Assistant Professors
Tandis Bidgolli (University of Kansas, 2014)
  Structural geology and thermochronology
John W. Huntley (Virginia Tech, 2007)
  Paleontology and paleoecology

Associate Professors
Francisco G. Gomez (Cornell University, 1999)
  Paleoseismology and neotectonics
James D. Schiffbauer (Virginia Tech, 2009)
  Paleontology and geochemistry

Professors
Martin S. Appold (Johns Hopkins University, 1998)
  Hydrogeology
Mian Liu (University of Arizona, 1989)
  Geophysics
Kenneth G. MacLeod (University of Washington, 1992)
  Paleontology and biogeochemistry
Peter I. Nabelek (SUNY, Stony Brook, 1983)
  Trace-element geochemistry
Eric A. Sandvol (New Mexico State University, 1995)
  Seismotectonics
Kevin L. Shelton (Yale University, 1982)
  Economic geology
Alan G. Whittington (Open University, 1997)
  Volcanology and crustal petrology

Director of Field Studies
Miriam Barquero-Molina (University of Texas, 2009)
  Field methods

Professors Emeriti
Robert L. Bauer (University of Minnesota, 1982)
  Precambrian geology
Raymond L. Ethington (University of Iowa, 1958)
  Conodont biostratigraphy
Thomas J. Freeman (University of Texas, 1962)
  Carbonate petrology
Glen R. Himmelberg (University of Minnesota, 1965)
  Chemical petrology
Cheryl A. Kelley (University of North Carolina, 1993)
  Aquatic geochemistry
Michael B. Underwood (Cornell University, 1983)
  Sedimentology

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On the cover: From left, Charlie Miles, David Nymberg, Ryan Yohler and Mikaela Ruga are all smiles following their graduation during the spring, 2018 semester. Congrats to all for receiving your master’s degree!
From Our Department Chair . . .

Dear Friends,

It’s been another busy and productive year for MU Geological Sciences. I distinguish the two, because we all know they are not synonymous, but our students, faculty and staff are really doing a phenomenal job, and getting plenty of recognition for it. I will start with an incomplete list of some of the higher profile awards received by members of the department in 2018.

It’s no secret that our department excels in research, but this last year has seen unprecedented recognition for our two most recent paleontology hires. Jim Schiffbauer received the President’s Early Career Faculty Award for Excellence. This was presented by Dr. Mun Choi, the UM System President, who surprised Jim while he was teaching an introductory class in Keller auditorium. Dr. Choi was impressed that we have our research stars teaching General Education classes, and was intrigued to learn about MU’s branch campus out in Sinks Canyon, Wyoming. Jim was also promoted to Associate Professor this year – congratulations! John Huntley received the Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award, the second time in three years it has gone to Geological Sciences.

The department is also very proud of its long history of teaching excellence, and this year Miriam Barquero-Molina received the Chancellor’s Excellence Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty. Nominations for this award come from students, and everyone who has taken a class from Miriam or worked with her knows that she was a very deserving recipient. She has transformed Field Camp and Sedimentology (now including Stratigraphy!), and recently began the same process with Structural Geology. Our faculty are not only great teachers, they are also strong mentors, and this year Peter Nabelek received a College of Arts and Science Blue Chalk award for academic advising.

Arianna Soldati received the Abell Science Education Award from the MU Office of Graduate Studies. This is the second consecutive year that this award has gone to a graduate student in Geological Sciences, reflecting the quality of our graduate instructors as well as the faculty. Arianna has been a passionate advocate and practitioner of science outreach, connecting what we do in our basement laboratories at MU with people all over Missouri. Last year she founded the “Science on Wheels” program, which takes MU graduate students around the state to talk about science and its applications. While at MU, Arianna was a National Geographic Young Explorer, and contributed to a new National Geographic book for kids “Absolute Expert: Volcanoes”. Arianna received her doctorate in May and is now a Humboldt postdoctoral fellow at Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany.

The department recently submitted its 5-year report and strategic plan. Highlights include the multiple honors and awards received by our faculty, their level of external funding, the number of high-profile publications our faculty and students are authoring, and the high rate at which our graduates are finding employment in the geosciences. We also identified three major challenges: (i) maintaining three strong research groups, through faculty retention and hiring, (ii) recruiting undergraduate majors, and (iii) maintaining the size and strength of the graduate program, especially the PhD program. Essentially the message is that we have great people in the department, but we must continue to recruit more, even in times of diminishing resources.

In that vein, we are very pleased to have welcomed Tandis Bidgoli to the faculty this fall. Tandis has several years of industry experience, working for ExxonMobil, but returned to academia and now studies denudation, structural geology and tectonics in the western US, as well as injection-induced seismicity in Kansas and Oklahoma. We are also excited to welcome a second Preparing Future Faculty postdoc, Hector Lamadrid (PhD from Virginia Tech, then a postdoc at the University of Toronto). Hector is an experimental geochemist who uses fluid inclusions as tiny reaction vessels to study serpentinization and other hydrothermal reactions. With Sarah Jacquet joining us in fall 2017, this means that Geological Sciences has two of the nine PFF postdocs that have been supported campus-wide for the first two years of this program. This is great for our campus visibility and emphasizes the international reputation of our research programs.

To continue the momentum we have established, the Development Board just launched the “Geology Alumni Endowment Fund”, with a goal of reaching
$1 million in the corpus, at which point this will become the "Geology Alumni Endowed Professorship". The aim is to provide research support for recruiting and retaining additional outstanding junior faculty. A major use of the fund will be to provide support for graduate research assistants, to help new faculty hit the ground running with their research programs, so this fund will directly benefit students as well as faculty. If you would like to support this initiative, please mark “New Geology Alumni Endowment Fund” on the check and envelope. You can also give online at http://www.giving.missouri.edu

We are planning an Alumni Reunion in the department on May 10-11, 2019, to coincide with the spring meeting of the Development Board. We will have oral and poster presentations by students, as well as an “open house” for informal discussions with students and faculty, on Friday and Saturday. We hope as many alumni as possible can make the visit, whether for one day or two. If you know any teenagers who might be interested in pursuing a degree in geology, please bring them too!

We are all very grateful to the alumni and friends who have provided the support to make the department’s success possible. Please keep us informed of your activities, and please “like” us on Facebook at “MU Geology” and “MU Geology Field Camp” to get more frequent updates on our activities.

Sincerely,

Alan G. Whittington
Chair and E.B. Branson Professor

On the left Alan Whittington and Truman the Tiger share a picture together before an alumni event in Kansas City in August, 2018. On the right Tammy Bedford (left), Truman the Tiger (middle of course!), and Marsha Huckabay (right) enjoy Staff Week on Lowry Mall where they played all sorts of fun games, Tammy was a finalist for one of the Chancellor’s Outstanding Staff Awards, and she and Marsha went to a reception at the Chancellor’s house during that week following the ceremony.
Faculty News
(In their own words)

Martin Appold enjoyed a full year of activity during 2017-18. Master’s student, Riaz Khan, completed his thesis on reactive transport modeling of CO2 injected into saline formation water in the Farnsworth, Texas hydrocarbon field. Doctoral student, Sarah Smith, expanded her work on characterizing the fluorine content of Mississippi Valley-type ore forming fluids through SEM-EDS analysis of fluid inclusions, and quantifying the partitioning of Zn between dolomite and hydrothermal fluid through laboratory experiments. Master's student, Grace Allison, arrived in January and began working on a fluid inclusion study of the Lemhi Pass (Idaho-Montana) rare Earth element and thorium district. Undergraduate student, Emmy Glastetter, continued her research project determining sulfur content in fluid inclusions from the Illinois-Kentucky fluorite district. Martin expanded his ongoing research in reactive transport modeling of CO2 sequestration in the Farnsworth field to include interactions of petroleum with CO2 and formation water. Recent former students, Ajit Joshi and Abdelsalam Hassan, began new jobs as a research scientist at the University of Tokyo and as a geologist at Excellence Logging in Tulsa, OK, respectively. Martin began serving as the faculty advisor for Geology Club, and helped lead a field trip to the Arbuckle Mountains in Oklahoma for our department’s AAPG chapter. Martin taught three courses—Mineral and Energy Resources, Environmental Geology, and Hydrogeologic Processes, and concluded a multi-year effort of redesigning the department’s online version of Principles of Geology. He served a third year as co-editor of Hydrogeology Journal.

Miriam Barquero-Molina taught Planet Earth and an upper-level undergraduate/graduate class about the Geology of the Western United States, which included a field trip to Death Valley, Owens Valley and the Eastern Sierras over Thanksgiving break. During spring 2018 Miriam taught Sedimentology and a Themes course on tectonic plates and national parks, aptly entitled Plates and Parks. In late May Miriam headed out to Wyoming to run our geology field camp, where she was until mid-July. This fall Miriam is teaching Structural Geology and, once again, Planet Earth.

Bob Bauer is enjoying retirement. He and Karen spent much of September traveling in the Canadian Rockies, but Bob continues to work with the Campus Writing Program and continues his research in Wyoming.

