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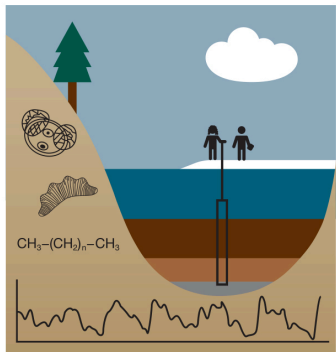
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From the Editor

Welcome to the Summer 2026 issue of **The Muckreader**, the newsletter for your GSA Limnogeology Division!

Our GSA Staff Communications Representative, Samira Rosario Martinez, has been actively sharing recent scientific developments on the [Limnogeology Discussion Board](#). Please take a look at the latest posts, and don't hesitate to share your suggestions or submit work you would like to feature!

Be sure to check out Lonnie's message below for several exciting updates, including information on casting your vote for upcoming board leadership elections!

Jeremiah Bernau

From the Chair

Greetings Limnogeology Division Members! I hope you are having a fun and productive summer. As we look toward Fall (and relief from the heat!), planning is going on for GSA Connects 2026 in October in Denver, where we hope to see many of you. The Division is sponsoring both an oral and poster session, "Lake systems through space and time—sediment and geological archives of climate, water, environmental change and economic resources," where we will learn about some of the exciting research that our members have been doing. We also are looking forward to our annual reception and business meeting (usually on Tuesday evening of the meeting), which, as in the past, we will hold jointly with our colleagues in the Sedimentary Geology Division. At that meeting we will recognize this year's recipient of the Israel C. Russell Award for major achievements in limnogeology, Dr. Alison J. Smith of Kent State University. We will also congratulate the recipient of the Kerry Kelts Student Research Award, Abe Underhill.

Following GSA Connects, I will be rotating out of the Division chairperson position, and will be succeeded by Lesleigh Anderson, who currently serves as the first vice chair. You have all recently received a ballot for three open positions in the Division leadership. Please cast your votes for our Second Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary by the deadline, September 10, 2026.

Next year the Division hopes to continue to grow and increase support to our membership, especially to our student members. The Kelts Fund recently was merged with the Michael Rosen Fund. The Kelts-Rosen Fund, named in memory of two revered limnogeologists, will be able to provide several student research grants in each of the coming years—watch for an announcement about applying for these grants sometime in the Fall.

Enjoy the rest of the summer,
Lonnie Leithold
GSA Limnogeology Division Chair

Award Recipients

Please join us in congratulating this year's award winners:

- **The Israel C. Russell Award:** Dr. Alison J. Smith (Kent State University)
- **The Kerry Kelts Student Research Award:** Abe Underhill

GSA Connects 2026

The upcoming GSA Connects 2026 meeting will take place in Denver this October. The Division is proud to sponsor both an oral and a poster session titled, "Lake systems through space and time—sediment and geological archives of climate, water, environmental change and economic resources," and "Lakes and natural hazards—impacts and archives of past events". Additionally, our annual reception and business meeting will be held jointly with the Sedimentary Geology Division.

Division Leadership & Elections

Following GSA Connects, our current Chair, Lonnie Leithold, will be succeeded by Lesleigh Anderson (First Vice Chair). **As a reminder, ballots for the positions of Second Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary are due by September 10, 2026. Please be sure to cast your vote.**

Fund Merging Announcement

We are excited to announce that the Kelts Fund has officially merged with the Michael Rosen Fund to form the new Kelts-Rosen Fund. This combined fund will begin providing student research grants starting this Fall.

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