

From GSA Student Representative to Professional: The Importance of Being Proactive in Our Society

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About the Webinar

This interactive webinar will provide current Geological Society of America (GSA) student members the opportunity to learn about how to become more involved with GSA. Why get involved with GSA? By interacting with different Divisions, you are increasing your network, which could be crucial in your current academic life and possibly lead to employment opportunities. More important: By being more active in our Society, we can do our part in helping the advancement of geosciences in America. In this webinar, the speakers will provide information about all the different opportunities that GSA has for you, and they will share their experiences as active GSA members and the benefits that followed.

About the Presenters



Tyler King is a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the Idaho Water Science Center. He has a Ph.D. in environmental engineering, a master's in hydrology, and a bachelors in environmental science. He has been involved with leadership at the Geological Society of America as a student representative to the Hydrogeology Division Management Board and as chair of the Student Advisory Council. His research at the Geological Survey focuses on surface-water resources and ranges from evaluating century-old stream-flow measurement techniques to incorporating satellite-based remote sensing in the water resource management. In this webinar, Tyler will present some of his ongoing research, share some practical advice for early career professionals, and provide an overview of opportunities for students to become involved with the U.S. Geological Survey.



Nicole Aikin is a staff geologist at TRC Environmental Corporation, an environmental engineering, consulting, and construction management firm in Concord, California. Her technical environmental consulting experience focuses on geologic and hydrogeologic characterization, risk management, and remediation projects for public, private, and government sector clients. Nicole earned a B.S. in earth sciences from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2019, where she worked as an independent research assistant with the Earth Research Institute, reporting the first U/Pb and in-situ Lu/Hf ratios measured by Nu-Plasma HR-LASSMC-ICPMS for crystalline basement granitoids from the Ohio Range in the southern Transantarctic Mountains. She attended the GSA 2019 Annual Meeting in Phoenix thanks to GSA's On To the Future (OTF) program, and this mentorship allowed her to facilitate a dialogue between OTF and the Geochronology Division Management Board. In this webinar, Nicole will share how she got involved with GSA and created the GSA Geochronology Division Diversity Coordinator position.



Tahlia Bear is GSA's Diversity and Career Officer and is responsible for career and diversity initiatives, including the development and operation of strategies that strengthen opportunities for participation of diverse groups in the geosciences. She also works to enhance career opportunities and career skills of students and young professionals. Tahlia has a master's degree in Education and Human Development from the George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from University of Colorado, Boulder. Tahlia will share different opportunities for students to be proactive in our society.

