

UGA Geology News – 2018

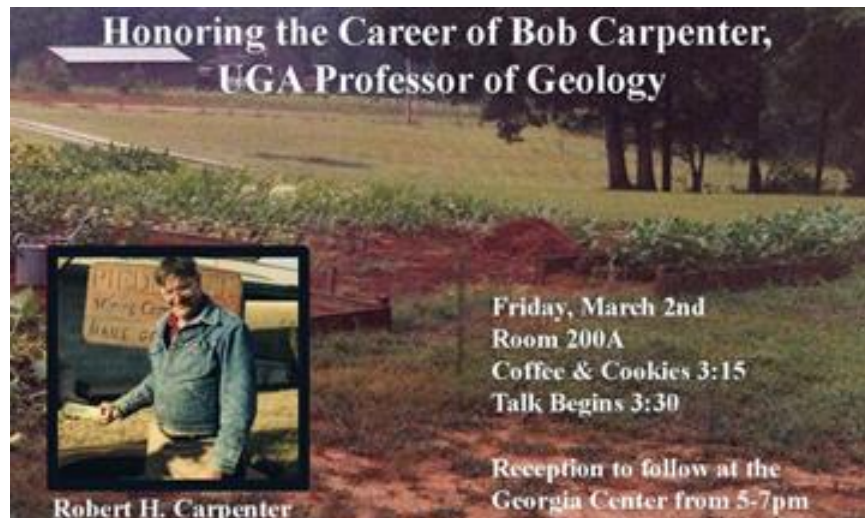
Summer 2018 Letter from the Head

Greetings! The 2017/18 academic year has ended, and great things continue to happen in the UGA Geology Department. Highlights include the following: 1) the January 2018 Houston, TX alumni meeting, 2) the March 2018 Bob Carpenter tribute and 3) the April 2018 Awards ceremony. We are updating our Alumni advisory board to focus on regional alumni interest groups to allow for more social “get-togethers”. In addition to Houston, TX, we are looking to organize groups in the cities of Atlanta, GA and Denver, CO. If you live or looking for a reason to travel to these places, then send me an email so we can invite you to be part of the festivities.

The Houston event had about 30 people. It was amazing to see the wide range of experience, with some having just started their careers to some who are looking at retirement after 30+ years of employment. Thanks go to Dr. Doug Crowe for promoting the event, which was held at the historical Brenner’s on the Bayou. Raffles prizes included UGA Geology beer mugs and a Vince Dooley autographed football.



The Bob Carpenter tribute brought in nearly 70 people from all generations. Festivities began with the presentation of Elberton granite markers to Bob’s wife Susan and his daughter, Rachel Ashton our very own fantastic business manager. Thanks to Bill Hood and Dale Willis for making the markers possible. Bill McLemore, Dave Mashburn, Gene Harely, Gilles Allard, and Jeff Reid fondly shared their memories of Bob. The Carpenter tribute was culminated by a well-attended reception at the Georgia Center ballroom including the favored beverage of geologists.



Please visit our department webpage to also see all the accolades and awards presented at our year-end ceremony. This past year, 9 undergraduate and 17 graduate research presentations were made at professional meetings, 5 MS degrees were conferred, and 22 student research grants garnered from 12 different external funding sources are highlights amongst many other accomplishments.



We are also proud to have Dr. Charlotte Garing joining us as a new faculty member. She will start in January and is finishing post-doc obligations at Stanford University where she studies hydrogeology. In particular she works on fluid flow and transport in porous media at a variety of scales. She examines reservoir rocks using X-ray tomography, along with developing many other innovative field and lab-based methods.

Field camp and IFP are in full swing as I write. These field programs are strong as ever with the leaderships of Crowe, Roden, Schroeder, Cox, and Dvoracek. Newer faculty, Milewski, Klimczak, and Howarth will join our field programs this summer.

Regards to all,

Paul Schroeder, Head