



Earth & Planetary Surface Processes

Greetings, All:

This is the first AGU Earth and Planetary Surface Processes section newsletter of the new decade. We hope everyone had a great Fall Meeting, holiday season, and start to the year. Here are some current announcements.

Big congratulations to all of the Outstanding Student Presentation Award winners from Fall Meeting 2019:

Thomas Ashley: Plane-Bed Instability at the Granular Scale (EP53F-2229)

James Bramante: Toward a Bedrock Abrasion Rate Law for Oscillatory Flow (EP14A-06)

Madison Douglas: Quantifying Organic Carbon Mobilization and Storage due to Bank Erosion in Permafrost-Dominated River Floodplains (EP42A-04)

Sarah Williams: Demonstration and Analysis of Rarefied Particle Motions on Hillslopes (EP51F-2176)

Xiafei Zhao: Aeolian Dune Height Controls on the Internal Architecture of Cross Sets: White Sands Dune Field, New Mexico (EP23C-2268)

Help create an innovative, diverse, and impactful scientific program for the EPSP section at Fall Meeting 2020 in San Francisco!

The session proposal window opens 19 February and closes 15 April. Those interested in proposing a session should check out the AGU rules and guidelines for convening a session [here](#). Also, please feel free to contact one of the representatives on the [Program Committee](#) if you have questions. Early-career researchers are especially encouraged to submit sessions!

Awards and Fellows Nominations

Nominations for EPSP section awards are now live, including the [Luna B. Leopold Early Career Award](#) and the [G. K. Gilbert Award in Surface Processes](#).

The Luna B. Leopold Early Career Award is presented annually and recognizes an outstanding contribution that advances the field of Earth and planetary surface processes from an honoree within 10 years of receiving their Ph.D. Notable contributions can be derived from an individual published paper or from multiple works. **An important change to the Leopold Award that we wish to emphasize is that the eligibility window has been extended compared with previous years, such that the nominee must be within *10 years of receiving their Ph.D. or the highest equivalent terminal degree.***

The G. K. Gilbert Award in Surface Processes is presented annually and recognizes sustained and outstanding contributions to the field of Earth and planetary surface processes from a midcareer or senior scientist. Notable contributions can include an honoree's single significant advance or sustained contributions to the field, and unselfish cooperation in research and the inclusion of early-career scientists in the field.

Nomination packages must be uploaded to the [AGU submission site](#) by **15 April**. This quick [video tutorial](#) provides easy, step-by-step instructions.

These guidelines pertain only to EPSP section awards; [Union awards, medals, and prizes](#) and [Union Fellows](#) honors are overseen by the Union and have a **15 March**

nomination deadline. Fellows nominations require a nomination letter that includes a one-sentence citation, the nominee's CV and selected bibliography, and a maximum of three additional letters of support. Fellows must demonstrate scientific eminence in the Earth and space sciences through achievements in research, as demonstrated by one or more of the following: (1) breakthrough or discovery, (2) innovation in disciplinary science, cross-disciplinary science, instrument development, or methods development, and/or (3) sustained scientific impact. In addition, the nominee must be a middle or senior career scientist, an active AGU member for the past 3 years, and in compliance with our Honors conflict of interest policy.

For both Union and EPSP section awards, we encourage a strong and diverse pool of nominees.

Happy 2020 from AGU's Earth and Planetary Surface Processes Web and Social Media Team!

Both the EPSP Twitter page and the website are community resources and platforms for engagement that are active and updated all year. We encourage you to connect with us to advertise opportunities, share science, and communicate with the rest of the community.

Our [AGU EPSP website](#) is regularly updated, and we're working hard to bring new features to the website and maintain existing ones, including our [Early Career Spotlight](#) (run by our Student Committee), a [community resources](#) page, career advice curated as part of our [#WisdomWednesday blog posts](#), and a [Discussion Community section](#). Please contact [Joel Scheingross](#) if you have any feedback or suggestions for improving our website.

You can also keep up with community opportunities, events, and scientific happenings on the [@AGU EPSP Twitter page](#). Our Twitter page is updated daily, and we feature regular takeovers from our Early Career Spotlight awardees and community members at meetings, doing fieldwork, and more. Have an event or

opportunity you want advertised? Email [Kate Leary](#) or [Joan Marie DelVecchio](#), tag us on Twitter, or send us a Twitter direct message. Have a professional development question or topic you want us to cover? Email [Claire Masteller](#) or [Robert Mahon](#), tag us, or send us a direct message. General feedback? Send us a Twitter direct message or email [Claire Masteller](#).

EPSP-related submissions to [Eos](#) are encouraged.

If you are eager to expand the audience for your EPSP-related work, then please consider submitting to [Eos](#), AGU's source for news and perspectives about Earth and space science. *Eos* has shifted in recent years to eliminate overlap with journals and to target a broad audience that includes the worldwide scientific community and the science-engaged public; the metrics collected by *Eos* show great success toward broadening readership. *Eos* has transitioned from a manuscript submission system to an article proposal submission system. Read about these changes [here](#). Please consult *Eos*'s [Author Guidelines](#), which include content type descriptions, before submitting your article proposal, and/or contact the EPSP Science Advisor for *Eos*, [Andrew Wilcox](#), with your ideas.

We are saddened by the passing of the noted American geomorphologist Will Graf. Will's career was distinguished by wide-ranging insights and contributions to our understanding and appreciation of rivers. He is remembered for his love of fieldwork, his commitment to communicating science in diverse engineering and policy arenas, his engagement and nurturance of his many students, and his deep and abiding kindness. Read his obituary [here](#).

Last, please send items for the next newsletter to section secretary [Noah Snyder](#).

Best,

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