Tandis Bidgoli and her students had a very busy year. Together they were involved in more than 15 presentations at various workshops and conferences, including the Geological Society of America, American Geophysical Union, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and Department of Energy. In addition to traveling to fun cities like New Orleans, Seattle, Salt Lake City, and Pittsburgh for these meetings they were active assembling their research findings into several publications. The most recent paper, published in Chemical Geology, focuses on testing the viability of conodonts, toothlike microfossils, for (U-Th)/He dating of carbonates and shales. Tandis and her doctoral student, Deserae Jennings, are looking forward to expanding on the findings of the study and collaborating with faculty at Mizzou as they advance conodont dating methods. Wei Wang, a visiting scholar from the China University of Geosciences in Wuhan, who worked with Tandis on his doctoral degree, successfully defended his dissertation and graduated over the summer. He will be returning to the U.S. in October and to join Tandis’ new research group at Mizzou as a post-doctoral scholar. Wei will expand on research started during his doctorate focused on using detrital zircon geo- and thermochronology to constrain Late Mississippian-Early Pennsylvanian sediment transport and tectonics in southwestern Kansas and northwestern Arkansas. He and Tandis will also work together on developing new projects in China and expanding collaborations with Mizzou. Three of Tandis’ master’s students, Katie Graham, Jeff Jennings, and Andrew Hollenbach, have been busy finalizing their research and are slated to defend their theses this fall. Katie’s research is focused on double dating of Eocene forearc and trench-slope sandstones in California to understand the exhumation history of potential source regions, while Jeff and Andrew are focused on injection-induced earthquakes in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Paco Gomez and the neotectonics research group had another busy year. Research projects have included domestic and international research. Four graduate students completed their studies. Kelly Hickcox successfully defended his master’s thesis on the Debeque Canyon landslide in Colorado. Kelly currently works for the California Department of Water Resources. David Nymberg completed his master’s research on neotectonics in the Noble Hills near Death Valley (eastern California). Charlie Miles finished his master’s studies on the application of radar and lidar imaging to rockfall monitoring and
now works for Geomni in Boulder, Colorado. Sean Polun defended his doctoral dissertation concerning neotectonics in the central Afar region of Ethiopia; he will begin a postdoc with the USGS this fall. Current students include Kimberly Moore, who is conducting her master's thesis research on neotectonics in the Avawatz Mountains (eastern California). Undergraduate student Dan Clapp is studying rock glacier kinematics. Two master's students have joined the neotectonics research group this fall: Allison Alcott (Bachelor of Science from Cornell University) will be studying thermal signatures and hydrology of rock glaciers in Colorado, and Will Kleeman (Bachelor of Science from MU) will be studying seasonal landslide kinematics in Wyoming. In addition, Paco is hosting Dr. An Li, a visiting scientist from the Chinese Earthquake Administration. Paco taught his classes on surficial processes (fall) and neotectonics (spring) – the former included a Labor Day weekend field trip to southern Colorado, and the latter involved a Spring Break trip to southern Death Valley.

Glen Himmelberg reports that he and Marilyn are doing reasonably well.

John Huntley reports an exciting and productive year in the paleobiology group. Mikaela Ruga did a fine job completing and defending her master's thesis research. Her thesis comprised two projects: 1) a conservation paleobiology project addressing the influence of the last 1000 years of human predation on conch populations on San Salvador Island, the Bahamas, and 2) a multi-taxon bivalve sclerochemistry reconstruction of Holocene environmental conditions in the Pearl River Delta, China. The former is now in revision at the journal Paläontologische Zeitschrift and the latter manuscript is in preparation. Mikaela had the enjoyable honor of being a teaching assistant at field camp this summer and is beginning an internship as a paleontologist with the National Park Service in Anchorage, Alaska. Doctoral students Gabriel Jacobs and Ranjeev Epa are beginning their second year and making good progress with their research. Gabriel is studying the taphonomy and paleoecology of Pleistocene glaciomarine fossils from Whidbey Island, Washington state. His project will compare community structure, parasite-host associations, and predator-prey interactions between his fossil samples, fossils from other locations, and modern ecosystems. Ranjeev continues his work on Plio-Pleistocene marine fossils from Florida, wherein he too will address fundamental questions of biotic interactions and community structure during a time of significant biotic turnover. It has been a busy year for John as well, both professionally and personally. He had the good fortune to conduct fieldwork on Whidbey Island following last year's GSA meeting in Seattle as well as fieldwork on Etiadaran-Cambrian strata in Nevada in the late spring. This was quickly followed by six weeks of collaboration with colleagues in Erlangen, Germany (where he got to collect fossils from the Solnhofen Limestone) and Bologna, Italy in May and June and a conference in Xi’an, China in August. He is glad to be back in Columbia with his family and friends. Ranjeev, Gabriel, and John will all be presenting their projects on parasites in the fossil record at GSA in Indianapolis and he hopes to see many of you there.

Cheryl Kelley is enjoying the freedom of retirement, and still comes into the department and lab on a regular basis.

Mian Liu taught Plate Tectonics, Engineering Geology, and a theme class of natural hazards last year and he also worked with students and visiting scientists on continental tectonics and earthquakes. Yuxuan Chen, who entered our doctoral program a year ago, has made good progress in studying the temporal patterns of large earthquakes. His results show that large earthquakes are neither quasi-periodical nor completely random, but occur in clusters that are separated by longer intervals of seismic quiescence. He has found ways to characterize such patterns and forecast long-term seismic behaviors for various regions. Mian reported the preliminary results at the 2018 Seismological Society of American annual meeting, and Yuxuan will present his results at the 2018 AGU meeting in Washington, D.C. Yifei Li, a visiting doctoral student from China, has been working with Mian on offsets of streams across strike-slip faults. Such stream offsets are among the most reliable landmarks for estimating long-term slip rates on the faults. Yifei’s work shows that stream incision, which tends to straighten the stream channels, can cause significant error in the slip-rate estimations if surficial processes are not fully considered. Michael Olaniran, a master’s student, has joined Mian’s group this fall to study earthquakes. As in the past years, Mian’s group has been energized by a fresh group of young visiting scientists from China. Dr. Yujiang Li worked with Mian on the crustal kinematics and dynamics in southeastern Tibetan Plateau. Their work challenges the long-standing model of tectonic extrusion and has stirred up hot debates among researchers of Asian tectonics. Dr. Keliang Zhang is using continuous GPS measurements and dynamic gravity data from the GRACE mission to quantify groundwater...
depletion in North China, and Dr. Hui Wang, who has visited MU numerous times to qualify as a true Mizzou tiger, returned again to work with Mian on dynamic fault ruptures. Over the summer, Mian visited many research and educational institutions in China (10 cities, maybe a personal record). The most memorable trip was seeing the beautiful Karst towers in Guilin – for all these years he used photos from Guilin to teach Karst terranes in the intro class, but next time he will have photos with him in the picture.

Ken MacLeod was on leave in 2017-2018 and spent most of the fall on IODP Expedition 369 that sailed from Hobart, Tasmania in September, drilled a site in the Australian Bight south of the continent before spending most of the expedition at sites in the Mentelle Basin and on the Naturaliste Plateau in the SW Indian Ocean. They returned to Fremantle, Western Australia in November. Doctoral student Shannon Haynes also was a shipboard scientist. Despite some rough seas, the Expedition was quite successful. They recovered long intervals of Late Cretaceous and Paleogene pelagic sedimentation including samples spanning several critical boundaries as well as terrigenous and igneous rocks related to final fragmentation of Gondwana. The spring was spent analyzing samples with some travel to work with shipboard collaborators. This fall Ken is teaching The Age of Dinosaurs and a themes class on mass extinctions. Shannon, when not at sea, is working to finish up her her doctoral degree this fall while also working full time managing a research lab at Princeton. Master's student Kate Ferguson successfully defended her thesis addressing an assemblage of very well preserved Late Cretaceous fossils from an exposure of the Owl Creek Formation in Mississippi last fall. She is editing her thesis for publication, and is now working in environmental geology in Virginia. Second year master's student Laura Speir is working in the isotope lab and making excellent progress improving constraints on the temperature history of the Late Cambrian through Early Ordovician. She will be presenting at the fall AGU meeting in Washington, D.C. Finally, Emily Graham has matriculated. She arrives from UT-Dallas and will be studying ocean circulation and temperature history across the Eocene/Oligocene transition as recorded in samples recovered on Expedition 369.

Peter Nabelek had another enjoyable year teaching and advising his doctoral students Ashraf Gafeer and Elizabeth Kenderes (formerly Gammel). Last spring, after eighteen years, Peter rejuvenated the Theoretical Geochemistry course. It was entertain-
ity maps for the entire Caucasus region using ambient noise tomography. Anna Kulynych has been making measurements of shear wave splitting across the entire country of Myanmar. In addition, Anna will travel with Eric to help deploy their seismic stations in Myanmar during this November. Duyi Li is continuing to focus on a newly funded project focusing on the stability of high frequency seismic amplitudes that is supported by the Air Force Research Lab. Finally Mohaminul Islam has joined us from Dhaka University and he will be working on many aspects of their project in Myanmar but with a focus on shear wave splitting tomography.

