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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Kay G. Johnson

We're gearing up for the GSIS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. A big thanks goes to Lisa Johnston for putting together the conference sessions and Rusty Kimball for putting together the technical sessions. Rusty says the sessions will be terrific. Most of the oral session presenters are GSIS members. There is information about sessions elsewhere in this newsletter. Jan Heagy has been terrific in hosting teleconferences so that the board can work out details about the conference and other issues. Angelique Jenks-Brown set up a debit card to make it easier to pay for conference events. Janet Dombrowski is still putting together the *GSIS Newsletter* on top of managing the website. Thanks, Janet! If anyone would like to be newsletter editor, please let me know. The board and committee chairs have been hard working and deserve the credit for the success of our upcoming conference. I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lisa Johnston

The GSA conference is finally here and the GSIS sessions are shaping up to be a very exciting and content-filled program. Here is preview of the GSIS sessions to be held at GSA 2011 Minneapolis, MN from October 9-11. See page 4 for a tentative schedule.

On Saturday (Oct. 8th) we are hosting our popular **Geoscience Librarianship 101** workshop with GIS materials provided by ESRI. This all-day event is organized by Clara McLeod and will be held in the nearby Minneapolis Community & Technical College. Please promote this session to anyone you think might benefit! Also on Saturday, all you early arrivers are invited to join fellow GSIS's for a "**No-Host Dinner and Newcomers Meet-in-Greet**" at Joe's Garage Restaurant (1610 Harmon Place, Mpls). Meet attendees of the Geo101 workshop or catch up with GSIS friends - the

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roof-top patio will have a great view of downtown, so don't miss it!

Sunday (Oct 9th) the GSA Program kicks off and GIS members will have plenty to choose from. Our **GIS Business Meeting**, sponsored by the American Geophysical Union, will be in the morning with refreshments, then the **GSA Geoinformatics Division's technical session "Data Preservation and Management in the Coming Decade"** takes place in the afternoon. Finally, head over to the Exhibit Hall for the Welcoming Party and Awards Ceremony in the evening.

Monday (Oct 10th) includes our **GIS Luncheon and Distinguished Service Award Ceremony**, followed by the **GIS Professional Issues Round Table** sponsored by Geological Society of London. Like last year, this will be a fun opportunity to address issues that you and your colleagues face and hear about a broad range of experiences and solutions. Finally, for those who may be in the shopping mood, or just curious, an informal field trip will be arranged to take the light-rail train down to the Mall of America that afternoon.

On Tuesday (Oct 11th) we will be taking a **field trip to the nearby Mill City Museum** (\$10/person) on the historic Mississippi River a few blocks from the Minneapolis Convention Center. This guided walking tour will give you the best views of the city! Our **GIS Information Resources Forum and Vendor Update** will take place in the afternoon, followed by a **Joint GIS/GSA Geoinformatics Division Evening Reception**, sponsored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Then Wednesday morning (Oct 12th) we will all hear from our colleagues at the **GIS**

Technical Session "Printed Past, Digital Future—We Hold the Key" sponsored by Springer. Thanks to Rusty Kimball, the 2011 GIS Technical Convener, we have an exciting program lined-up on a variety of geoscience information topics, from databases to data management. The **GIS Poster Session**, Geoinformatics in Action!, will be up all day with authors available in the late afternoon.

I look forward to seeing you all at the GSA conference, and a reminder, early-bird registration ends September 6th!

CANDIDATES FOR 2012 OFFICES

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce next years' candidates:

Treasurer: Angelique Jenks-Brown
Vice-President/President Elect: Linda Zellmer

Electronic ballots were sent to GIS members via SurveyMonkey on August 30, 2011. GIS members without an e-mail address or who have blocked SurveyMonkey will receive paper ballots. The election will be open until close of business Monday, September 12, 2011.

Jan Heagy, Chair
Kay Johnson
Rusty Kimball

***The October 2011 Newsletter
Deadline is Friday, October 14.***

Please e-mail your submissions to
janet.dombrowski@gmail.com

Content may be sent at any time.

2011 GSA/GSIS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Minneapolis, MN, October 8-12

(tentative schedule—subject to change)

Date and Time	Session	Location
Saturday, October 8		
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Geosciences Librarianship 101	Minneapolis Community & Technical College
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	GSIS Executive Board Meeting	Conference Hotel
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Early Bird No-Host Dinner and Newcomers Meet-n-Greet	Joe's Garage Restaurant
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	GSA Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony	Convention Center
Sunday, October 9		
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	GSIS Business Meeting	
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Informal Luncheon	
1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	T195. Data Preservation and Management in the Coming Decade	Convention Center 101DE
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	GSA Exhibits Opening and Welcoming Party	Convention Center
Monday, October 10		
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Open time to attend GSA sessions	
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	GSIS Luncheon and Award (ticketed event)	Conference Hotel
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	GSIS Professional Issues Roundtable discussion	
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Mall of America informal Field Trip (tentative)	
5:00 p.m. - ?	Alumni Receptions	
Tuesday, October 11		
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	GSIS Field Trip to Mill City	Mill City Museum (\$10/per person)
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	AGU User's Luncheon (tentative)	
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	GSIS Information Resources/ Vendor Update	Conference Hotel
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	GSIS / GSA <u>Geoinformatics</u> Division Joint Reception and Award	Conference Hotel
Wednesday, October 12		
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	T191. Printed Past, Digital Future— We Hold the Key	Convention center 101DE
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	GSIS Executive Board meeting	Conference Hotel
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (posters available from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)	Poster Session Authors: <u>Geoinformatics in Action!</u>	Convention Center Hall C

