

Greetings all,

We hope that you are all having a good northern hemisphere summer, and remaining safe, healthy and engaged. This month's EPSP newsletter begins with an important message from the [EPSP Program Committee](#) about plans for the 2020 Fall Meeting during this time of pandemic and increased action toward racial justice.

Dear colleagues,

We hope that this email finds you well during an exceptional time. As you may already know, the [2020 AGU Fall Meeting will be held virtually this year](#). While this new format presents challenges, we also see this as a time for new opportunities. Current events have brought the issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in geoscience into focus more sharply than ever before. Progress and action comes from conversation, from sharing experiences, ideas, and perspectives and we hope that this time of focus can be an opportunity to center discussions about these issues within our own community.

This year, it is our aim to facilitate these conversations directly within EPSP sessions. Participation is optional, but we are encouraging conveners to allot extra time in oral sessions for presenters to share personal experiences and paths to science, community-based work, and other DEI initiatives. Conveners could also encourage poster presenters to dedicate space on their posters to cover these topics. We hope this will serve to amplify diverse voices in our community and give a platform to the initiatives that many have worked to develop in parallel with their science.

While allotments of extra time to discuss contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion will be determined at convener discretion, we are encouraging all sessions to participate, and the EPSP Program Committee will be working to offer guidance to those who are interested.

For those interested in sharing their experiences and work, we encourage abstract submissions to include a few related sentences. Otherwise, presenters may also indicate their interest in a private note to conveners using the abstract submission form.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. We look forward to a vibrant and virtual Fall Meeting this December! [Abstracts are being accepted from now until July 29](#).

Sincerely,
[EPSP Program Committee](#)

In June, we launched the first of our new online series, [EPSP Connects](#). These are monthly events that will alternate between professional development panel discussions and science seminars that are free and open to anyone who is interested. A summary of the discussion from our first professional development workshop on "Navigating Postdocs" is [posted on our website](#). You can see details for all future EPSP Connects events [on our website](#), and thanks to Udit Mukherjee, Scott Feehan, Claire Masteller, and Joel Scheingross from our student and social media committees for organizing this series.

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

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