Jim Schiffbauer’s newsletter update last year indicated he had just submitted his dossier and is pleased to report that he has been granted tenure. While it may not look like it in print yet, this has been a highly productive year for his group. First and foremost, all three of his graduate students completed their degrees. Congrats to Jesse Broce, Tara Selly, and Stephanie Rosbach! Jesse Broce has moved on to a lecturer position at Towson University in Maryland. Tara Selly is now a postdoctoral fellow and manager of the X-ray Microanalysis Core here at Mizzou, and Stephanie has stayed in Jim’s group for her doctoral degree. In addition, Jim welcomed a new master’s student, Mikaela Pulsipher, from Utah State University, and now have three undergraduate geology majors and minors contributing to their research agenda (Brock Andreasen, Casey Thater, and MacKenzie Bowman). With postdocs Sarah Jacquet and Evan Anderson, it’s a lively (and big!) group, and they have numerous projects underway. Currently they have three papers in press, one in review, and are closing in on submission of another 9-ish (realistically submitted by the end of 2018), in addition to the 4 papers already published in 2018. They’ve had (or will have, including those at this year’s annual GSA meeting) 16 presentations at regional, national, and international conferences, and have taken two field trips together outside of Missouri—generously funded in part by the Arts & Sciences Dean’s office. The first trip, attended by John Huntley, Sarah Jacquet, Tara Selly and Jim, was a field excursion to Nevada, sponsored by the Ediacaran Subcommission of the International Commission on Stratigraphy. The next big trip was quite a bit further away, to Xi’an and Hanzhong, China, and included both a field excursion to several sites at the Ediacaran-Cambrian transition (attended by Stephanie Rosbach, Sarah Jacquet, Tara Selly, Evan Anderson, and Jim) and the International Conference on Ediacaran and Cambrian Sciences (ICECS, attended by the same group plus John Huntley). These were excellent trips, with great science and great company. At the ICECS meeting, Jim was officially selected/announced as the Chair of the Ediacaran Series Division team, where his role will be to coordinate a group of international scientists to establish Series/Epoch boundaries (and choose type localities and Series names!) for the Ediacaran Period. He is honored by this appointment, and excited about the opportunity to help shape the geologic time scale. In addition to this, he was also awarded the MU System President’s Award for Early Career Excellence. Jim is exceedingly grateful for this honor, and indebted to all of those wonderful people who have helped him along the way.

Kevin Shelton enters his 36th academic year at MU. He is spending his time working on several manuscripts and conducting fieldwork in Canada and the U.S. midcontinent. In August, Kevin spent a week looking at new prospects in the Pine Point MVT Zn-Pb ore district of Canada’s Northwest Territories. Undergraduate Geoffrey “Stu” Webb completed his senior thesis under Kevin’s direction, “Geochemistry of the Lucky Lake W-Zn-Pb deposit, NWT, Canada: Epithermal Overprinting of Magmatic Hydrothermal Systems” and has begun master’s studies in petrology at the University of Notre Dame. This fall, Kevin is teaching Mineralogy and a 5-week class on Gems and Gemstones to a group of 115 non-majors.

Mike Underwood remained happily retired. Splitting time between Columbia and Angel Fire, New Mexico. He also maintained research activity associated with the International Ocean Discovery Program.

Alan Whittington taught Igneous Petrology in the fall, with a weekend field trip to the Precambrian of Southeast Missouri, and Volcanology in the spring, with a spring break field trip to Colorado and New Mexico. Thomas Herbst joined the group after two years with the Missouri State Survey, joining Stuart Kenderes, Jesse Merriman, Aaron Morrison, and Arianna Soldati, as the five doctoral students in the experimental petrology-volcanology group. Alan attended several conferences, including GSA in Seattle, AGU in New Orleans, and the British Rheological Society in Bristol (UK). Over the summer Alan did fieldwork at the Mono-Inyo domes (Long Valley caldera, CA) with Stuart, and at Lassen Volcanic National Park (CA) with Thomas, taking time to visit JPL in Pasadena on the way, to check up on Aaron who did a 10-week internship studying cryovolcanism. In June, Alan led the Teton-Yellowstone field trip with field camp, and
also did a week in Yellowstone with Columbia Public Schools grades 8-11. In July, Arianna successfully defended her doctoral degree and was heavily featured in a National Geographic book on Volcanoes that she helped to write. She will start a Humboldt postdoctoral fellowship in Munich in the fall. The summer concluded with the 10th Cities on Volcanoes conference in Naples, where Alan visited both Campi Flegrei and Vesuvius. Xander (14) grew bigger than both his parents, and he and Hamish (11) were excited to move to new schools. In addition to normal faculty duties, Angela served on several committees for the American Astronomical Society.

Visiting Scientists

Dr. Hui Wang (left) is from the Institute of Earthquake Sciences, China Earthquake Administration. Dr. Hui Wang came here in January 2018 to work with Mian Liu on fault ruptures that produce large earthquakes. He has visited MU a number of times and has become a true tiger. Dr. Keliang Zhang (right) is from the Institute of Geology, China Earthquake Administration. Dr. Zhang came to MU in January 2018 to work with Mian Liu on present-day crustal deformation. In particular, he is trying to quantify groundwater depletion in North China using GPS and gravity data.
Tandis Bidgoli, our most recent addition to the faculty in the department, comes to us from the University of Kansas (KU), where she has worked for the past few years as a scientist for the Energy Research Section of the Kansas Geological Survey and as a Courtesy Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology. She is a structural geologist and thermochronologist who is interested in understanding the time-scales, progression, and drivers of deformation and landscape evolution at the regional- and orogen-scale. Her current investigations are focused on understanding the pre-extensional configuration of the Basin and Range and related discrepancies in Miocene extension estimates, and understanding the timing and potential drivers of late Cretaceous to Eocene exhumation in the hinterland of the North American Cordillera. She has also started collaborating with colleagues at the China University of Geosciences in Wuhan on several projects focused the tectonic and drainage evolution of the South China and Yangtze blocks and their influence on the provenance and source-to-sink history of Cenozoic sediment in offshore basins in the South and East China seas. Another significant part of her research centers on injection-induced seismicity in the U.S. midcontinent, a research area that builds on her prior industry experience as an Exploration Geologist for ExxonMobil.

Tandis is off to a great start at Mizzou. She is kicking off the new academic year by teaching GEOL 2130: Physical Geology for Scientists and Engineers. She has brought on a new master’s student, Begum Kurtoglu, who comes to Mizzou from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey (welcome, Begum!). Begum’s funding comes from an American Chemical Society, Petroleum Research Fund grant that was awarded to Tandis while at KU. Tandis is also excited to announce that she and her collaborators at KU were recently awarded funding from the Department of Energy. The ~$1.4M grant is part of a ~$9.2M multi-institute, carbon storage project that is being led by Battelle Memorial Institute, but includes collaborators from Archer Daniels Midland Company, the Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota, Schlumberger, the Conservation and Survey Division at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Although most of the award will stay at KU, Tandis will be transferring a portion of the grant to Mizzou.
Sarah Jacquet is currently a Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA. She completed her doctorate in 2016 at Macquarie University, Sydney Australia; her thesis focused on unravelling the early evolution and radiation of the phylum Mollusca from the lower Cambrian of East Gondwana. This broad focus was channeled into various fields of research including taxonomy, biostratigraphy, taphonomy, and early ontogeny of ancestral macro- and micromolluscs. Since then she has broadened her interests to include other phyla and time intervals, using x-ray microscopy to investigate and reconstruct the scleritome assembly of multi-element organisms. Among the diverse groups she has worked on recently are Devonian armored Machaeridians, Cambrian thick-shelled brachiopods, and the problematic tommotiids. Aside from the realm of virtual palaeontology, she is also a carbonate sedimentologist at heart, and will be investigating animal-sediment interactions at the onset of the Cambrian substrate revolution, as well as taphonomic constraints on the distribution of Cambrian small shelly faunas in Laurentia.

Since arriving at Mizzou, Sarah has been actively involved in professional organizations and outreach activities. She is currently serving as Chair of the Missouri University Postdoctoral Association (MUPA), which oversees professional development, social events and the wellbeing of all postdoctoral researchers on campus. She is also on the board for Science on Wheels, an outreach program founded by one of our own graduates, Dr. Arianna Soldati. This joint graduate and postdoctoral program travels across Missouri with the aim of providing everyone an opportunity to meet a scientist and to hear about the innovative research conducted at Mizzou.
Hector Lamadrid started his scientific career in the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) working on the mineralogical and geochemical alterations (dolomitization, MVT ore deposits, and oil maturation) produced by fluid circulation (migration) in sedimentary systems (2004-2010). Later on, Hector obtained his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech (2011-2016) working with Prof. Robert Bodnar on high P-T geochemistry and experimental petrology where he worked on fluid-rock interactions in natural systems and studying the thermodynamic properties of fluids. Then, he obtained the “Roger E. Deane Postdoctoral Fellowship” at the University of Toronto (2016-2018) working with Prof. Zoltan Zajacz where he developed new experimental methodologies to better constrain the environmental factors (physical, chemical and biological) that affect the rate mechanisms on the hydration (serpentinization) and carbonation reactions that occur in low to high-temperature hydrothermal systems associated with ultramafic rocks.

