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2011 GSA ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION



ARCHEAN TO ANTHROPOCENE:

The Past is the Key to the Future

When: 9–12 October 2011

Where: Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC), 1301 Second Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55403, USA

Be sure to check your [Annual Meeting program book](#) (which is downloadable), the [September GSA Today](#), or [our new mobile meeting app](#) for times, locations & further information.



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You still have time to REGISTER, whether it's for the full meeting or just one day. Register online throughout the meeting or [on site](#) in MCC Lobby B.

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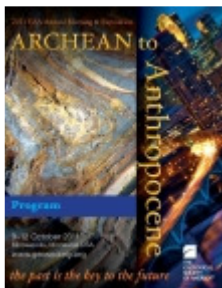
Non-Technical Sessions & Events

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Students — Make it *Your* Meeting!

- [Student Icebreaker](#): Sat., 6 p.m. (Loring Theater)
- [President's Student Breakfast](#): Sun., 7 a.m.
- [Women in Geology Mentor Reception](#): Sun., 5 p.m.
- [Geology in Government Mentor Luncheon](#): Mon., 11:30 a.m.
- [YES Network-GSA-AGI Student Networking Luncheon](#): Mon., 11:30 a.m.
- [Geology in Industry Mentor Luncheon](#): Tues., 11:30 a.m.
- [Last chance](#) for afternoon beer & networking in the [poster hall](#): Wed., 4:30 p.m.

For a complete list, [download our student highlights flyer](#) (PDF).

Something for Everyone!

- [Lunchtime Lectures](#) (see esp. Sunday's event, which ties directly into the annual meeting theme).
- [Exhibit Hall Opening Reception](#) — **New time: 2 p.m.** Sunday, with beer & wine at 4:30.
- [Presidential Address & Awards Ceremony](#) — **New Day: SUNDAY**, 6:30 p.m., immediately followed by an Awards and Welcome Reception, where you can meet & raise a glass to this year's [outstanding awardees](#).
- Town Hall Meeting: [Navigating National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#) (Earth Science Women's Network).
- Film screening: [Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story](#).
- [Gold Medal Lectures](#).
- [Subaru Outdoor Life Lecture](#): Polar Explorer Ann Bancroft: *No Horizon is so Far*.
- [Group Alumni Reception](#) (as well as private alumni receptions; check with your college or university).

Education & Outreach Events

Short Courses

A few short courses, which start on Friday, 7 Oct., at the [University of St. Thomas](#) (near the MCC), still have space available. Check the Annual Meeting Short Course [website](#) for more information and/or with the registration desk (MCC, Lobby B) once you arrive onsite.

E&O Receptions

- Welcome Reception for Two-Year Geoscience Faculty, Sat., 4–5 p.m.
- Annual Geoscience Educators Social Reception, Sat., 5–7 p.m.
- Bighorn Basin Field Award Reception, Sun., 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- GeoCorps™ America Alumni Reception, Mon., 5–6:30 p.m.
- Diversity in the Geosciences Reception, 5–7:30 p.m.

Geology & Public Policy Events





Tuesday, 11 Oct., is a big day for GSA's Washington Office, Geology & Public Policy Committee, and Geology and Society Division. For times & locations, [have a look online](#); highlights are below:

- **Communicating and Shaping Policy: From Grassroots to Capitol Hill:** Geologist Allyson Anderson, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Geology and Society Division Distinguished Lecture:** Edward Maibach: "Improving the effectiveness of communication about climate science: A communication scientist's perspective."



- **Congressional Science Fellows Panel Discussion & Reception:** Meet past and current GSA-USGS Congressional Science Fellows. Refreshments provided.

Support GSA through the GSA Foundation!

Come to the [GSA Headquarters Area in the Exhibit Hall](#), and you'll have no trouble locating the GSA Foundation booth, where you can take part in two special fundraising events:

1. **Gold for Gold:** Donate your unwanted or broken gold jewelry and gold coins to the GSA Foundation to support the Medals Fund.

2. **The Annual Silent Auction:** Find some outstanding items this year, including photographs, rock & mineral specimens, books, wine, field gear, timeshares, and more!



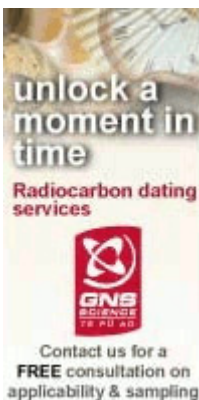
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Need more information about Minneapolis and what to do between sessions & events? Our [venue](#) web page lists links to more info about area restaurants, local culture, and a great offer for discounted tickets to opening night for the Minnesota Wild.



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Societal Challenges and Geoinformatics

Edited by A. Krishna Sinha, David Arctur, Ian Jackson & Linda Gundersen: Information is only as good as what it can tell us & that means developing the right tools to place in the right hands. Get this book into the right hands!

