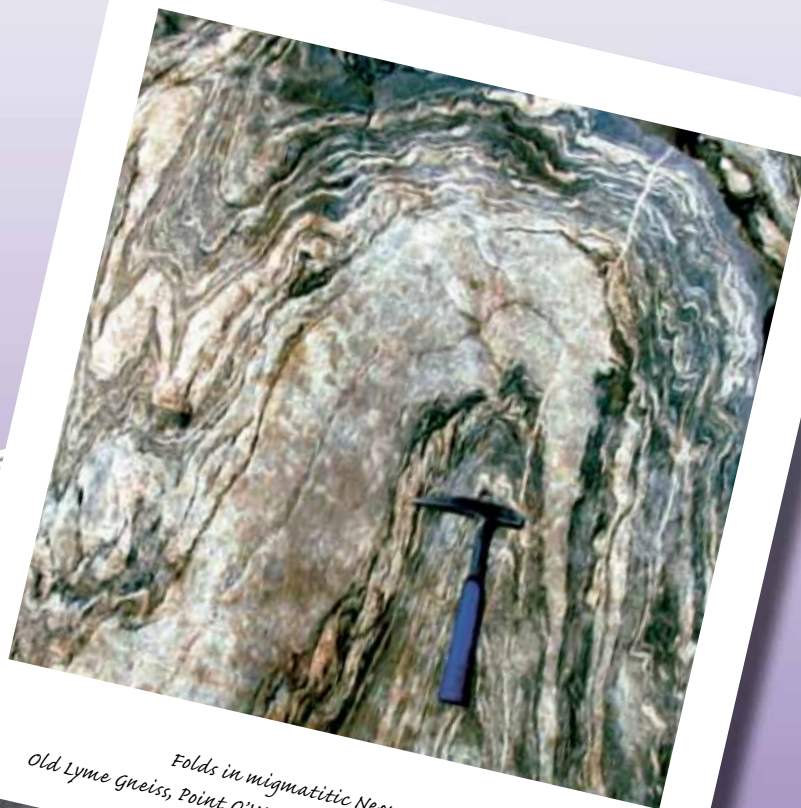
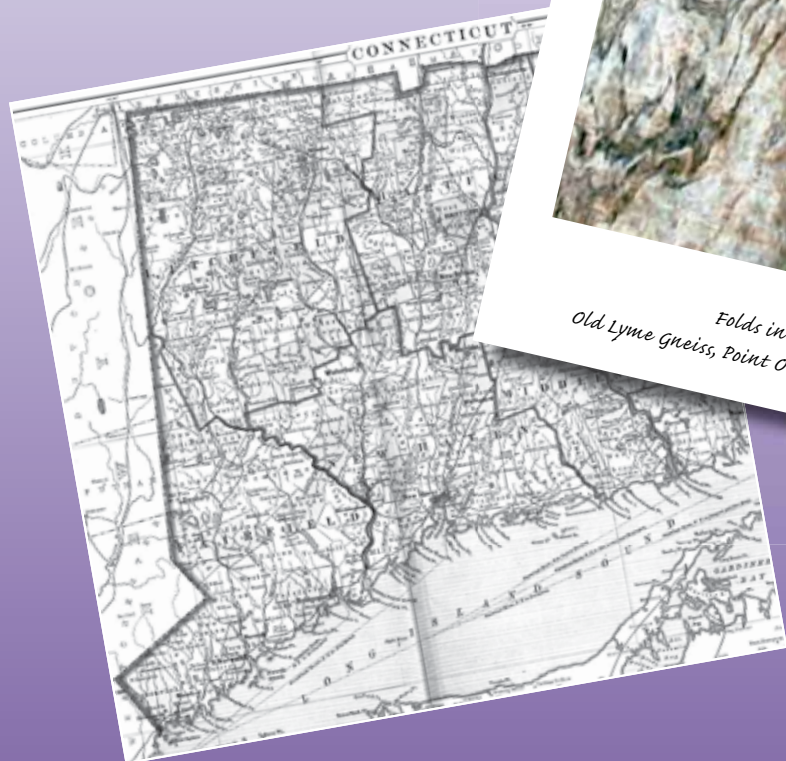


# NORTHEASTERN

47th Annual Meeting of the  
Northeastern Section, GSA  
Hartford, Connecticut, USA  
18–20 March 2012



*Folds in migmatitic Neoproterozoic  
Old Lyme Gneiss, Point O'Woods, Old Lyme, CT. Photo by Greg Walsh.*

*200 Years of Geology in the Northeast*

Hartford is one of the oldest cities in the United States and is in the final stages of a development project that has revitalized the downtown and renewed the city's connection to the Connecticut River. The city is built on Mesozoic rocks of the Hartford rift basin and is a short drive from Long Island Sound, metamorphic rocks of the eastern and western uplands, and sediments of Glacial Lake Hitchcock. The meeting will be held at the Hartford Marriott Downtown, which opened in 2005 and is in walking distance of parks along the Connecticut River, the Connecticut Science Center, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, and a wide range of restaurants and eateries.

## REGISTRATION

**Early registration deadline:** 13 Feb. 2012

**Cancellation deadline:** 21 Feb. 2012

Register at [www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/](http://www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/).