Hector’s research interests comprise a wide range of geological problems that focus on the role of fluids (aqueous fluids, silicate melts, and other geofluids) in different geological processes, how fluids interact with the surrounding rocks, and how these interactions evolve through time and space. Mainly, he studies hydrothermal systems and their associated alteration assemblages, as well as the equilibrium and disequilibrium reactions that occur when seawater infiltrates into the oceanic lithosphere near mid-ocean ridges (MOR) and later on during subduction. His main research line focuses on understanding the dissolution and precipitation mechanisms (hydration, dehydration, carbonation, etc.) that occur during serpentinization of the oceanic lithosphere near mid-ocean ridges (MOR) and later on during subduction, as well as the geochemical evolution of the associated fluids. These fluid-rock interactions are key to understand the physical, chemical and biological evolution of the Earth’s system. In his research, Hector integrates field, laboratory and experimental observations coupled with microanalytical and computational techniques to decipher the rock and fluid history and to reveal the physical and chemical processes that control the geologic evolution of the planet.
Active Research Grants

**American Association of Universities**
Alan Whittington and MU co-PIs $20,000

**American Chemical Society**
Tandis Bidgoli $110,000
Alan Whittington $110,000

**IODP**
Ken MacLeod $45,000
Ken MacLeod $15,000

**NASA**
Alan Whittington $365,000

**National Science Foundation**
Paco Gomez $300,000
Paco Gomez with MU Engineering $350,000
John Huntley $522,000
Mian Liu $245,000

**National Science Foundation (cont'd)**
Peter Nabelek $226,000
Eric Sandvol $108,000
Eric Sandvol $281,000
Eric Sandvol $609,000
Jim Schiffbauer $867,000
Jim Schiffbauer $599,000
Alan Whittington $135,000
Alan Whittington $262,000

**U.S. Department of Defense**
Eric Sandvol $435,000
Eric Sandvol $485,000

**U.S. Department of Energy**
Martin Appold $252,000

**U.S. National Park Service**
Paco Gomez $39,800

From left Jim Schiffbauer, Tara Selly, Sarah Jacquet, Evan Anderson, Stephanie Rosbach, and David Marcano in Hanzhong, China. They attended a field-trip associated with the International Conference on Ediacaran and Cambrian Science, collecting fossil materials from several localities throughout Shaanxi Province. Funds from the College of Arts & Science partially provided for this trip.
Monday, April 16, University of Missouri System President Mun Choi awarded UM System President’s Awards to James Schiffbauer, an assistant professor of geological sciences at MU. Choi surprised Schiffbauer, with the President’s Early Career Award for Faculty Excellence, which includes a $5,000 prize. The award recognizes faculty who show exceptional promise in scholarship, research or creativity, as proven by significant accomplishments at the university.

During his six-year tenure in the MU College of Arts and Science, Schiffbauer has received both the 2016 MU Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Research and Creative Achievement Award, and the National Science Foundation’s Faculty Early Career Development award in 2017. He has established a large, well-funded and highly productive research group at MU as well as a new, state-of-the-art imaging facility used in multi-disciplinary studies in collaboration with other research institutions.

“Dr. Schiffbauer is a well-respected researcher in the international geoscience community,” said Kevin Shelton, professor of geological sciences at MU. “Even at a relatively early point in his career, he has developed a stellar reputation across a wide variety of geologic subdisciplines, including the fields of paleontology, taphonomy and electron microscopy. His level of research productivity is more typical of our most-talented full professors. Stated simply, Jim is a star whose career is blossoming at MU.”

Schiffbauer’s primary research interest is taphonomy, the study of how organisms decay and become preserved as fossils. His research has revealed the processes of fossilization, and he has targeted fossils from the “dawn of animal life” during the Ediacaran and Cambrian Periods (600–500 million years ago). Schiffbauer’s research also encompassed fields outside of paleontology, including modern ecology, 3-D computer graphics and economic geology. Schiffbauer serves on the editorial boards of three journals, including Geology, the top-ranked journal that spans the geosciences.

“He is an excellent teacher and mentor and is one of our most-collegial faculty members, always ready to volunteer when a service task comes up,” said Alan Whittington, chair and E.B. Branson Professor of Geological Sciences.

The UM System President’s Awards are presented annually to faculty members across the four campuses of the UM System who have made exceptional contributions in advancing the mission of the university. Schiffbauer will be formally recognized by President Choi during an awards celebration in June.
Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences, Dr. John Warren Huntley, has been named as one of two recipients of the 2018 Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award.

“I am honored and grateful to receive this award from the Provost,” Huntley said. “In reality, this award reflects the support and hard work of many people and organizations. The Department of Geological Sciences and the College of Arts and Science have provided vital support during my first years at Mizzou that enabled new research projects and successful grant proposals. My former and current Department chairs, Kevin Shelton and Alan Whittington, have provided valuable and timely mentoring during my time as a junior faculty member. Department colleague, Jim Schiffbauer, and the rest of the faculty, post-docs, and students of the Mizzou Paleobiology group have provided an intellectually-engaging and truly enjoyable environment in which to explore the history of life. Science is a collaborative process and I have certainly benefited from numerous, generous collaborators, including Daniele Scarponi at the University of Bologna. The unwavering love and support I have received from my spouse, Laura, and daughter, Lydia, through the stressful and initially nomadic lifestyle of an early career academic makes this award all the sweeter.”

Dr. Huntley is a paleobiologist whose work lies at the intersection of geology, ecology, and evolutionary biology. Specifically, he is interested in the evolution of parasite-host and predator-prey interactions through the 550 million years of animal life on Earth and how these interactions influenced the course of evolution. John’s primary projects investigate the fossil record of parasitic flatworms in marine, estuarine, and freshwater environments. Such parasites do not have a direct fossil record as they are quite small and do not produce mineralized skeletons. However, these trematodes induce the growth of characteristic malformations in their bivalve mollusk hosts that are readily fossilized.

Dr. Huntley is leading an international group of collaborators from Italy, Germany, and China, and has re-vitalized this avenue of inquiry in paleoparasitology. Perhaps their most striking discovery is the consistent relationship between sea level rise and increasing parasite prevalence noted across depositional environments, multiple continents, and time. His work indicates that ongoing global warming and sea-level rise could lead to significant intensification of trematode parasitism, suppressed reproduction of common seafloor creatures, and negative impacts on marine ecosystems, ecosystem services, and, eventually, to human well-being.

Prof. Alan Whittington, Chair of the Department of Geological Sciences and a volcanologist, notes that John’s expertise in statistics was also useful in helping to interpret experimental data on the properties of lava. “This is just one example of John’s wide-ranging intellectual curiosity and collegial nature” he said. “John is one of the driving forces behind our highly successful paleobiology research group. He’s not just an outstanding researcher but is also a great teacher, advisor, and colleague”.

Previous winners of the award include Professors Jim Schiffbauer, Eric Sandvol, and Professor Emeritus Mike Underwood of the Department of Geological Sciences. Dr. Huntley will receive the award at a ceremony in the fall of 2018.
Miriam Barquero-Molina received the Chancellor’s Excellence Award for Undergraduate Faculty this past spring. The Chancellor’s Excellence Awards recognize the individual accomplishments of MU undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff, as well as the group achievements of Recognized Student Organizations and their advisors. The Awards were created to honor Excellence, one of the University’s four core values. This event celebrates outstanding students, faculty, and staff who have exemplified Excellence through their leadership and involvement on campus and in the community. Stuart Kenderes, current doctoral student in the department nominated Miriam for this award. His nomination statement said a lot about Miriam. Some excerpts include, “Miriam is an inspiration to her students. As a female field geologist, she is well aware of the biases that come with the discipline, and she is constantly working to undo them. A few recently undergraduate students of our department were on the university’s swimming team, and Miriam would not only attend the events, but would also volunteer at the events. I know that these students appreciated her support.” And lastly, Stuart says, “I do not think I would be capable of completing my degree if it was not for Miriam.”
Professor Peter Nabelek in the Department of Geological Sciences is the recipient of this semester’s Blue Chalk Award, which honors excellence in academic advising. Nabelek, who began his career at MU as an assistant professor in 1983, studies igneous and metamorphic processes in the lithosphere using geochemistry and computer simulations.

“One of the most enjoyable and rewarding parts of my job as a professor is advising of students on both graduate and undergraduate levels,” Nabelek says. “As a teacher of geology, I strive to give my students an appreciation of what our planet is made of and how it works. Ultimately, largely through their own efforts, the students become better citizens of the world. All my students begin their research projects in the field, usually camping on rocks that they will work on, often in some far-away place where they have never been before. And that is the easy part, because then comes preparation of rocks for chemical analysis by instruments that the students did not know existed. Sometimes results they are getting seem to go awry, but invariably a bit of advice on how to change a procedure brings success and joy to the student. After getting data comes the hardest part for the students, figuring out what the data tells us about a geologic process that we want to understand. All students are different, all have different talents. One has to be patient while students work their way toward excellence. I get rewarded when a student gives a successful presentation at a conference or writes a paper for a classy journal, because that is when I know that he or she is now much better prepared to succeed in the world and knows much more about it than before.”
Ice Volcanoes in Outer Space
MU Receives NASA Grant to Study Cryovolcanism (by Jordan Yount, College of A&S)

We are all familiar with the terrestrial or rocky planets in our solar system—Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, as well as a number of terrestrial satellites such as our moon or Jupiter’s moon, Io, but far less is known about the icy water worlds that populate our solar system. Since the late 1980s, spacecraft such as Voyager 2, Galileo, Cassini, Dawn, and New Horizons have revealed images of many of these water worlds, including Jupiter’s moon Europa, Saturn’s moons Enceladus and Titan, and Neptune’s moon Triton. Surface features on these bodies often resemble features on Earth associated with lava flows or calderas, and a number of these bodies have been observed erupting water or other volatile compounds that would be frozen solid at the surface temperature of the body, a process called cryovolcanism. So, who better to study these ice volcanoes or geysers than MU’s own lava expert, Professor Alan Whittington, chair of the Department of Geological Sciences?