GEOSCIENCE LIBRARIANSHIP 101 RETURNS THIS FALL!

Come and discover what geoscience librarianship is all about! The Geoscience Information Society will be hosting this year's seminar on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 9:15am to 4:45pm at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College Library. Registration is free and will be open to all those interested in learning about librarianship in the geosciences (geology, physical geography and earth sciences): information specialists, professional librarians, and students in library and information studies.

Clara McLeod (Washington University in St. Louis) is again coordinating this year's seminar. A team of experienced geoscience librarians will cover topics including collection development, reference and instructional services, maps and GIS. Throughout the seminar, there will be opportunities for participants to engage in open discussion and to give feedback.

Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins will be admitted. Though the event is held prior to the start of the GSA annual meeting, GL101 participants do not need to register for GSA. Registration information and the final schedule of presentations will be posted on the Geonet list.

MEMBER NEWS

New Librarian Joins Branner Library Julie Sweetkind-Singer

I am pleased to announce that Hannah Winkler has recently started in her new position as the Earth Sciences Librarian at Branner Earth Sciences Library and Map Collections at Stanford University. Hannah comes to us from North Carolina where she recently re-

ceived her MLIS from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her degree focused on science librarianship and included coursework in science information and GIS. She received a dual Bachelor's Degree from Guilford College in Geology and English. Hannah has worked for the past four years at the Jackson Library, University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the Reference and Instructional Services unit where she focused on Web 2.0 technologies including virtual reference, podcasting, and blogging. She recently worked as an intern at the EPA-RTP Library of the Environmental Protection Agency and at the UNSEIAC and Map Library at the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library, both in New York City. She also worked as a Staff and Cop Reporter before returning to school for her Master's Degree. We are delighted to have her at Stanford.

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2011 MARY B. ANSARI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD GOES TO CLAREN KIDD

The Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant contributions to the geoscience information profession. The award was established in 2005 through the generous support of Ms. Ansari, Director Emerita for Branch Libraries and Administrative Services, University of Nevada-Reno and President of the Geoscience Information Society (1990).

The Geoscience Information Society is pleased to present the 2011 award to Claren M. Kidd, Professor Emeritus of Bibliography, University of Oklahoma (OU).

Claren joined the geoscience community in 1973 with her appointment as geology librarian at OU, was pro-active until her retirement in 2006, and remains highly esteemed by the user community both on and off campus. Her contributions at the L.S. Youngblood Energy Library were manifold: building strong, diversified collections of special value in the field of energy; supporting research and teaching through close and enterprising work with faculty, students and staff at OU and the Oklahoma Geological Survey (OGS); and modeling the library as a place of knowledge, organization, help and learning.

Claren herself modeled these attributes. She earned both a B.A. and M.A. in Geography from the University of Oklahoma and an M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. To provide the best library service possible, she pursued a self-directed, lifelong program of geoscience learning with special attention to how geoscientists work, what literature they use and how they produce it. Where the literature was obscure or difficult to access, she set out to identify, organize and publicize



it. The importance of maps and field trip guidebooks, underscored by dozens of fieldtrips she took in the region and annually at GSA meetings, are consistent themes in her publications, compilations, and presentations whose foci range from the local and regional to the national and international.

Claren has understood that geology is a global science and has always looked for ways to increase access to its literature. She was instrumental in establishing the OGS materials exchange program and contributed extensively to AAPG efforts to redistribute literature abroad. During a yearlong sabbatical in Australia (1986-87) she compiled data about field trips which were published as a union list by the Australian Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics. On a second sabbatical (1994-95) she traveled throughout New Zealand for a similar project whose result, published by the New Zealand Geological Survey, was a union list of 4,000 unpublished, manuscript and archival geological maps of New Zealand. Closer to home, she endorsed our Society's initiative to improve access to guidebooks, serving as a contributor and compiler for the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th editions of *The Union List of Field Trip Guidebooks of North America*.

In the librarian community Claren has been a mainstay. A member of the Geoscience

Information Society since her appointment at OU, she joined her first committee, commonly known as the Union List of Guidebooks, in 1974 and served on it until 2004. Other committees such as Open File Reports, Construction of Guidelines for Authors/ Publishers of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks, and Guidebooks Standards followed over the years. In 1984, as Vice President, she organized the annual meeting and technical session and then, as President, edited *Proceedings XV*. A frequent contributor to the GSIS/GSA technical sessions she was generous in sharing her expertise in person and in the *Proceedings* in addition to many papers published for regional and national audiences.

