job listings – free of charge!

If you have any questions about the information in this article give me a shout at secretary@awg.org or contact the office at office@awg.org.

AWG Officer Candidates for 2011 Election

Sara Welna

I want to thank all of our excellent candidates for volunteering to run in the AWG 2011 elections. Serving on the AWG Board of Directors is a great opportunity to network, gain valuable skills and serve the organization at the national level! Ballots will be sent out electronically in July (by snail mail for those of you without email.) Election results will be tabulated and reported in the July/August issue of Gaea. All terms begin on **October 1, 2011**.

Sara Welna
President - 2011

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Anna M. Cruse has a B.S. (1994) and M.S. (1997) in Geological Sciences from the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. in Marine Geochemistry (2003) from the MIT/WHOI Joint Program. She was a Mendenhall Postdoctoral Fellow with the United States Geological Survey Central Energy Team from 2002-2005. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Boone Pickens School of Geology at Oklahoma State University. She is a sedimentary geochemist, with a particular focus on metal-organic interactions and paleoenvironmental reconstruction. She teaches a wide range of classes, ranging from introductory environmental geology for non-science majors to graduate-level organic geochemistry. Her students are conducting research in Botswana, Kansas and the Texas Gulf Coast. During graduate school, she served as the student representative on the WHOI Women's Committee, and on the WHOI Committee on Work and Family Life. At OSU, she serves as the faculty advisor to the Cowgirl Chapter, the first AWG student chapter. She and her students conduct several outreach activities with local K-5 elementary schools throughout the year. She is currently Chair of the OSU College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, and is in her second year as Secretary/Treasurer of the GSA South-Central Section. She is also a member of the Tulsa Geological Society. She and her husband have two daughters, so she has a very personal interest in encouraging and supporting young women to enter STEM fields—and the geosciences in particular.

EDITOR

Monica E. Ramirez has promoted vision and leadership to geoscience programs in the United States, Germany and Brazil for the past twenty years both as a professor and an administrator at the postsecondary level. She currently serves as Academic Dean at Broward College, Florida. Prior to joining Broward College, Monica was science department chairperson of the Math, Natural and Applied Sciences Division at Aims College in Colorado and associate professor at Colorado State University-Pueblo. She developed two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants which were awarded in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) part of which were the development and implementation of a two-year technical GIS/GPS certificate program and the first to be approved by the State of Colorado. Selected current and former accomplishments include National Science Foundation merit reviewer, Vice President of the Pueblo Greenway and Nature Center, Colorado, Stormwater Board Appointee Greeley, Colorado, Community College State Representative for Geology, Colorado Community College System, nominee for the Florida Governor's Award in Environmental Education. She also served as the editor for the National Earth Science Teachers Association Earth Scientist Journal, language editor for Versita, Central European Science Publishers.

She holds a doctorate in instructional technology from the University of Wyoming in which she investigated the implementation of instructional processes and the examination of asynchronous complex geoscience communications. She received both her B.A. degree (English and geoscience) and her M.S. degree (geoscience) from the University of Munich (LMU), Germany, in which she conducted a comparative study of groundwater fluctuations in the Danube Region and Pockinger Marshes of Germany.

NORTHEAST REGION

Northeast 2 Delegate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Kateryna Klochko is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Geophysical Lab (Carnegie Institution of Washington). She is working with Robert Hazen and Dimitri Sverjensky on understanding surface interactions between organic and inorganic molecules and mineral surfaces. Kateryna grew up in the Ukraine, and attended Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. There she studied the environmental impact of mining at a gold mining project in Baia Mare, Romania. She received her MSc from the University of Rochester, where she worked on a project addressing issues related to Mo isotopes under the direction of Ariel Anbar. Kateryna came to Geology Department at the University of Maryland in 2003, where she worked on her PhD with Jay Kaufman and Jack Tossell on three topics related to boron in geologic systems. One component of her work is to evaluate the use of boron isotopes in marine carbonates as tracers of paleo-pH in seawater (with Steve Shirey and Tim Mock at Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington. Second, along with Jack Tossell (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and Bob Byrne (Marine Sciences, University of South Florida) she developed a procedure to experimentally determine the boron isotope equilibrium constant in seawater, a significant advance. The third aspect of her work was to evaluate boron speciation (i.e. boric acid versus borate) in seawater. Those measurements are being performed using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), under the direction of George Cody of the Geophysical Laboratory at the Carnegie Institution of Washington. In 2010, Kateryna has received Subaru Outstanding Woman in Science Award from Geological Society of America.