“The Cassini satellite managed to fly through one of these plumes on Enceladus and measured what it was composed of, so the geysers are made of whatever the ocean is made up of under the ice,” Whittington says. “Somewhere in the interior there’s probably going to be something similar to Earth’s sea floor. We have mid-ocean ridges with volcanoes, which are great places for life such as tubeworms. On these bodies, we don’t think there are plate tectonics, but there should be warmth from hydrothermal circulations, and these are perhaps the most likely places in the solar system to find current life. The bodies that have a layer of water are most likely to harbor life.”

Whittington and geology doctoral student Aaron Morrison recently received word that NASA agreed to fund their research proposal, “Rheological Investigation of Cryovolcanic Lavas.” Rheology is the study of the properties and behavior of matter as it flows or deforms. The grant funding will pay for a new rheometer (a device to measure both the stress required to deform a material and its viscosity) for the geology department, and Morrison eventually will go the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena to expand upon the experiments he will begin at MU. Morrison says he first heard of the concept of cryovolcanism while taking a course Whittington and his wife, astronomy Professor Angela Speck, co-teach on the science of our solar system. But Morrison says when the class finally broached the topic, Whittington admitted that scientists don’t know much about the phenomenon at this point.

“I’d never heard of this before, and I wanted to learn more,” Morrison says. Then Morrison accompanied Whittington to a Geological Society of America conference, where NASA scientists presented data from the New Horizons probe at Pluto.

“At the end of one of their talks they said, ‘What we really need right now is some rheological data on these findings,’ and I thought, ‘Well, that’s what I do—why don’t I contact these folks and see if we can do something cool?’” Morrison says. He says they can determine the composition of the surface ices/geysers from spectral analyses conducted by the probes and then synthesize those materials in the lab. Morrison will use the new rheometer to determine the viscosity of the briny liquids he will be testing.

Whittington says the goal of the research is to characterize and understand the chemical, mineralogical, and physical features of these planetary surfaces and the fluids that interact with the surface, and to understand the process of cryovolcanism and interpret the physical features it produces. He says he thought about looking at the rheology of cryolavas a decade ago, but that was before the probes had reached these outer bodies, and there was no funding available for the research. Whittington says the recent success of the Cassini probe plus plans to send a probe to Europa made it a good time to request funding.

“One of the nice things Aaron did in the proposal is to make the link clearly between making some basic measurements that need to be made and tying that to how we can improve our understanding of what the interior ocean might be made of,” he says. Whittington says probes to Europa and other water worlds will likely land near cryovolcanoes to sample bits of the interior oceans belched up to the surface. Those frozen chunks of ocean are the most likely to harbor life since life cannot exist on the surface, where temperatures range from -256°F at the equator to -364°F at the poles.
Visiting Speakers

A rich and varied program of visiting speakers was funded by our Williamson Family Endowment Fund. Last year’s Williamson Family Colloquia and other seminars included:

**Tandis Bidgoli, University of Kansas**
Refining the space-time strain path of the central Basin and Range through low-temperature thermochronology: Implications for dynamic controls on Cenozoic intraplate deformation

**David Borrok, Missouri University of Science and Technology**
Water sustainability challenges in the Southeastern U.S.

**Clara Chan, University of Delaware**
Using modern Fe-oxidizing microbes to unravel the evolutionary and geologic history of Fe oxidation—includes sulfidic cave biofilms

**Simon A.F. Darroch, Vanderbilt University**
Evolutionary ecology and functional morphology of Ediacaran communities

**Hector Lamadrid, University of Toronto**
Hydrothermal alteration of the oceanic lithosphere and beyond

**Colin Jackson, Smithsonian Institution**
Early Episodes of high-pressure core formation preserved in plume mantle

**Kaj Johnson, Indiana University**
Measuring the Decadal Buildup to Megathrust Earthquakes in Japan

**Patricia Kelley, University of North Carolina Wilmington**
Why We Need Conservation Paleobiology: Just Ask Johnny Depp

**Karen Koy, Missouri Western State University**
Geologic Breakthroughs in Producing Assets: exGeoHandbook for the REcently Deceased

**Martin Krueger, ConocoPhillips**
Geologic Breakthroughs in Producing Assets: examples from coal bed methane, fractured basement, fractured reef carbonates, and oil shale

**Lin Li, University of Texas at Arlington**
Tectonic and Topographic Evolution of the Central Tibetan Plateau

**Nicole Lunning, Smithsonian Institution**
From Crusts to Cores: Investigating Asteroids Using Meteorites

**Josie Nevitt, U.S. Geological Survey**
Beyond elasticity: How faults deform the lithosphere and interact with each other

**Brandon Schmandt, University of New Mexico**
Investigation of Mount St. Helens earthquakes and magma plumbing with a hybrid natural and controlled source seismic survey

**Chenguang Sun, Rice University**
Unraveling crustal formation under the ocean

Martin Krueger (FC 2011, BS 2011) and current geology development board member, gave a presentation to our faculty, staff and students last spring, 2018.
It was a great summer at the University of Missouri Branson Geology Field Camp. We received 40 students from 16 different institutions: Appalachian State University, Binghamton University, Georgia Southern University, Indiana University Northwest, Middle Tennessee State University, Missouri S&T, North Carolina Chapel Hill, Sam Houston State University, Temple University, University of Kentucky, University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), UMKC, University of Pittsburgh, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Virginia Tech and University of Missouri (Columbia).

We were pleased that seven out of our 40 students qualified for scholarships from our alumni contributions to the camp’s scholarship funds (see photo).

If you have a chance, visit our field camp website (http://fieldcamp.missouri.edu/) which is the main venue through which potential students learn about our camp. You can also “like” us and follows on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Camp.Branson.

Our new basin analysis project, led by Mark Sutcliffe and Drew Thomas, which we implemented for the first time in summer 2017, was again really successful, and a great complement to our groundwater and surface water hydrogeology, shallow seismic refraction and reflection and advanced structural analysis projects. It is pretty clear from our end-of-camp student surveys that many undergraduates choose Branson Field Camp because of our diverse projects in the last two weeks of camp. Many, of course, also choose Camp Branson because of positive recommendations from their friends, classmates and faculty mentors. Maintaining high standards for the quality of our teaching and instruction ensures that students will continue to come to our camp. It doesn’t hurt, of course, that food at camp is some of the best students have ever had, probably in a long time! We had a new cook this year … Lynne Smith, also one of our caretakers, stepped into the role of head cook, and with the help of her relative, Rhonda, whipped up some of the most excellent meals our camp has ever seen. If the rush for seconds every single night of camp is a testament to the quality of the food, I’d say we did pretty good. Lynne and Rhonda are a dynamic duo of food magicians, and I hope they are with us for many more years to come.

Thanks to all the faculty, instructors, teaching assistants, staff, alumni and friends whose contributions continue to help Camp Branson move forward.

Miriam Barquero-Molina, Field Camp Director
Summer, 2018 field camp scholarship recipients: Dan Clapp, Theresa Jones, Aaron Wilson, Tanner Avery, Sam Finnegan and Stephanie Caples.

William B. Allen Scholar
Cesar Garcia

Donald S. Garvin Scholars
Tanner Avery
Stephanie Caples
Theresa Jones
Aaron Wilson

Clayton H. Johnson Memorial Scholars
Avery Tanner
Samuel Finnegan

George W. Viele Memorial Scholar
Daniel Clapp
Undergraduate Research Program

It has been more than 10 years since the department funded its first proposal to the undergraduate research program, supporting research by students enrolled in Senior Thesis credit hours. The program is funded from four Opportunities for Excellence in Geology Endowments (the Walter D. Keller, John and Betty Marshall, Gene and Thelma Schmidt, and Norman E. Smith funds). This unique program provides funds to enable undergraduates to conduct meaningful field- and laboratory-based research as part of their MU education, benefiting students in several ways:

- It encourages and rewards research early in students’ academic careers, often before senior year.
- It is a great recruiting tool to attract students to our program.
- Our students will be more competitive and better prepared for graduate school and the work force.
- The program increases our visibility on campus and beyond.
- Integrating meaningful research into our undergraduate curriculum emphasizes the unique role our department plays in developing the geoscience workforce in Missouri

The number of requests averages about 4 per year, and most students request the maximum amount of $3,000, which can be used for field and analytical expenses. Students receiving these awards have done fieldwork throughout the US and abroad. Several projects have resulted in student-authored papers in peer-reviewed journals. Many students who have completed senior thesis research have gone on to graduate school at MU or elsewhere, and some are now faculty members themselves.

We are extremely grateful to the donors to the Opportunities for Excellence in Geology Endowments who have provided research opportunities for so many students.

