

Spring 2016 Graduate Seminar Series
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Thursday 3:30-4:50pm GS 123

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Course Objectives

- To provide a forum for the exposure to & exchange of new, cutting edge scientific ideas.
- To facilitate interaction and foster potential collaborations between UTEP graduate students and the broader scientific community.
- Prepare students for professional careers in the geosciences by learning professional conduct in a formal setting

Professional Conduct

To align with the goals of this course, you will be expected to: 1) be present in GS 123 & seated prior to the start of seminar, 2) be engaged in the guest lectures, 3) not leave until the end of the lecture and questions period, and 4) not miss any seminars.

Grading

Grades will be calculated based on Attendance (50%) and Assignments (50%).

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory! A sign-in sheet will be available at the end of the weekly meeting following the formal presentation. Exceptions will be made for the following instances (only if Dr. Giles receives e-mail notice from your faculty advisor one week prior): presentations at national scientific meetings, required attendance for a course, or off-campus research-related field or laboratory work. Sickness or medical excuses will require submission to Dr. Giles of an official note from a physician within a week of the missed meeting.

Assignments

You will be required to: 1) Complete a questionnaire on candidates for the ongoing faculty searches and 2) to meet with 1 speaker for at least 30 minutes or host a speaker.

1) Candidate Questionnaire: You will be expected to complete a series of short questionnaires designed by the search committees of the faculty search in geochemistry and physical geology. The questionnaires will be uploaded onto Survey Monkey and you will each be invited to participate in the survey. Each candidate is expected to give a presentation at seminar. The seminar presentations will be given through out the month of February. Some weeks there will be more than one presentation in a particular week. However, you are only required to go to one presentation per week. There will be a sign up sheet at each presentation and you will need to fill out the questionnaire on line for one presentation each week. We encourage you to go to all the presentations if you can & to fill

out a questionnaire so that we can get maximum graduate student feedback on the candidates.

2) Meet with Speakers: This serves as an opportunity to learn more about each speaker's science and to have an open forum for discussing questions relevant to your own research or career interests. This exercise is intended for students to develop communication and collaboration skills and to learn how to engage colleagues in a professional setting. Each week the TA, Rachelle Kernan will provide times available to meet with the speaker in the GS Reading Room and will schedule the meetings. If you host a speaker (interact, develop schedule, be responsible for travel arrangements), this will also fulfill your meeting requirement for the semester. Please contact the listed host for a particular speaker to see how you may assist in the hosting process.