Northeast 2 Alternate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Sara Pruss graduated from the University of Rochester in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Bio-Geo. She went on to attend the University of Southern California where she received her Master's Degree (2001) and PhD (2004) in paleontology. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University (2004-2007) and joined the faculty of Smith College as an Assistant Professor in Fall 2007. Sara studies paleontology and sedimentology and has worked on topics ranging from the end-Permian mass extinction to "Snowball Earth". She has published 19 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters since 2004.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

North Central Delegate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Donna Jurdy has been a member of AWG since the mid 80's, served on AWGF Board 89-92, was awarded AWG's Distinguished Service Award for her work in setting up the Speakers Bureau and getting funding for it. She's also served on the Chrysalis scholarship committee. Donna regularly serves on NSF, NASA, EPA panels. Her current research concentrates in planetary studies. Donna is a professor at Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois, where she's also been department chair.

North Central Alternate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Lisa Tranel received her B.A. in Geology from Lawrence University, M.S. in Geology at the University of Illinois and Ph.D. in Geology from Virginia Tech. She is presently an Assistant Professor at Illinois State University. Her research interests include using geochronology to study landscape evolution and tectonic geomorphology.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

South Central Delegate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Aimee Scheffer is currently a Ph.D candidate at the University of Kansas studying Geomicrobiology. Her dissertation research is evaluating changes in reservoir properties as a result of Geologic Carbon Capture and Storage (GCCS). She received a B.S. in Geology from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2002 and a M.S. in Geology from the University of Arkansas in 2005. While at Arkansas, she studied fluvial geomorphology of the region near the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. She then spent five years as a geologist in the oil and gas pipeline industry applying a susceptibility model to prevent catastrophic pipeline failures. Aimee has been involved with AWG for 8 years but became more involved with the organization since joining the geology department at the University of Kansas where she was a recipient of the AWG Chevron Scholarship. Aimee currently serves as Secretary for the AWG Osage Chapter.

South Central Alternate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

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PACIFIC REGION

Pacific 2 Delegate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Patricia Ann Cooper is currently the Dean of Graduate Division at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has her M.S. and Ph.D. in Geology & Geophysics from the University of Hawaii and B.A. in Geology from Rutgers University. Dr. Cooper is an active member of numerous professional societies including the American Geophysical Union, Geological Society of America, Seismological Society of America, Society of Exploration Geophysicists, Association for Women Geoscientists, Hawaii Academy of Science, and Women Leaders in Higher Education. Dr. Cooper has taught courses in Geology and Geophysics, Seismology, and Ethics in Scientific Research. Her research specialty is field seismology and core-log-seismic integration. Dr. Cooper has served as Pacific Delegate for the AWG Board of Directors.

Pacific 2 Alternate (Three-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2014)

Stefano Mazzoni grew up in a big Italian family full of scientists and strong-willed women; therefore, the importance of women in the sciences was ingrained in him at young age. Through his undergrad (BS 2000) and graduate (MS 2002) studies in Earth Science at UC Santa Cruz, he was aware of AWG but never got involved given the relatively high percentage of women in the students and faculty. Upon arriving at ExxonMobil, however, he saw a critical need to get involved with AWG and was part of the team who revitalized the Lone Star Chapter, serving as VP from 2003 to 2005. After leaving ExxonMobil to join Occidental Petroleum in 2006 and moved to California in 2008, he has continued his involvement with AWG as a Pacific Alternate Delegate. His future plans are to work on energizing the AWG community in Central and Southern California.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (One-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012)

Nicole Paizis grew up in Brooklyn, New York; her love for geology started from a very young age. She took advantage of every moment outside exploring for new rock specimens, mostly consisting of pebbles and beach glass from the Hudson Bay. In grade school, she moved to Jenks, Oklahoma, where she and her father joined Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society. She was amazed by this fascinating new world to which she was exposed and could not wait to start her journey to become a geologist. Nicole recently completed her junior year at Oklahoma State University after transferring from The College of William and Mary in Virginia. Her mentor, Dr. Eliot Atekwana gave her the opportunity to work in his geochemistry lab, along with the opportunity to conduct international undergraduate research in Botswana, Africa for two summers.