Always keen to promote international understanding and exchange, she helped organize the 2nd, 5th and 6th International Conferences on Geoscience Information and edited the two-volume proceedings of the 2nd conference. The founding chair of the GSIS International Initiatives Committee, Claren led the group in envisioning a fellowship program to bring librarians from less developed countries to North America for extended practical enrichment. A bold idea for a small society, the initiative involved setting program goals and selection criteria, drafting a “curriculum,” securing hosts and funding, recruiting and selecting participants, and managing myriad logistical details. Fellowships ranging from four to eight weeks were successfully administered in 1998 and 2000 and speak to Claren’s vision, commitment, and professionalism.

With a style marked by civility, congeniality and grace, Claren often took on projects filled with “heavy lifting.” We honor her now for sustained and significant contributions of unstinting service over three decades to the geoscience information communities.

2011 BEST GUIDEBOOK AWARD

The Guidebook Award Subcommittee is pleased to announce the winner of the Best Guidebook Award for 2011. This year’s winning title is:

James E. Fassett, Kate E. Zeigler, and Virgil Lueth (editors). *Geology of the Four Corners Country*. Socorro, NM: New Mexico Geological Society, Guidebook 61, 2010.

The Guidebook was produced for the New Mexico Geological Society 61st Annual Field Conference, September 22-25, 2010. There are two versions of the guidebook: the complete version and a version with just road logs. A table of contents with abstracts can be found online.

To view the table of contents and ordering information see: <http://nmgs.nmt.edu/publications/guidebooks/61/>.

Additional information can also be found in the front matter: <http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/publications/nmgs/guidebooks/61/frontmatter.pdf>.

The award will be presented in October in Minneapolis.

Erin Palmer, Chair
Guidebook Award Subcommittee

2011 BEST REFERENCE WORK AWARD

The GSIS Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee reviewed nine nominations for the 2011 award:

- Encyclopedia of Islands
- Evolution of Matter
- Geomorphology: the Mechanics and

chemistry of landscapes

- Mantle Convection for Geologists
- Manual of Mineral Science, 23rd Edition
- Metamorphic Rocks
- Michigan Geography and Geology
- Ocean: An Illustrated Atlas
- Why Geology Matters

The Committee members based their selection on average scores of a ten-point, ten-criteria scale. The winner for the 2011 award is *The Mantle Convection for Geologists* by Geoffrey Davies, Cambridge University Press. One of our committee members, Ed Lener, best described the significance of this book, “The topic of this book underlies so many fundamental geological processes and the author does a great job of conveying sometimes difficult subject matter in an accessible, yet scholarly, way.” Unfortunately, the author will not be able to attend the 2011 GSIS Annual Conference, however, Cherie Hackelberg, a Cambridge University Press representative, will be accepting the award.

Committee members include: Edward Lener (Virginia Tech), Dennis Trombatore (University of Texas at Austin), and Angelique Jenks-Brown (Binghamton University, NY).

Respectfully Submitted,
Angelique Jenks-Brown, Chair

JODY FOOTE RECEIVES 2011 BEST PAPER AWARD

On behalf of the GSIS Best Paper Award Committee, I’m pleased to announce that the 2011 award goes to Jody Foote. The committee was particularly impressed with her article “State Geological Survey Libraries: A Disparity in Resources, Services, Access, and Professionalism”. This article

was published in *Science & Technology Libraries*, 29: (1/2), 2010, p. 53-68, and provides an in-depth look at the libraries of the 50 state geological surveys.

Jody also published another noteworthy article in 2010: “Exploring E-book Usage among Faculty and Graduate Students in the Geosciences: Results of a Small Survey and Focus Group Approach”. This timely article was published in *Science & Technology Libraries*, 29 (3), 2010, p. 216-234.

Jody Foote is Associate Professor and Geology Librarian at the University of Oklahoma Libraries, Sarkeys Energy Center. Congratulations, Jody!

Carol La Russa, Chair
Cynthia Prosser
Nancy Sprague

FIELD TRIP GUIDEBOOKS

This column highlights new or newly discovered guidebooks of interest to geosciences librarians. **Please submit items along with information on how to obtain copies to Erin Palmer**, Northwest Territories Geoscience Office, erin_palmer@gov.nt.ca.

The Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists

RMAG has a new guidebook titled, *Revisiting and Revitalizing the Niobrara in the Central Rockies*. Edited by Jane Estes-Jackson and Donna Anderson, it is a compilation of new and old material on the Niobrara Formation and includes a comprehensive bibliography. This publication is available in the RMAG Store http://www.rmag.org/i4a/ams/amsstore/category.cfm?category_id=1. You may also order the *2011 Bakken Guidebook* at this site.

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