## REGISTRATION FEES (all fees are in U.S. dollars)

	EARLY		STANDARD	
	Full Mtg.	One Day	Full Mtg.	One Day
Professional Member	\$170	\$120	\$200	\$140
Professional Member 70+	\$100	\$80	\$130	\$100
Professional Nonmember	\$190	\$140	\$220	\$170
Student Member	\$55	\$45	\$75	\$65
Student Nonmember	\$65	\$55	\$85	\$75
K–12 Professional	\$65	\$50	\$75	\$60
Guest or Spouse	\$40	\$30	\$40	\$30
Field Trip/Workshop Only	n/a	\$30	n/a	\$30



Stone wall, Farmington, CT. Photo by Robert Thorson.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Hotel reservation deadline:** 24 Feb. 2012

The NE-GSA meeting rate at the **Hartford Marriott Downtown** (200 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103, USA) is \$129/night + tax (incl. free Wi-Fi). Reserve using the dedicated NE-GSA website/ phone numbers: [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=3421743](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3421743); +1-800-266-9432; +1-506-474-2009. Reservations made via the main hotel website or direct phone number will not fall under the NE-GSA room block discount.

## TECHNICAL PROGRAM

View the technical sessions and symposia online at [www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/techprog.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/techprog.htm).

## FIELD TRIPS

All trips will take place on Saturday, 17 March. Learn more at [www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/fieldTrips.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/fieldTrips.htm).

1. **Were Early Jurassic Dinosaurs Gregarious? Reexamining the Evidence from Dinosaur Footprint Reservation in Holyoke, Massachusetts.** US\$80; includes transportation, lunch, and field guide.
2. **In the Footsteps of Dinosaurs: A Guided Tour of Dinosaur State Park for K–16 Educators.** *Cosponsored by NAGT.* Cost: US\$15; includes transportation, admission to Dinosaur State Park, and materials.
3. **The Hartford Basin from the Hanging Hills to the Sound.** US\$80; includes transportation, lunch, and field guide.
4. **Tying the Tales of Two Basins: Relation of Temperature-Time Paths in the Bronson Hill Terrane to the Narragansett and Hartford Basins.** Cost: US\$80; includes transportation, lunch, and field guide.
5. **Unraveling Alleghanian Orogenesis in Southern Connecticut: The History of the Lyme Dome.** US\$80; includes transportation, lunch, and field guide.
6. **The Geology of Walden Pond.** US\$80; includes transportation, lunch, and field guide.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Find information about these and other events at [www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/events.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/events.htm).

**Welcoming Reception:** Sat., 17 March, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Exhibits will be open. Cash bar.

**Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) Networking Breakfast:** Sun., 18 March, 6:30–8 a.m. All are welcome. Professionals: US\$24; Students: US\$9.

**National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) New England and Eastern Sections Luncheon:** Sun., 18 March, noon–1:30 p.m. US\$20.

**Plenary Session: Panel Discussion on Careers in Geoscience:** Sun., 18 March, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**EarthScope Information Session:** Sun., 18 March, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
Cash bar.

**Joint Eastern Section of the Society for Sedimentary Geology (ES-SEPM) and Paleontological Society Reception:** Sun., 18 March, 6:30–7 p.m. Refreshments & cash bar.

**Eastern Section of the Society for Sedimentary Geology (ES-SEPM) Keynote Address:** Sun., 18 March, 7–8 p.m.  
Refreshments & cash bar. Speaker: Christopher R. Fielding.

**Paleontological Society Reception:** Sun., 18 March, 7–8 p.m.  
Refreshments & cash bar.

**NE-GSA Map Blast XIV:** Sun., 18 March, 7:30–9:30 p.m. Cash bar.

**Information Session on the Transforming Undergraduate Education in STEM (TUES) Program, NSF Division of Undergraduate Education:** Mon., 19 March, noon–1 p.m.  
Light refreshments.

**GSA Town Hall Meeting:** Mon., 19 March, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Cash bar.  
All meeting attendees are invited to this event to discuss the Society's future.

**Pre-Banquet Reception:** Mon., 19 March, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Cash bar.

**Meeting Banquet:** Mon., 19 March, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Professionals: US\$39; students: US\$19.

**Banquet Address:** Mon., 19 March, 7:30–8:30 p.m. Free.  
Speaker: Daniel C. Esty.



*Hartford riverfront.*

*Photo courtesy of the Greater Hartford Convention & Visitors Bureau.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

### Mentor Luncheons

*Cosponsored by GSA Foundation.*

Learn more at [www.geosociety.org/mentors/](http://www.geosociety.org/mentors/) or contact Jennifer Nocerino, [jnocerino@geosociety.org](mailto:jnocerino@geosociety.org).

• **Sun. & Mon., 18 & 19 March: Roy J. Shlemon Mentor Program in Applied Geoscience.** Students will have the opportunity to discuss career prospects and challenges with professional geoscientists from multiple disciplines over a FREE lunch.

• **Tues., 20 March: John Mann Mentors in Applied Hydrogeology Program.** Students interested in applied hydrogeology or hydrology as a career will have the opportunity to network with professionals in these fields over a FREE lunch.

**Travel Grants:** [www.geosociety.org/grants/negrant.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/grants/negrant.htm)  
(application deadline: 13 Feb. 2012).

**Volunteer & Save on Registration:** [www.geosociety.org/sections/ne/2012mtg/students.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/sections/ne/2012mtg/students.htm).

**Share a Room/Share a Ride:** Use the GSA Meetings Bulletin Board to connect with colleagues & friends, to find roommates & rides, and to arrange get-togethers. The service is free, but you must sign in to use it. Log on at <http://rock.geosociety.org/forumstudenttravel/>.



*Typical New England brook in western uplands, Sherman, CT.*

*Photo by Robert Thorson.*



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*Boudins in metaigneous rocks of the Middletown Complex  
in the Bronson Hill terrane, Tolland, CT. Photo by Tim Byrne.*