Field Guide to Samos and the Menderes Massif: Along-Strike Variations in the Mediterranean Tethyan Orogen

By Klaus Gessner, Uwe Ring & Talip Güngör: The product of a 2010 GSA Field Forum, this guide explores the tectonics of Samos and the Menderes Massif, two fascinating areas within the eastern Mediterranean section of the Tethyan orogen.





Archean to Anthropocene: Field Guides to the Geology of the Mid-Continent of North America

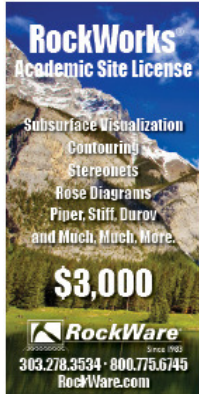
Edited by James D. Miller, George J. Hudak, Chad Wittkop & Patrick I. McLaughlin: This volume includes guides for 25 diverse and interesting trips in and around the Minnesota, USA, area.

From the Outside Looking In

Written and illustrated by Charles Ferguson Barker: Introduce the children in your life to the science in your life with this captivating story of plate tectonics illustrated with detailed black-and-white pencil drawings.



Geoscience Careers



GSA Annual Meeting Employment Service Center

Visit the [employment service center](#) onsite to see what companies are interviewing and to view job postings. FREE service for all GSA members: [post your résumé online](#). Employers: [Learn more](#) about our database and about opportunities at our annual meeting.

AGI: 2010 Salaries for Geoscience-related Occupations by Industry

[[Geoscience Currents](#) (19 Sept)]

GSA in the News

• **Annual Meeting Science** (session 239), and specifically, work by **C.A. Raymond et al.**, [Exploring the smallest terrestrial planet: Dawn at Vesta](#), is covered by [Universe Today](#) in their 21 Sept. article, "Rheasilvia — Super Mysterious South Pole Basin at Vesta is Named after Romulus and Remus Roman Mother."

• Work by **Annual Meeting Science** (session 15) presenter **M.E. McNamara et al.** is covered in a 28 Sept. BBC Science Online article, "[Fossil beetles show true colours](#)." McNamara will present research on "[The Original Colors of Fossil Moths](#)" on Sunday at the GSA Annual Meeting.

• **A 20 Sept. COSMOS (Australia) article**, "[Martian Clay Hints at Life](#)" covers Oct. 2011 *Geology* science by **C.M. Weitz et al.**, "[Diverse mineralogies in two troughs of Noctis Labyrinthus, Mars](#)."

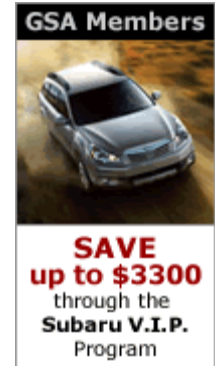
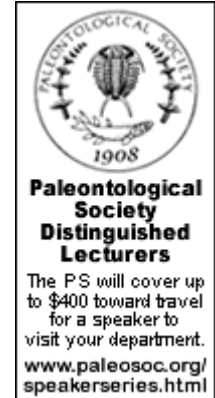
• **A 23 Sept. Denison Geoblog post**, "[GEOS 211: The Uncovering of Quartz from Submerged Archaeological Sites](#)," discusses a July 2011 *Geology* science article by **E.P. Sonnenburg et al.**, "[Quartz flakes in lakes: Microdebitage evidence for submerged Great Lakes prehistoric \(Late Paleoindian–Early Archaic\) tool-making sites](#)."

Press Releases Issued by GSA

4 Oct.: [New GSA earth-science research posted:](#) GSA Bulletin, Geosphere, GSA Today

3 Oct.: [GSA President presents USGS Coalition Leadership Award](#) to U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman

7 Sept.: [NASA's Dawn Mission at Vesta:](#) Press conference announcement: 2011 Annual Meeting of The Geological Society



of America

30 Aug.: [September 2011 GSA Today Special Issue](#): Four science articles highlight geoscience of the Upper Midwest in anticipation of GSA Annual Meeting



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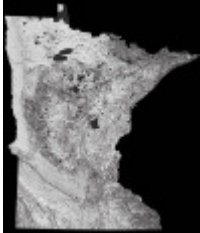
AGI, 30 Sept.: [AGI adopts the new name of the American Geosciences Institute](#)

UNR, 22 Sept.: [University of Nevada, Reno engineers simulate large quake on curved bridge](#)

Planetary Science Inst., 19 Sept.: [Young clays on Mars could have been habitable regions for life](#)



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1. In what year did GSA last hold an annual meeting in Minnesota?
2. Who gave the presidential address that year?
3. Who will give the presidential address this year?



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