At Oklahoma State University, Nicole is currently the president for the student chapter of Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG), has been the past secretary and current treasurer for American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) chapter, the current secretary of Oklahoma State Geological Society (OSUGS) and is involved with the Society for Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) chapter. After graduation from Oklahoma State University, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue a Masters Degree in Geology.

ALTERNATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (One-year term from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012)

Brandy Michael this spring completed her undergraduate geology course work at Oklahoma State University. This fall she will begin her graduate program in Oklahoma State's seismology lab under Dr. Priyank Jaiswal. Her under-graduate research project for Chesapeake Energy Corporation over specific seismic acquisition in India is being completed with the intention of presentation at their national meeting this fall. This previous academic year, Brandy actively worked as treasurer for both student chapters, Association for Women Geoscientists and Society of Exploration Geophysicists. She currently commutes from Tulsa to attend school in Stillwater. Brandy transferred to Oklahoma State University, Fall 2009. Brandy worked and attended school part-time in Tulsa while her husband completed his degree in Pharmacy. She is now a full-time student passionately pursuing a graduate degree in geophysics while caring for her husband and daughter. Her other interests are running, spin class, and spending time with friends and family.

Girl Scout Update

The following information is provided by our AWG Girl Scout Liaison Elli Goeke

Below is some information provided by our AWG Girl Scout Liaison. Girl Scouts are cutting some initiatives and programs due to lack of support and changing the focus of the overall program to better fit where they think the organization should be headed. As part of that, some badges are being removed, reworked, etc and this includes the Rocks Rock badge. Individual councils will be allowed greater latitude in the new system to develop appropriate badges for their local area (which is probably good for the local AWG groups that have worked on items like caving badges, but doesn't solve the national issue). AWG will be in a better place to negotiate down the line if we form a strategic alliance with GSUSA and pledge specific support towards involving girls in geoscience-related activities.

AWG will be hosting a booth at the fall National Girl Scout Convention in Houston, Texas from 10-13 November 2011. The majority of the changes will occur in September and October. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to email, mail or call me.

National Girl Scout Convention

AWG will be hosting a booth at the fall National Girl Scout Convention in Houston, Texas from 10-13 November 2011. I'll be looking for AWG - Girl Scout activities to highlight, so if you've worked with an individual troop, a local service unit, had your undergraduates conduct a badge workshop, or run a booth at a career fair for a council-wide event, please send me a short summary and pictures (if available). I will also be looking for local members in the Houston area to help man the booth. In addition, Girl Scouts are changing their program and I will be looking for help to evaluate the ways that girls, troops, and councils can get involved in geoscience-related activities under the new guidelines. I expect that the majority of this work will occur in September and October. I'd like to have a good chunk of this work done by the National Convention to hand out for the visiting girls & leaders.

Elli Goeke
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AIPG-AIH National 2011 Conference

AWG members are invited to attend the AIPG (American Institute of Professional Geologists) 2011 National Conference in Bloomingdale, Illinois at AIPG member prices. The conference theme is: **“Geosciences: The Road to a Sustainable Future”** and will be held September 10-13, 2011. The four day conference includes technical presentations, nationally recognized keynote speakers, workshops, field trips, poster sessions and an exhibit hall. The AIPG 2011 National Conference information and registration forms can be accessed at this link - <http://www.aipg.org/2011/AIPG-AIH.htm>. When registering online, use coupon code AWG in the box that asks “Do you have any coupons?”. The AWG Breakfast with Speaker is scheduled for Monday, September 12 from 7:00 am to 9:am; don’t forget to register for this event.

