

Dear Colleagues:

Here is the December issue of the AGU Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology section newsletter. Please visit the [VGP website](#) for additional news and information. Comments and suggestions may be sent to [Joanna S. Denton](#)

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If you would like to advertise open faculty positions, postdoc and graduate student opportunities, and workshops and conferences in the next newsletter, please submit descriptions to Joanna Denton by 15 February 2019.

1. Message from the President, Bill McDonough

I look forward to seeing you soon at Fall Meeting 2018 in Washington, D. C. The following events are particularly relevant to VGP section members. There are several early career/student events; Michael Manga and I would like to know how to enable more cross-section interaction, especially for early career and student members, and engage others to help with VGP outreach.

- **[MRP-PS-SEDI-VGP Joint Early-Career and Student Event](#)**
On Monday, 10 December from 6:00 - 7:30 PM, the combined sections of Mineral and Rock Physics, Planetary Sciences, Study of the Earth's Deep Interior, and Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology are hosting a gathering of students and early-career scientists. Each of our sections has contributed funds to host this gathering and we hope that you will take full advantage of this networking opportunity and chance to talk science and careers. Section presidents will be seeking volunteers for section committees and planning AGU Centennial events for Fall Meeting 2019. Further details and tickets can be purchased for \$5 [here](#).
- **[Student and Early-Career Scientist Conference](#)**
AGU will host the 5th annual Student and Early Career Scientist Conference the day before Fall Meeting begins, Sunday, 9 December! This year's conference theme is Building Bridges for Change: Science Communication from Peers to Policymakers.
- **[VGP Business Meeting and Reception](#)**
The VGP section will be hosting a business meeting and reception on Tuesday, 11 December from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Attendees will be able to move between section business meetings while also enjoying an opportunity to engage with section leaders and colleagues in an informal catered reception setting. Tickets are required, further details and tickets can be purchased [here](#).

I thank the VGP section for giving me this opportunity to serve you. I have learned much, struggled sometimes, and am super proud of our honored VGP members. I look forward to working with Michael Manga, incoming VGP president, and Dominique Weis, incoming president-elect. I will serve a 2-year term as past president and chair of the Nominations Committee in 2020. Of course, suggestions for officers are welcome.

Please congratulate and celebrate proudly with our AGU honored colleagues:

Union Award, Medal and Prize Recipients

- Harry H. Hess Medal: Tim Grove, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Joanne Simpson Medal for Mid-Career Scientists: Olivier Bachmann, ETH Zürich

Fellows

- Marc W. Caffee, Purdue University
- Andrew T. Fisher, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Joris Gieskes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego
- Sidney Hemming, Columbia University
- Bruce Houghton, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- Cin-Ty Lee, Rice University
- Timothy William Lyons, University of California, Riverside
- Vincent J. M. Salters, Florida State University
- Nikolai Shapiro, Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, CNRS
- Bradley S. Singer, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- Friedhelm von Blanckenburg, GFZ Potsdam and Freie Universität Berlin

VGP Section Honorees

Everyone is invited to attend the [Norman Bowen Lecture](#), [Daly Lecture](#), and the Presentation of the Hisashi Kuno Award. The Hisashi Kuno Lecture will be presented at the European Geosciences Union meeting, 7–12 April 2019 in Vienna, Austria.

- Norman Bowen Awardees and Lecture Recipients: Tim Druitt, University of Clermont-Auvergne and Steve Goldstein, Columbia University
- Hisashi Kuno Award: Leif Karlstrom, University of Oregon
- Daly Lecturer: Nicolas Dauphas, University of Chicago

Finally, best wishes and happy holidays to all, and we look forward to seeing you at Fall Meeting.

2. Nominations Solicited for Student Representative


The VGP student representative, Kara Brugman, is in the final year of her Ph.D. at Arizona State University, and we are actively searching for a student or students to join the VGP Executive Committee as a student representative in training, beginning as soon as possible. The student representative is a relatively new position to AGU leadership, and there are many ways in which the student can engage the role, depending on personal and constituency interests. VGP student representatives have organized early-career resources, networking lunches, science poetry contests, and other Fall Meeting social activities, and have been active in AGU-wide student and early-career activities such as the SEC conference that is held the weekend before the Fall Meeting. We are pleased with the development of student leadership at AGU and look forward to welcoming our new VGP student representative(s). For more information regarding the position, please contact [Kara Brugman](#).

3. Early-Career Geologists Needed for Survey

Early Career Geologists Needed for Survey
 USF IRB 35492, Principal Investigator Victor J. Ricchezza
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Do You Have:

BS or BA in Geology, earned 3-10 years ago?
 3-7 years of related experience? (can include grad school)



If so, visit the link below or scan the QR code to access.
 Takes 10 minutes, totally anonymous!
https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8oZBsNE4koxUa9f

4. Request for Judges for OSPA

At Fall Meeting 2018, we have 141 students who wish to be considered for the Outstanding Student Paper Award competition within VGP. Each student needs three judges, making 423 judging assignments. While the committee occupies one of those slots per student (filling 141 of these assignments), we need to find other VGP members to fill the remaining 282 judging slots. As of the time of this writing, 186 slots remain open. Will you consider being a judge? Signing up is easy! Use your AGU member username and password to log in to the [OSPA system](#) as a judge. Click on "Find Presentations" in the menu at right. The students in your search result will be displayed on the screen, along with how many judging slots are open (there are up to three available). Click the check box "select presentation" and click "add to schedule." It's as simple as that! As the week of the meeting approaches, you can log back in to the same system to see your judging schedule and also a score sheet for each of the presentations. You will need to fill out this online score sheet to submit the results of your judging before 21 December. In addition to Tyrone Rooney, OSPA committee chair, we have also added two new members to the committee: We welcome Oliver Lamb at the University of North Carolina and Claudia Cannatelli at the University of Chile to the VGP OSPA committee.