Congratulations to Geological Sciences major Stu Webb who presented the results of his senior thesis at the MU Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievements Spring Forum on April 17. His poster entitled “Geochemistry of the Lucky Lake W-Zn-Pb Deposit, NWT, Canada: Epithermal Overprinting of Magmatic Hydrothermal Systems” (co-authored with Profs. Kevin Shelton & Jim Schiffbauer, MU graduate student Sarah Smith and Hendrik Falck of the NWT Geological Survey) reflects a year-long project under the direction of Kevin Shelton. This research was supported by the John and Betty Marshall Opportunities for Excellence Fund, an endowment that helps fund undergraduate research experiences in our department. Stu began a master’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame this fall.
Dan Clapp (MU student) on a geologic reconnaissance tour of the geology of Sinks Canyon, Wind River Mountains, Wyoming.

The Volcanology class taking a break from volcanoes to explore White Sands National Monument.

The Volcanology class on the edge of the Valles Caldera.
Sam Finnegan received the Estwing Hammer Award from Miriam Barquero-Molina, our field camp director. The award was given at our spring, 2018 geology development board meeting.

Dan Clapp received the Geology Development Board Outstanding Undergraduate Award from Miriam Barquero-Molina, our director of undergraduate students. The award was given at our spring, 2018 geology development board meeting.

Mikaela Ruga received the James H. Stitt Graduate Teaching Award from Tanya Heath (left). Tanya presented this award to Mikaela at our spring, 2018 geology development board meeting.
Stuart Kenderes received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Paco Gomez, our director of graduate studies. This award was given at our spring, 2018 geology development board meeting.

Arianna Soldati (center) received the 2018 Abell Science Education Award. She is seated with Mark Volkmann (MU College of Education) and Mat-tia Pistone (University of Lausanne).

Field camp students take notes during field lecture on Paleozoic stratigraphy of Sinks Canyon, Wind River Mountains, Wyoming.
Group photo of our summer, 2018 field camp students on top of Mt. George.

Students learn about glacial features in Sinks Canyon, Wind River Mountains, Wyoming.

Jacob Haeni (MU Student) measures a stratigraphic section in the Jurassic Nugget Sandstone, Derby Dome, Wind River Basin, Wyoming.
Visiting master’s student Garima Lohani (Northern Illinois University) learns how to measure the viscosity of magma from Arianna Soldati (PhD 2018).

Shannon Haynes, current doctoral student in the department, watching a sailor-overboard drill from the port bow of the JOIDES Resolution. Shannon’s advisor is Dr. Ken MacLeod.

Mike Gunnels, current master’s student, working on a seismometer vault in the eastern Greater Caucasus. Mike is working under the supervision of Dr. Eric Sandvol.
Doctoral candidate Arianna Soldati talks to Fredericktown 8th graders about the geology of Tiemann Shut-Ins.

Brenna Halverson shows 7th and 8th grade students the effect of crystals on lava flow speed. Stuart Kenderes looks on while Aaron Morrison records video. The Missouri Youth Experience brings middle school students from St. Louis and Kansas City to spend a day on the MU campus.

From left Mike Gunnels, Stuart Kenderes, Elizabeth Gammel and Jesse Merriman, help out at the STEM Expo at Rockbridge School in Columbia, MO.
Geology Club is a student organization dedicated to enriching the student experience at MU through educational opportunities, fun, community-building, and outreach in a geological context. Geology Club meets biweekly and engages in a variety of activities, including seminars, field trips, games, rock and mineral competitions, movie nights, campouts, and service to schools and youth organizations. All students regardless of major and education level are welcome to our club. Whether you want to do something to empower our local teachers, broaden the minds of our local youth, or just have a fun time, Geology Club is a great way to do these things. For more information about Geology Club, visit our Facebook page, “Mizzou Geology Club”.

In the picture above those who won in the Pet Rock Competition held by the club were the following: In the Purchased/Gifts section - Thomas Herbst won every event (Best Sedimentary Rock, Best Igneous Rock, Best Fossil, Best Mineral Color, and Best Mineral Structure). For Best In The Show in this category Grace Allison won with the Megalodon Tooth.

In the Found Competition the Best Sedimentary Rock went to Will Kleeman; Best Igneous Rock to Thomas Herbst; Best Metamorphic Rock to Kimberly Moore; Best Fossil to Martin Appold (Geology Club Advisor); Best Mineral Color to Dan Clapp; Best Mineral Structure to Stuart Kenderes, and Best Pet Rock to MacKenzie Bowman. A great time was had by all!

Lexie Dickinson, President
Entering its fourth year, the MU Geology Graduate Society (MUGGS) continues its mission of promoting professional development opportunities for graduate students and fostering community among our graduate population. Earlier this spring, nine graduate students shared their research during the third annual Geology Student Research Forum. Members also helped renovate a geology themed display case on the MKT trail with plans to update/replace the samples within to better reflect Missouri geology. MUGGS also invited the Mineralogical Society of America Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Clara Chan from the University of Delaware, to present her talk “Using modern Fe-oxidizing microbes to unravel the evolutionary and geologic history of Fe oxidation.” Members also participated in science outreach during the Columbia Public Schools STEM Expo. In an effort to improve the experience of incoming graduate students, the club drafted a welcome letter with helpful information not often communicated effectively (e.g. parking dates, housing info, etc.). During the fall semester, we have continued the tradition of team building exercises at MU’s Venture Out high ropes course. This is intended to be an annual event bringing new graduate students together with veteran graduate students to form camaraderie and support networks. All nine new graduate students attended this year (20 total participants) and the event was a rousing success. The club has also submitted funding requests to support students attending the annual Geological Society of America meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fundraising will continue from last year to this year with our monthly Shakespeare’s Pizza fundraiser and a department calendar in conjunction with AAPG.

Aaron Morrison, President
The University of Missouri student chapter of the American Association of Petroleum Geologist (AAPG) had a successful spring semester. Club activities included a combination of education/professional development opportunities, as well as public outreach. Additionally, there has been activity pertaining to club governance and organization. AAPG hosted the Visiting Geologist Program: Ray Leonard presented a talk entitled “Oil in the 21st century and future challenges” for all students. We participated in Earth Science Week display and made HAZWOPER training available at well below cost for students to be able to have the training on their resume before looking for professional jobs. For interpersonal relationships between students, we created a field trip to the Arbuckle Mountains in Oklahoma at the end of the spring semester for no cost to students. Martin Appold was kind enough to lead the field trip and helped those in attendance with questions on the geology of the mountains and the hydrology of the area. We hosted two “Bad Science Movie Nights” where students could have an evening during the week to laugh with each other at movies such as Dante’s Peak, Armageddon and Volcano. One significant activity was the election of new officers in February. The new officers include four graduate students and one undergraduate student. Aside from the usual transfer of signatures and other procedures, an immediate action of the new officers was to organize a new Google Drive account to assist with club communications. The club also began discussing plans for the coming fall, including a possible field trip to collect geodes, host a fundraiser and made a new Facebook page to better communicate with the public. The club also was in line with our primary goal of professional development, and continued working with members, and other students, in preparation for professional certifications, including reviewing for the Associate Boards of Geology (ASBOG) exams and the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training. The club was represented by four students at the 2017 Rocky Mountain Rendezvous in Laramie, WY, in September 2017 and the club assisted with some of the costs of travel and participation. In terms of community outreach, in March, the club signed up to adopt a part of the M-K-T trail close to a stream system. The team was able to pick up 15 bags worth of trash and continues to monitor the site. There are upcoming plans to do another clean-up effort and that portion of the trail will be officially adopted in the fall.

Grace Allison, President
Student News

Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude with Department and University Honors
Kleeman, Edward W.

Bachelor of Science, with Department Honors
Gilbert, Nicholas
Laphim, Parichat
Webb, G. Stuart

Bachelor of Science
Costello, Kevin
Elliott, Grant
Glastetter, Emalyn
Schulz, Caroline
Sheffer, Jacqueline

Senior Theses

Grant Elliott
Ground Based Radar Interferometry Measurements of the Slumgullion Earth Flow (San Juan Mountains, Colorado).
Advisor: Paco Gomez

Emalyn Glastetter
Determination of the Sulfur Content of Ore Fluids in the Illinois-Kentucky Mississippi Valley-type District through SEM-EDS Analysis of Fluid Inclusion Decrepitates.
Advisor: Martin Appold

Edward W. Kleeman
Geomorphic Correlation in the Noble Hills and Avawatz Mountains using Schmidt Hammer Rebound as a Weathering Proxy.
Advisor: Paco Gomez

G. Stuart Webb
Geochemistry of the Lucky Lake Zn-Pb-W skarn deposits, NWT, Canada.
Advisor: Kevin Shelton

Awards

Estwing Hammer Award
Samuel Finnegan

Geology Development Board Outstanding Undergraduate Award
Daniel Clapp

Scholarships

Boyd Scholar
Jackson Clubb

James Mitchell Scholar
Matthew Vincent

E.J. Palmer Scholar
Daniel Clapp

Mrs. Pat Geology Scholar
Samuel Finnegan

Raymond E. Peck Undergrad Scholar
Elizabeth Fife

Edmond & Mary Raymond Scholar
Elias Bunting

Pearl T. Sando Scholar
Casey Thater

Gene Schmidt Scholar
Morgan Gremminger

Fred Strothmann Scholar
Daniel Shi
Graduate Degrees

Master of Science

Nicholas Benz
New slip distributions hold implications for the next great earthquake in Cascadia
Advisor: Noel Bartlow

