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Dear Colleagues:

This is the March issue of the AGU Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology section newsletter. Please visit the VGP website (<http://www.agu.org/sections/VGP/>) for additional news and information. Comments and suggestions may be sent [Joanna S. Denton](#).

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## **1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to Spring, VGP-ers:

I hope your new year has started well and your science and outreach are flourishing. The deadline for AGU Union-wide nominations is 15 March. Fortunately, there is still time to submit your nominations for VGP awards; the deadline is 15 April for the following award nominations:

Norman L. Bowen Award and Lecture <https://vgp.agu.org/awards/bowen-award/>  
Hisashi Kuno Award <https://vgp.agu.org/awards/kuno-award/>

Please consider nominating worthy candidates for such recognition.

Thank you to all the VGP chairs and committee members who have served our community well by their service. We particularly acknowledge the outgoing chairs and appreciate the future efforts of the following:

<u>Past Chair</u>	<u>Incoming Chair</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Josef Dufek	Nicholas Dauphas	Macelwane Medal
Max Schmidt	Dante Canil	Bowen Award
Mary Reid	Mark Jellinek	Kuno Award

Thank you also to the following chairs for their continuation of service to VGP: Tyrone Rooney (Student Awards chair), Michael Perfit (AGU Fellows chair), and Mark Kurz (Union awards chair).

At the upcoming EGU meeting (see details below) we will have the Kuno awardee lectures by Matthew Steele-MacInnis (University of Alberta) and James Watkins (University of Oregon). Please attend and congratulate these awardees.

VGP is looking for a new chair for the Education and Outreach Committee. Karen Harpp (Colgate College) chaired this committee for 7 wonderful years. She had a big and very positive impact on many young and not-so-young nonscientists. The image at right was taken in 2014 at the VGP



Exploration Station in San Francisco the Sunday before Fall Meeting. AGU has a public outreach open house day before each meeting.

Karen and her team of dedicated, hardworking volunteer scientists have accomplished great mind-opening feats at many past Fall Meetings. All of us at VGP give a large and heartfelt thank-you to Karen for these wonderful efforts. I love the happiness on the faces of these young, potentially future volcanologists! Please consider writing to me or Michael Manga about volunteering to be the chair or a committee member of our VGP Education and Outreach Committee.

Please submit a [session proposal](#) for the 2018 AGU Fall Meeting (10–14 December) in Washington, D. C. The session proposal deadline is Wednesday, 18 April 2018, 11:59 p.m. ET. The VGP secretaries will also be asking scientists for their suggestions. We hope to have joint session proposals for AGU–EGU and welcome similar initiatives from related societies.

Upcoming meetings include the [EGU General Assembly](#) (8–13 April; ), the [JpGU Meeting](#) (20–24 May; ), and the [Goldschmidt Conference](#) (12–17 August).

Bill McDonough, VGP President

## 2. MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT AWARDS COMMITTEE

Please join us in congratulating all of the VGP winners of the 2017 [Outstanding Student Paper Award](#).

- Arianna Soldati, *University of Missouri, Columbia*
- Brendan Anzures, *Brown University*
- Cassandra Smith, *University of South Florida, Tampa*
- Daniel Rasmussen, *Columbia University in the City of New York*
- Gillean Arnoux, *University of Oregon*
- Seungmin Lee, *University of Ottawa*

Overall, 115 presentations were judged at the Fall Meeting in VGP. Each presenter received feedback from multiple judges, with all presenters assigned three judges. Ninety-three percent of presenters received feedback from three judges, and 100% had feedback from two or more judges. The OSPA committee would like to thank the numerous judges

and section coordinators for constructive feedback given to all of the participants. If you have students who are planning to attend the 2018 Fall Meeting, we ask you to encourage them to sign up for the OSPA program when submitting their abstracts in late summer. Many students do not sign up for the program, and we hope to increase participation this coming year. Finally, I would like to thank the members of the 2017 VGP OSPA committee (Maryjo Brounce, Brian Jicha, Marissa Tremblay, Daniel Hummer, Sarah Brownlee, Noah McLean, Ana Cernok, Megan Newcombe, Colin Jackson, and Thomas Hudgins), who each judged ~10–15 presentations during the week of Fall Meeting to ensure consistency in judging, and who judged the winning entries after the meeting.

Tyrone Rooney  
Chair, VGP Outstanding Student Paper Award Committee