

Dear Colleagues:

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Best regards,

Jim Pizzuto
President, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes Focus Group, AGU

EPSP Student Committee members needed!

At least two new members are needed for the EPSP Student Committee. The Student Committee organizes a social event every year at the Fall Meeting, participates in the governance of the Focus Group, and organizes other activities for students (t-shirt contest, online researcher spotlight, etc.). Student members are particularly needed who live close to New Orleans and Washington DC, and who can help to organize the Fall Meeting student social event when the AGU Fall Meeting will be in those cities in 2017 and 2018.

Ideal candidates will be 1) members of the AGU EPSP Focus Group, 2) a student for another two years, and 3) able to attend the AGU Fall Meeting most years. If you are interested in participating, please email Jim Pizzuto (pizzuto@udel.edu), and include 1) a recent CV, 2) statement of what you would like to accomplish as a Student Committee member, and 3) the name of your primary academic advisor.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

Dorothy Merritts is the new EPSP Focus Group President-elect; she will serve a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2017, followed by another 2-year term as President. Greg Hancock will serve a two-year term as EPSP Focus Group Secretary, also beginning January 1, 2017.

The 2016 AGU Fall Meeting: 92 EPSP sessions over 5 days, and Gilbert Club

The 2016 Fall Meeting program lists 92 sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by EPSP Focus Group, evenly spread out over all 5 days. Including Gilbert Club, our Fall Meeting experience once again is a full 6-day affair. Plan accordingly!

Student candidates wanted for the EPSP online Researcher Spotlight

This section of the EPSP FG web site highlights a student researcher and his/her research (<http://epsps.agu.org/students/>). If you are interested in being featured here, see our web pages or contact Lindsay Barbieri (lkbar@uvm.edu). The Student Committee will be actively recruiting students for the Spotlight during the 2016 Fall Meeting, so you may be contacted at your oral or poster session during the meeting.

Please buy a ticket to the EPSP reception at 2016 Fall Meeting!

The EPSP reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday of Fall Meeting week (15 December), immediately following the Sharp Lecture. Tickets are \$15, drinks and food are provided. We are hoping for at least 150 people so, please plan on attending.

Please Consider Contributing to EPSP

Our budget is used primarily to support students (travel awards, the annual social gathering at Fall Meeting, Outstanding Student Paper Awards, etc.) and to a lesser extent, our annual evening reception at Fall Meeting. The percentage of our members contributing is currently 21st out of the 23 sections and focus groups of AGU—we can do better. If enough contributions greater than \$50 are received, AGU will match your gift!

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