Dear Colleagues,

Here are our updates for the third quarter of 2015.

**Fall Meeting Abstracts**

As SIPS members, we strongly encourage you to consider submitting an abstract to a Public Affairs (PA) session. Authors who want to submit a scientific abstract to another section or focus group for Fall Meeting may also submit an additional abstract to a PA or Education and Human Resources (ED) session. You can browse the many interesting sessions, including 25 confirmed PA sessions, using the Fall Meeting session search.

We also would love to see a SIPS member submit a social science– or policy science–focused abstract to the breaking Union session on the recent Nepal earthquake.

Abstracts are due on **Wednesday, 5 August!**

**Fall Meeting Events**

Look for upcoming SIPS events at the AGU Fall Meeting. We will be hosting a reception on Tuesday evening, as well as a luncheon discussion session for SIPS members. Topics of discussion and a time a date will be sent for that event in a future email.

**SIPS Liaisons**

We would like to formally welcome our first class of SIPS liaisons, who will serve as contacts to other sections and focus groups of AGU. They will help ensure that information flows to and from SIPS and other AGU sections and focus groups, helping to grow SIPS and its impact within AGU. Thank you to our liaisons!

- Mona Behl, Ocean Sciences
- Kevin Reed, Atmospheric Sciences
- Asha Sharma, Hydrology
- Scott Worland, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes

If you are interested in being a SIPS liaison, let us know.

Sincerely,
Timothy A. Cohn, President, SIPS
Linda R. Rowan, President-Elect, SIPS
Maggie L. Walser, Secretary, SIPS
William H. Hooke, Past President, SIPS