Kelly Hickcox
Kinematic Analysis of the Debeque Landslide using Radar Interferometry and Change-Detection Photogrammetry, Mesa County, CO
Advisor: Paco Gomez

Riaz Khan
Advisor: Martin Appold

Charles P. Miles
Applications of ground based remote sensing tools to rockfall hazard monitoring
Advisor: Paco Gomez

Stephanie Rosbach
Assessing soft tissue preservation in a variety of saline environments through actualistic decay experiments and an isotopic assessment of pyritized plant fossils from the Mazon Creek, IL
Advisor: Jim Schiffbauer

Mikaela Ruga
Temporal trends in the Holocene: Exploring implications for conservation paleobiology through quantitative assessment of marine mollusks
Advisor: John Huntley

Ryan Yohler
In the Land of HOBITSS Where the Slow Slip Events Lie
Advisor: Noel Bartlow

Doctor of Philosophy

Jesse Broce
Taphonomic Characteristics of Fossils in the BST Spectrum
Advisor: Jim Schiffbauer

Sean Polun
Structural Geology, Tectonic Geomorphology, and Neotectonics of the Central Afar Rift, Ethiopia and Djibouti
Advisor: Paco Gomez

Tara Selly
Biomineralizers from the Proterozoic to Today: Assessing Taxonomy and Paleoecology through the Lens of Taphonomy
Advisor: Jim Schiffbauer

Grants and Awards

American Association of Engineering Geologists Tilford Scholarship Award
Kimberly Moore

American Geophysical Union Outstanding Student Presentation Award
Arianna Soldati

Gamma Alpha Gamma Dissertation Year Fellowship
Elizabeth Gammel

Geological Society of America Student Research Grant
Sarah Smith-Schmitz

Graduate Professional Council Travel Award
Elizabeth Gammel
Thomas Herbst

Jack Kleinman Research Grant
Thomas Herbst

Lunar and Planetary Institute Travel Grant
Aaron Morrison

Society of Exploration Geophysicists Scholarship
Grace Allison
Scholarships

Burst Grad Fellow
Brenna Halverson

Davies Scholar
Allison Alcott

Ethington Scholar
Gabriel Jacobs

Freeman Scholar
Emily Graham

Graduate School Scholars
Brenna Halverson
Michael Olaniran

GSSF Scholar
Grace Allison

Harris Scholar
Emily Graham

Himmelberg Scholar
Brenna Halverson

Johns Scholar
Thomas Herbst

Hal & Ruth Johnson Scholar
Grace Allison

Walter D. Keller Scholar
Anna Kulynych

Knotts Scholar
Emily Cunningham

Knox Scholar
Edward W. Kleeman

M. G. Mehl Field Geology Scholar
Gabriel Jacob

Miles Scholar
Kimberly Moore

Peck Graduate Fellowship
Elizabeth Gammel

Raymond Outstanding Achievement Scholar
Michael Olaniran

Rexroad Scholar
Laura Speir

Steyaert Scholar
Mikaela Pulsipher

James H. Stitt Geology Scholar
Mikaela Pulsipher

Thomasson Scholar
Anna Kulynych

Tlapek Scholar
Sarah Smith

Viele Scholar
Laura Speir

Student Publications


Student Poster Presentations


Merriman, J.D., Whittington, A.G. and Hofmeister, A.M., 2017. Variability in rock thermal properties in the Late Archean crust of the Kapuskasing Structural Zone and implications for its thermal structure and metamorphic history: American Geophysical Union Fall meeting, New Orleans LA.


Smith-Schmitz, S.E. and Appold, M.S., 2017. Potential for the prediction of Zn concentrations in Mississippi Valley-type ore fluids from solid solution Zn concentrations in galena: Geological Society of America.


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Genevieve Robert (PhD 2014), Jesse Merriman, Antonio Manjon-Cabeza (MS 2014) and Stuart Kenderes gather to critique Jesse’s poster at AGU in New Orleans, December 2017.
The Geology Faculty Enhancement Endowment and the Geology Faculty Retention Awards funds were set up a few years ago by lead gifts from loyal alumni who recognize that our students’ lives have been shaped by caring faculty mentors in the classroom, in the laboratory, and in the field.

These awards recognize and maintain the high quality of the faculty of our department.

**Faculty Enhancement/Retention Awards**
- Paco Gomez
- John Huntley
- Ken MacLeod

**Raymond Faculty Enhancement Award**
- Jim Schiffbauer

**Ed and Connie Williamson Retention Award**
- Miriam Barquero-Molina

Jim Schiffbauer received the President’s Early Career Award for Faculty Excellence.
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From our Geology Development Board Chair …

Fellow Alumni,

After four excellent years as Chair, Mike Quearry’s terms ended and the opportunity to try and continue Mike’s work falls to me. During Mike’s tenure the Board added several new members whose efforts melded nicely with existing members. This provides a strong base which, when combined with Alumni support, is positioned to meet the challenges outlined by Mike in last year’s letter, as well as new initiatives.

With respect to initiatives, this summer the Geology Alumni Endowment Fund officially came into existence. This fund, an outgrowth of an idea and exceptional work led by Jim Frank, provides funds for new Faculty hires as they work towards establishing their first research grants. It’s designed to cover a three-year period, in a sense alleviating some of the “growing pains” encountered by new Faculty, especially in the current very challenging University environment. Initial distributions occur once the $1,000,000 corpus is funded. There exists a current base of $220,000. To encourage a, hopefully, relatively rapid growth, all donations receive a 1 to 1 match up to $200,000. For those of you thinking of supporting this initiative, perhaps this 100% return on your gift will create additional incentive.

As a reminder of the impact of this type of Fund, the Faculty Retention Fund, established in 2011, has multiple times positively impacted the Geology Faculty. At the time of its formation, I believe it was the first such fund among our peer group of University Geology Departments. In case you aren’t aware, this Fund, being the first at MU in any department, receives matching funds from the Dean of Arts & Science once an established annual amount is reached.

These are just two examples of Board work with Alumni support that have greatly enhanced the educational opportunities for the geology students over the years. Added to the continuing efforts with Teaching Assistant stipends, much work on the MU Field Camp facility (recipient of the 2014 GSA/ExxonMobil Field Camp Excellence Award), and supplements that help research equipment in Columbia, the Geology Development Board and Alumni of MU continue to assist in providing a first-class geology education in difficult times.

The Geology Development Board always welcomes those with interest in joining and/or providing ideas and information. If you are one of these folks, please contact the Department of Geology or me. We really need your support to continue the tradition started in 1981.

Respectfully,

Larry Knox
Dr. Jim Williams earned his BA (1951) and MA (1952) in Geology from MU, prior to embarking on a 40+ year career in public service through the Missouri Geological Survey and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Jim has played a central role in improving safety standards and regulation for Missouri’s resources (e.g., water and mineral resources), as well as public safety (e.g., dam safety, environmental geology, establishment of the Missouri Earthquake Safety Commission). For example, Jim was an expert witness during the first Superfund Site Trial, helping to set the standards for Superfund Sites, and his efforts in Dam Safety were recognized by the Association of State Dam Safety Officers with an Outstanding Service & Merit Award in 2008. As State Geologist, Jim also oversaw the implementation for professional registration of geologists in Missouri (as well as contributing to the national standards). Following his retirement from state service, Jim has continued organizations, with a particular focus as a legislative ‘watch dog’ for issues relating to the practice of geology and science education. The Missouri Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) has honored Jim by naming its Outstanding Career Achievement Award after him – this is the section’s highest honor that is awarded sparingly, and the national organization of the AIPG has honored him for his extensive public service (see attached citation from 2000). The impacts of Jim’s career have affected each and every citizen in this state, and beyond. At a national scope, this has been reaffirmed most recently by the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) recognizing Jim as the 2017 awardee of the Karl & Ruth Terzaghi Mentor Award – recognition for lifelong efforts in providing professional, ethical, and technical mentoring for practicing geologists.

Paco Gomez, Dan Clapp, Jim Williams, Marilyn Williams and Lynn Maring at the banquet.
Alumni News


Rachel Barker (FC '07, BS '08, MS '12) is a senior geologist with CorTerra Energy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Charles W. Beierle (FC '62, BA '64, MA '77) writes, “I am working with several volunteer naturalist groups to promote and teach the unique geology of the Texas Hill Country.” Charles resides in Kingsland, Texas.

Wayne F. Canis (MA '63, PhD '67) resides in Reston, Virginia. He writes, “Hello to all.”

Cynthia J. Carroll (MA '83) is a retired energy specialist with the State of Missouri.

Robert W. Cochran (Undergraduate Student 1955-57) writes that he is busier than ever. Robert writes, “I am still active in scouting, and encourage youngster’s to at least take an introductory class in geology if for no other reason than to enrich their future travel experiences. I appreciated Doctors Mehl, Peck, Johnson, Bradley, et.al.”

Wendell Cochran (FC '53, BA '53, MA '56) resides in Seattle, Washington.

Fred Davis (BS '05) just finished this third year as an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth. He just moved into his lab this summer and is hoping to be producing high-pressure experiments to study the petrology of Earth’s mantle by summer’s end.

Farouk El-Baz (PhD '64) reports that he received the 2018 International Inamori Ethics Prize at Case Western University on its 10th anniversary in September. He writes that this award is given in partnership with the Inamori Foundation of Kyoto, Japan.