AWG Awards for Professional Excellence

AWG is announcing three new annual awards. These awards will go to women who, throughout their careers, have made distinguished contributions in each of the three following professional areas: government/regulatory, private industry/consulting and academia/research. Nominations will be solicited from the AWG membership at large. Professional excellence is broadly defined, and may include accomplishments such as:

- Breadth and depth of professional accomplishments
- Mentoring of other geoscience professionals
- Outreach and service activities
- Membership in professional societies

Nominees need not be members of AWG and those without memberships will receive an honorary membership with their award. Recognition will be made at the GSA Annual Meeting, in the winter GAEA and online e-news. The 2011 nominees will be announced at the AWG Breakfast & Awards Ceremony at the GSA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Minneapolis, Minnesota October 10, 2011.

For nominations, please send the following items below as electronic files (.pdf preferred) to: **office@awg.org** or mail to: Association for Women Geoscientists, 12000 N. Washington St., Suite 285, Thornton, Colorado 80241.

1. Send a one to two page letter summarizing the nominee’s most important accomplishments in professional areas that demonstrates multidisciplinary geologic accomplishments within their realm of expertise
2. The nominee’s CV
3. Two letters of support, which can be from non-members of AWG, with a maximum of five letters
4. Specify which of the three awards you are applying for

Nomination deadline: September 15, 2011

Decision: Oct 1, 2011

AWG Sand and Takken Student Research Presentation Travel Awards

Application Deadline: August 15

The Sand Student Research Presentation Travel Award provides women geoscience students with support to present their research at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America including but not exclusive to sessions sponsored by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers.

The Takken Student Research Presentation Travel Award provides women geoscience students with support to present their research at a national or international professional geoscience meeting other than the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America.

More information and instructions on how to apply
are available on the AWG website at:

<http://www.awg.org/EAS/awards/sand.html>

and

<http://www.awg.org/EAS/awards/takken.html>

Check out the AWG products at: www.awg.org/Products/index.html

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AWG Pens - \$1.75

AWG Lapel Pins - \$4.00.



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www.awg.org/Products/index.html

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Orders take approximately 2-3 weeks for delivery.

*All proceeds go directly to sustain
AWG programs.*

AWG National/Chapter/Member News

National News

- July 23 to 30 - AWG 2011 Field Trip to Southern Cascades
- September 12 - AWG/AIPG Breakfast at the AIPG Annual Meeting in Bloomingdale, IL
- September 20 to 21 - Geosciences Congressional Visits Day
- September 23 - AWG/AEG Breakfast at the AEG Annual Meeting in Anchorage, AK
- October 9 to 12 - GSA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Minneapolis, MN
 - AWG Breakfast and Awards Ceremony, Monday October 10 at 6:30 AM
 - Women in Geology Mentor Event, Sunday October 9 at 5:00 PM
 - AWG Issues Facing Women Chairs, Deans and Other Academic Leaders - date/time TBD
 - Association for Women Geoscientists Booth Display, exhibit hall, Sunday October 9 to Wednesday October 12
- December 5-9 AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco, CA where the AWG booth will be displayed

Chapter News

- Pacific Northwest Chapter - <http://www.awg-ps.org>
- Salt Lake Chapter current events - <http://www.awg.org/Members/sl.html>
- San Francisco Bay Area current events - <http://www.awg.org/Members/chapters.html>
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Assistant/Associate Professor in Tectonophysics
Department of Geology and Geophysics
University of Utah**

The Department of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Utah seeks applicants for a tenure track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in Tectonophysics. Scientists from all subdisciplines of tectonophysics are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to candidates with research interests that complement existing geophysical strengths in the department. These include seismic imaging of Earth's deep interior, earthquake seismology and hazard assessment as carried out by the University of Utah Seismograph Stations, active source seismology, electromagnetic studies of Earth's interior, and tectonics.

The successful candidate must be committed to excellence in geophysics teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and should have either the proven ability or potential to attract external funds and to build an internationally recognized research program involving students and post-docs. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in geophysics, or a closely related discipline.

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