

**Earth and Planetary Surface Processes
Focus Group Newsletter: December 2015**

Dear Colleagues,

In this month's issue of the Earth and Planetary Space Processes (EPSP) newsletter:

1. Clarification: EPSP Awards Ceremony and Sharp Lecture at Fall Meeting—Thursday, 17 December, 4:00 P.M.
2. Rescheduled: EPSP Young Geomorphologists Night at Fall Meeting—Tuesday, 15 December, 7:00 P.M., Southern Pacific Brewing
3. Town Hall: How to Author a Scientific Article in Geomorphology and Related Sciences, Wednesday, 16 December, 12:30–1:30 P.M., Moscone West, Rm. 2006

Best regards,

Jim Pizzuto

AGU Focus Group President, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes

Attend the EPSP Awards Ceremony and Sharp Lecture at Fall Meeting

Thursday, 17 December, at 4:00 P.M.

From the EPSP Student Committee:

With the support of James Pizzuto (president of the Earth and Planetary Surface Processes focus group), we will be hosting a "Young Geomorphologists Night" during AGU again this year in order to promote friendships and discussions among the newer members of our community. We are hoping that this will be an informal and fun way to discuss our current research, funding opportunities, the hunt for graduate programs and postdocs, etc.... over a beer.

Details:

Who: Undergraduates, graduates and postdocs who love geomorphology/Earth and planetary surface processes!

What: A night to promote discussions and friendships among young geomorphologists

Where: Southern Pacific Brewing (www.southernpacificbrewing.com) located at 620 Treat Ave., San Francisco, 94110 (Mission district)

When: Tuesday, 15 December, at 7:00 P.M.

Why: Free beer and awesome people

Please circulate this email to anyone you think would be interested in attending! Since Southern Pacific Brewing is located in the Mission district of San Francisco, we will be leading a group leaving from the NE corner of Moscone West (meet inside the building) at 6:15 P.M. *Also, you need a valid U.S. license or your passport—driver's licenses from other countries were not accepted last year.*

If you have any questions, feel free to email us.

We hope to see you there!

On behalf of the EPSP student committee:

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Town Hall: How to Author a Scientific Article in Geomorphology and Related Sciences
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Setting out to write your first scientific article can be a tall order. In this Town Hall, we invite any geomorphologist, but particularly those in graduate school, to a workshop that aims to unravel some of the mysteries surrounding how to author a good article in geomorphology. The workshop will have two parts.

In the first part (12:30–1:00 P.M.—please do feel free to bring your lunch with you), we will give an overview of the makings of a good scientific article: what is meant by originality and significance; the importance of rigor in method and interpretation. We will mention some of the common traps writers fall into. We will also discuss how to handle reviewer comments constructively and effectively. In the second part, 1:00–1:30 P.M., we will provide a forum for discussion of the issues presented.

In addition (times to be negotiated), associate editors from the journals *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms* and *Journal of Geophysical Research–Earth Surface* will be available for short one-on-one meetings with graduate students to discuss any particular issues where advice from experienced editors would be valued. If you would like a one-on-one meeting, please email Stuart Lane (stuart.lane@unil.ch) by 10 December with a one-sentence description of your research focus (so we can match you up as best as we can).

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