



Ocean Sciences

Dear Ocean Sciences Members:

This newsletter provides updates and information for the upcoming Fall Meeting, section awards and honors, upcoming elections for Ocean Sciences and Union officers, and the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting. The AGU Centennial “100 Facts and Figures” outreach campaign is a way to highlight fun and interesting facts about Ocean Sciences, so please consider submitting your favorites using the directions provided below. Finally, section communication and support are important, and information on how to contribute to both is provided.

Fall Meeting Update

Fall Meeting 2018 is now well under way and promises to be exciting, with more than 26,000 abstract submissions. Fall Meeting 2018 is the start of the AGU Centennial celebration, and many activities and special events, such as Night at the Museum and Public Lectures, are planned to ensure that the celebration is off to great start and to take advantage of the Washington, D. C., venue. Also, Fall Meeting 2018 is an opportunity for AGU members to visit the new AGU Headquarters building.

The Ocean Sciences members of the Fall Meeting Program Committee, Chuck Nittrouer, Dennis Hansell, Victoria Coles, and Heidi Sosik, have overseen organization of abstracts into numerous oral and poster sessions. Many thanks to them for their efforts to develop an exciting and interesting program.

The Ocean Sciences Outstanding Student Presentation Award (OSPA) coordinators for Fall Meeting—Julia Moriarty (U.S. Geological Survey, Woods Hole), Ajoy Kumar (Millersville University), Meng Xia (University of Maryland Eastern Shore), and Rip Hale (Old Dominion University)—are volunteering their time for an important section activity that recognizes contributions from our graduate students. Please respond to their requests for oral and poster presentation judges at the Fall Meeting!

Please consider attending the three named lectures convened by the Ocean Sciences section at the Fall Meeting:

- Sverdrup Lecture: Ray Schmitt (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution), *The Surprising Skill of Sea Surface Salinity in Seasonal Prediction of Precipitation on Land*
- Carson Lecture: Claire Paris (University of Miami), *Larval Odyssey and Marine Population Connectivity, Now and Tomorrow*
- Reeburgh Lecture: Allan Devol (University of Washington), *Denitrification in the Eastern Tropical North Pacific*

Awards and Honors

The Ocean Sciences Voyager Award is given biennially to a midcareer scientist (10–20 years post degree) in recognition of significant contributions and expanding leadership in Ocean Sciences. The 2018 Voyager award recognizes Andréa Grottoli (Ohio State University) for her contributions to “understanding of coral bleaching, biogeochemistry, and skeletal chemistry.” The Voyager award will be presented at the Ocean Sciences Luncheon on Tuesday, 11 December. Please consider attending this event.

Eight members of the Ocean Sciences section were elected to the 2018 class of AGU Fellows. These individuals will be recognized at the awards ceremony on Wednesday evening, 12 December. Congratulations to:

- Jess Adkins, California Institute of Technology
- Andrew Fisher, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Joris Gieskes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- Benjamin Horton, Nanyang Technological University
- Catherine Jeandel, Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées
- Trevor McDougall, University of New South Wales
- Heidi Nepf, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Adina Paytan, University of California, Santa Cruz

Elections

Voting in the [2018 AGU elections](#) extends from 27 August to 25 September. The Ocean Sciences section is electing officers for president-elect and secretaries in Physical Oceanography and Biological Oceanography. Also, several Union positions are on the ballot. Please take time to review the nominee information, and be sure to vote!

2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting

Allison Penko (Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center) has been appointed as AGU vice chair for the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting (OSM). She will join AGU 2020 OSM chair Marjy Friedrichs (Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences) and program committee members from the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) and the Oceanography Society (TOS). Planning for 2020 OSM is under way, and information about session proposals, abstract submission, and meeting organization will be coming in the next few months.

100 Facts and Figures for the AGU Centennial Celebration

AGU has launched its Centennial and corresponding [Centennial website](#), designed to be the go-to destination for all information about Centennial events and activities. To coincide with the launch, AGU introduced the public outreach campaign series "100 Facts and Figures" to highlight aspects of Earth and space science. The campaign calls attention to some of the most meaningful, interesting, and relevant Earth and space science facts and figures from the past 100 years. You can be part of the Centennial and join the conversation by [suggesting an Earth and space science fact](#) to be considered in the campaign.

Section Communications

Check out the [Ocean Sciences Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts. If you have information that you would like to post to either Facebook or twitter please send your content to our [social media inbox](#).

Section Support

The Ocean Sciences section relies on member contributions to fund such activities as Student Travel Grants, Fall Meeting events, and other section programs. No contribution is too small; please consider donating today by visiting the [AGU donations site](#) and clicking on Ocean Sciences. Donations of more than \$50 allow the Ocean Sciences section to take advantage of the [Section Incentive Program](#), which enhances primary member donations by giving an additional \$1,000–\$5,000 to section funds, depending on participation rate!

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