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Greetings,

This is the mid-summer EPSP newsletter. Hopefully everyone is enjoying our return to greater normalcy and the opportunity to do fieldwork, lab work, travel, or just take a little time to breathe.

The 4 August due date for Fall Meeting abstracts is in a few weeks. Please read on for important information about the hybrid format of this year's meeting. Below you will also find announcements about the AGU/NSF climate science initiative, the always Wonderful Coffee monthly meet-ups, the August EPSP Connects seminar, a post about building a supportive research community on your campus, and a new graduate-student writing group.

Best and be well,
Noah Snyder
EPSP Secretary

Dear EPSP community,

Just a reminder that abstracts for the Fall 2021 meeting are due **4 August, 2021**. A list of the current EPSP sessions [can be found here](#).

Also, this year the format of the Fall Meeting, which is taking place from 13 - 17 December, is [hybrid](#) - so the meeting is being designed for both in-person (New Orleans, LA) and virtual participation (online from anywhere). Oral sessions can be a mix of in-person and virtual and will be 75 min long, allowing for short talks (~3 mins) from presenters, followed by lively discussions. Oral presenters will also post pre-recorded 15 min talks prior to the start of the meeting. Poster presenters will be able to present their poster either virtually or in-person or both. As such, when you submit your abstract, you can indicate if you are prepared to only present virtually or if you are comfortable and have no preference presenting either virtually or in-person.

Abstract guidelines can be [found here](#).

Two other noteworthy changes are also occurring this year:

1. AGU has revised its first author policy for #AGU21. A first author can now submit two contributed abstracts (i.e., non-invited abstracts) as long as the second abstract is in a different section from the first abstract. Invited authors can submit up to two invited abstracts to any section plus one contributed abstract to a different section.
2. If you are a graduate student or Early Career session convener, you will be allowed to present within your oral session.

More details on session convener guidelines can be [found here](#).

And general FAQs about the scientific program can be [found here](#).

Marisa Palucis
EPSP Program Committee

A novel initiative between AGU and the National Science Foundation may be of particular interest to the EPSP community and has the potential to change the science funding landscape into the future. With various budget bills working their way through Congress, NSF was asked how they would expand support of science for climate change solutions. NSF in turn asked AGU as well as several other scientific societies to contribute ideas and guidance within a very short timelines. AGU organized a small committee to lead this effort, and held two virtual meetings to solicit and refine community input. The result was a final report sent to NSF on 1 June that included a number of suggestions of potential interest to the EPSP community, including: a new trans-disciplinary office of climate solutions; a science corps and community engagement program; coordinated investments in major equipment, environmental monitoring, and data interoperability; regional centers for climate solutions; and expanded graduate fellowships. The initiative is discussed in a recent [“From the Prow” column](#) and the final report is [available here](#).

Wonderful coffee

Our Wonderful Coffee hour continues to be, well, WONDERFUL! Many thanks to everyone who continues to join from across timezones. It has been a great place to meet new people and discuss a broad range of EPSP-adjacent topics.

The [EPSP Wonderful Coffee Hour](#) will continue on the **first Wednesday of each month (4 August, 1 September)** at 8 am San Francisco time. This event is a great opportunity to connect with existing colleagues and meet new ones. All are welcome, and we want to encourage interested students at all stages to participate.

[Join Link](#)

Jump into any group to start/join a conversation.

Interested in building a supportive research community at your own institution? Read a [new blog post](#) from Julia Cisneros and Jorge San Juan about the success they had starting an interdisciplinary discussion group at the University of Illinois, complete with tips on how you can start something similar at your own institution.

Our [EPSP Connects seminar series](#) is on summer break in July. The series will resume on 18 August, 2021 when [Marisa Palucis](#) will present a science talk titled The Martian Chronicles: There Will Come a Gale. You can register for the talk [here](#).

AGU EPSP is starting a student writing group! The writing group will meet over zoom from 7:30 am - 9:30 am PDT on Tuesdays and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm PDT on Thursdays ([convert PDT to your local time here](#)), starting from Tuesday, 13 July, 2021. Graduate students, undergrads, and recent graduates (<1 year post-graduation) are encouraged to come work on anything they choose, from manuscripts and grant applications to coursework and blogs in the (virtual) company of other surface processes students. Sign up here ([Tuesdays](#) and [Thursdays](#)) to receive the zoom info. We hope to see you there!

Best,

[Karin Lehnigk](#), [Udita Mukherjee](#), and the EPSP Student Committee

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