



*Speaking of Geoscience*TM

Did you know that GSA has a guest blog? *Speaking of Geoscience*TM is a platform for giving voice to GSA members and friends in support of the society's global mission. As originally conceived by the eGSA Committee*, *Speaking of Geoscience* is intended to be another voice in the 'geoblogosphere', informing and sharing knowledge of what geology is and what geologists do. Former Chair of the eGSA Committee Jerry DeGraff adds, "as others have noted, the greater specialized knowledge needed to be an effective geologic practitioner tends to narrow our focus and make us less aware of developments occurring in other parts of our science. It is hoped that *Speaking of Geoscience* becomes another force in countering this tendency and engages all of us in the science as a whole."

Speaking of Geoscience is a venue for those in the geoscience community who do not already frequently blog to share ideas and information, ask questions, and dissect issues across a broad range of earth science topics including:

Careers - guest contributors help in revealing some of the unique and wondrous aspects of our profession, as well as providing career-relevant information for students and early-career professionals.

Education – contributors share educational opportunities and experiences that illustrate what motivates and attracts people to our science, as well as discussions regarding education policy and pedagogy.

Fieldwork – Geology is a truly hands-on science, where being in the field is an expected and enjoyable component. *Speaking of Geoscience* contributors share field experiences, exploring not only new scientific concepts and understandings, but also reflecting on the interesting places and situations in which they find themselves.

History of Geology – as the GSA History and Philosophy of Geology Division notes, "knowing where we've come from is part of knowing where we're going." In keeping with this sentiment, *Speaking of Geoscience* has featured "evergreen" content about GSA's founders and their impact on the development of the geological sciences.

GSA International – we are part of a global community, and *Speaking of Geoscience* frequently features dispatches from GSA's international lecturers, from field trips, Penrose Conferences, as well as discussions around global geoscience hot topics, meetings, and GSA International's activities.

Public Policy – guest contributors and GSA's Science Policy Fellow keep *Speaking of Geoscience* readers up to date on issues pertaining to international, national, and regional science

policy, highlighting how the geoscience community is engaged with leaders and policy makers to address important societal issues.

New content is added to *Speaking of Geoscience* on a more or less monthly basis. If you aren't following the blog, we invite you to visit <https://speakingofgeoscience.org/> and add your comments to the discussion. If you would like to contribute as a GSA guest blogger, please contact communications@geosociety.org. Please note that information and opinions presented by *Speaking of Geoscience* guest bloggers do not necessarily represent official positions of GSA. Self-promotional content that includes links to other products and services will not be posted.

* The eGSA Committee was a former standing committee of The Geological Society of America. Its purpose was to examine the realm of electronic communications and advise Council about ways to enhance them in the service of GSA's mission.