Stanley Fagerlin (PhD '80) writes, “It was great to have Bruce and Sandy Hunter here for a much too brief visit last fall. I am looking forward to a visit this fall from Gary and Peggy Walter. Any others from the 73-77 years are welcome in northern Wisconsin.”

Robert L. Foster (FC '60, MA '62, PhD '66) continues to evaluate the Great Western/Maley gold prospect, Lander County, Nevada.

Jim Frank (FC '75, BS '76, MA '79) writes, “I’m in my third year of retirement from Chevron and enjoying some travel, golf (getting worse somehow), birding, and serving on some committees and boards, all of which keeps me busy. Our son Jack is a junior at Mizzou in the accountancy program and son Robert is a junior in high school with a college decision ahead. I’m enjoying my trips to Mizzou for the geology development board. If you haven’t seen the campus in a few years, it’s worth a trip; it really looks great.”

Alice Cooper Fuerst (MA '80) continues to teach physical geology at the Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City on a part-time basis, but she is reducing it even more to be able to travel more. Last year she travelled to China, and this year Peru and Easter Island.

Richard J. Gentile (BA '56, MA '58) reports that he is keeping busy. Richard taught a vertebrate fossil collecting class in Badlands, South Dakota, and also published a geologic map of Cass County, Missouri.

Richard Hagni (PhD '62) reports that after teaching nearly 50 years at Missouri S&T, although retired for 18 years he remains active doing research, making professional presentations, and writing geology papers. Dick just published his 200th paper, his first in an open-access online journal headquartered in Switzerland. The paper is on the unusual occurrence of platy galena in the Trend, which formed as spinel twins of the octahedron and probably formed due to rapid deposition from oversaturated ore fluids.

William Hood (FC '58, BA '59) writes that although he is retired he is still doing some research as an adjunct professor at Colorado Mesa University.

Bruce Hunter (FC '72, MA '76) resides in Readfield, Maine.

Art Kasey (Grad Student 1965-71) writes, “At the age of 79 am I sad that I did not complete my PhD work in clay mineralogy under Dr. Walter Keller?”
No! Instead, I am very thankful to Dr. Keller in his direct help to my transition from PhD work to becoming a geosciences teacher of over 10,000 students! Great happiness and wonderful memories of the past four to five decades.”

David T. King Jr. (PhD ‘80) reports that he has new funding for work on Wetumpka and Flynn Creek craters and detrital zircons of the Gulf Coastal plain and in Belize. Davie will join the new Alabama C02 utilization and storage center at Auburn as a subsurface investigator later this year. David writes, “I have now supervised 40 master’s students. Our new doctoral program began in August.”

David Leaach (PhD ’73) reports that he is in the “process” of retiring in 2019. He writes, “It has been an enjoyable and interesting journey as an economic geologist and I will continue to work with graduate students as a research professor at the Colorado School of Mines. I was fortunate to receive the Meritorious Service Medal from the U.S. Geological Survey, the Penrose Gold Medal from the Society of Economic Geologists, and this year, the SGA-Newmont Gold Medal from SGA. I am indebted to my advisors, Alden Carpenter and Blair Hostetler, and to Tom Freeman and his carbonate geology course. I also thank Frank for his lively pranks.”

Peter McMahon (FC ’80, BS ’81) writes that he recently celebrated his 34th year of employment with the USGS in Denver, Colorado.

Joseph G. Minke (PhD ’69) writes, “I am still working with the Park County, Colorado Water Preservation Coalition and the South Park City Museum during the summer months. I am enjoying attending a few events with the Colorado Scientific Society and the Park County Mining Association.”

Thomas R. Moore (MA ’81) reports that he recently taught an Introduction to Geology class for Bethany College, using some materials recycled from being a TA for Tom Freeman. He writes, “Some things never change (much). The waves continue to propagate.”

Russ Murphy (MS ’86) writes, “I am back in Houston after three years in Colorado. I miss the mountains but enjoy the Mozambique project immensely. My youngest son headed to the University of Tennessee this fall and is an aerospace engineering major. My youngest daughter is a junior in high school. Howdy to Kevin Shelton, Wes McCall, John Rockhold and Andy Macias.”

Hank Ott (BA ’53, MA ’57) and wife Marilyn reside in Morrison, Colorado.

Mike Quearry (FC ’72, BS ’73, MA ’75) reports that he and Eva are enjoying retirement. Mike writes, “I am now studying the geology of the world thru our travels! I still very much enjoy being on the Mizzou geology development board and visiting Mizzou twice a year for meetings.”

Arthur Reesman (FC ’59, MA ’61, PhD ’66) reports that he hopes to get out and see some geology. Art resides in Franklin, Tennessee.

Jerry Rhymer (FC ’93) writes, “I’d like to say hello to all the 1993 field campers! If you get to Oklahoma look me up!”

Cecil Slaughter (FC ’76, BS ’76) is currently working for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement in Washington, D.C. as a hydrologist. In November he will have worked 30 years for the Department of Interior, and plans to work 3-5 more years before retiring. He and wife Sara plan to renew their passports and travel outside the United States in the near future.

Laurence G. Trudell (FC ’52, BA ’56) sends regards “to anyone who remembers me.” Laurence resides in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

George J. Ulmo (MA ’76) reports that he is enjoying the oil boom times in the Permian Basin again.

Tom Ware (FC ’48, BS ’57, MA ’51) resides in Evergreen, Colorado where he is a sculptor.

Paul Weaverling (FC ’79, MS ’87) writes, “All the best to my fellow field campers and graduate students of yesteryear. I am hoping the years have treated you well and continue to do so. As of September 1 I am only 487 days until the last job assignment. A mere speck of sand on the time scale.”
Robert (Bud) Weiser (FC ’57, BA ’58, MA ’60) reports that all is going good on Lake Norman north of Charlotte, North Carolina. Bud writes, “Sue, who I met at MU, and I were married 60 years in September, 2018. After five kids and three grandsons we are doing ok.”

James H. Williams (FC ’50, BA ’51, MA ’52) is a member of the Missouri Geologist Consortium to monitor and react to legislative proposals that pertain to science and education. Jim writes that he is retired from flying after 50 years, and attends various professional meetings.

Eddie Williamson (MA ’73) reports that he is still retired and enjoying life in Katy, Texas where he and Connie are close to their grandkids. Ed writes, “I am still wondering how I used to find time to go to the office every day. Has anyone heard from Frank lately?”

In Memoriam

Charles M. Hoskin (Doctoral Student) passed away on June 22, 2017, as reported by his family. “Skip” resided in Leesburg, Virginia and is survived by two daughters and a son, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He was 83 years old and loved Alaska and the studies he worked on all over the world.

John Stewart (MS ’84) passed away in April, 2018 as reported by fellow alum, Aaron Johnson. John was the National Vice-President of AIPG and was on the ballot to become President-elect.

David J. Steyaert, Sr. (MA ’80) was raised on a small, family farm in Cleveland, Missouri. He was the youngest of six children and spent his childhood enjoying the Missouri countryside, fishing, hunting and exploring. He earned his bachelor of science degree in Geology from UMKC, and his master of arts degree at Mizzou. While working on his degree at MU, David was a co-recipient of the A.I. Levorsen Memorial Award as a co-author of the Best Paper, 1981. David remained a die-hard Tigers fan and served on our Geology Development Board in Columbia, a position he held at his death. As an oil and gas geologist for 38 years, David lived in London, England and Albuquerque, New Mexico. However the majority of his professional life was spent in Denver, Colorado. He worked in geologic areas throughout the world, including off-shore Africa and California, as well as throughout the Rocky Mountain region. David was the owner of Impact Energy Resources in Denver, which he established in 1998. He always said he was the luckiest man on Earth because his hobby was his profession. Many family camping trips and vacations were spent learning geology as he examined and explained all the rock formations. David was a loving husband to Jennie and a devoted and proud father to his four children: Dave, Jr., Jen, Benjamin and Mary. David was an involved father who coached Little League baseball, taught Sunday School, timed track meets and shagged soccer balls. David was an avid outdoorsman. David passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018, three days before his 64th birthday.
Geology Alumni Endowment Fund

At the Spring Development Board meeting, we officially launched the new “Geology Alumni Endowment Fund”. The aim of the fund is to provide research support for recruiting and retaining additional outstanding junior faculty. A major use of the fund will be to provide support for graduate Research Assistants, to help new faculty hit the ground running with their research programs.

Our goal is to reach $1 million in the corpus, at which point this will become the “Geology Alumni Endowed Professorship”. Unlike traditional endowed professorships, which are typically reserved for senior faculty, this will be a 3-year award made to new junior faculty. We intend that this partnership between our alumni, the Department and the College of Arts and Science will result in continued hiring of outstanding junior faculty members, who will become homegrown stars in the classroom and in research.

If you would like to support this initiative, please mark “Geology Alumni Endowment Fund” on the check and envelope. You can also give online at https://tinyurl.com/GeologyFund or http://www.giving.missouri.edu, in which case please mark your donation “Geology Alumni Endowment Fund”. I am pleased to report that have made a strong start, with over $220,000 raised to date. Thanks to the generosity of a leading supporter, we can match another $200,000 in gifts dollar-for-dollar.

Jesse Hall landscape at dusk.