

Dear AGU Earth and Planetary Surface Processes section members,

We want to keep you up to date with the latest news. Every other month or so we will send a short update with announcements, news, opportunities for travel or other funds, and exciting updates relevant to EPSP.

Congratulations to award winners and fellows

- Kelin X Whipple of Arizona State University is this year's winner of the [G.K. Gilbert Award in Surface Processes](#).
- Joel S. Scheingross of the University of Nevada at Reno is the [Luna B. Leopold Young Scientist Award](#) recipient, and will give the Robert P. Sharp Lecture at the Fall Meeting.

This year's [AGU Fellows](#) elected with support of the EPSP Fellows Committee are:

- Ronald Amundson (University of California at Berkeley);
- Jean Braun (GFZ Helmholtz Centre Potsdam);
- Christian France-Lanord (CNRS Université de Lorraine); and
- Carl Steefel (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory).

Each year several students are selected for outstanding student presentations in EPSP. [OSPA winners](#) from the Fall 2018 meeting were:

- [Galen Egan](#), Stanford University, In situ observations of near-bed turbulence and cohesive sediment transport
- [Matthew Conlin](#), University of Florida, Complex Coupling Between Storm Response and Recovery as a Control on Interannual-Scale Coastal Evolution
- [Hima Hassenruck-Gudipati](#), University of Texas at Austin, Comparing stratigraphic observations from natural levees to levee growth defined by time-lapse lidar on the Trinity River, Texas, USA
- [Tomas Beuzen](#), University of New South Wales, A new parameterization for wave runup within a dune impact model
- [Chelsea Willett](#), University of California at Berkeley, Transient Glacial Incision in the Patagonian Andes from ~6 to 3 Ma
- [Nadine Reitman](#), University of Colorado at Boulder, Are offset channels accurate representations of strike-slip fault displacement? Implications from landscape evolution modeling

Special thanks to the folks who worked so hard to find evaluators to visit all the student presentations and identify awardees. For the fall 2018 meeting, these folks were Eitan Shelef, Karl Lang, Jonathan Czuba, Kelly Kibler, Andrew Gray, Paul Richardson, Alexander Beer, and Noel Aloysius.

New EPSP website

The EPSP website has been redesigned and is now accessible at <https://connect.agu.org/epsps/home>. The new site has a sleeker feel and offers new functionality including an EPSP-dedicated [discussion forum](#) for our community members to interact.

Young Researcher Spotlight

If you are interested in getting to know early career members of our EPSP section, you can find our Young Researcher Spotlight on our [website](#) and [twitter](#). To nominate a graduate student or postdoc for a Young Researcher Spotlight, please fill out the following [form](#).

Updates from the social media and student committee front

Claire Masteller (GFZ) and Kate Potter Leary (UCSB) have started a new [#WisdomWednesday](#) series on our [@AGU EPSP twitter](#) where we crowd-source advice for early career scientists. We're archiving the responses and creating summary [blog posts on our website](#). If you have suggestions for topics to be covered, write to Claire (mastell@gfz-potsdam.de) or Kate (learykcp@ucsb.edu).

We've also started regular twitter "takeovers" allowing members of our community to take over our twitter feed and share their research, field work, and conference travel. Thanks to our many volunteers who have already done this. If you're interested in taking over our twitter account, please write to Kieran Dunne (kdunne@sas.upenn.edu).

Updates on fundraising

At last year's fall meeting, we sold 144 tumblers to raise funds for EPSP! Thanks to everyone who bought a Ways and Means mug in honor of G. K. Gilbert's beloved field mule. We raised \$1380 for EPSP that we're putting to use for student support and the AGU Young Geomorphologists social night out. Thank you to Joel Scheingross and Claire Masteller for their energy and creativity with this special fundraiser. You can read about what we did in one of [last year's newsletters](#) if you want to know more about the tumbler.

Fall 2019 meeting, December 9-13

We're going back to [San Francisco](#) for the first time in three years, with lots of special events planned for AGU's centennial. EPSP is running 35 oral sessions, five e-lightning sessions, and an exciting week-long array of poster sessions. Many thanks to the program committee for their hard work. Stay tuned for much more on the meeting in the next newsletter. Gilbert Club will be on December 14 in Berkeley.

Section officers

This summer, Greg Hancock stepped down as EPSP Secretary—thanks to him for many years of excellent service to the section. [Noah Snyder](#) has been appointed to complete the term ending in December 2020. [Dorothy Merritts](#) (President), [Gordon Grant](#) (President-elect), and [William Dietrich](#) (Past-president) continue on in their [roles](#).