



Meet the Undergrad Associate Chair

I'm excited to welcome you to the 2025–2026 academic year. It has been a pleasure to start already working with some of you in various courses and during open hours. Whether you're just beginning your journey or returning to continue it, this department is full of ways to explore, connect, and grow.

Here's one piece of advice for a successful year: *Don't wait to get involved.* The earlier you connect with faculty, research opportunities, student clubs, or events, the more doors you'll open for yourself.

- **Weekly Coffee Hour (Mondays)** – Meet peers, faculty, and staff over free bagels and donuts.
- **Colloquium Series (Wednesdays)** – Hear from leading researchers across the geosciences.
- **Earth Sciences Library** – A hub for workshops, study space, and research support.
- **Undergraduate Research & Field Opportunities** – Keep an eye on the newsletters for updates and resources, or stop by the advisors and geology undergraduate faculty mentors to start exploring.
- **Geology Club & more** – Build community and prepare for your future.

I'm here to support your academic journey. My open hours are Mondays from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in Benson 222B.

Let's make this a great year together!

[View Dr. Stempien's Profile](#)

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Main Campus Enrollment Deadlines

Today is the last day to add or swap Main Campus classes and September 5th is the last day to drop a Main Campus class.



A Huge Thank You to the Geology Club!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible members of the Geology Club for their outstanding work welcoming students this fall. From representing our department at the Welcome Fair and Be Involved Fair to staffing the Benson Foyer table during the first week of classes, your energy, enthusiasm, and dedication made a real impact. You helped new students feel at home and showed what makes our community so special. We're grateful for all you do—thank you for being such fantastic ambassadors for Geological Sciences!

No Classes Monday!

Just a reminder that classes will not be held on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. Take the long weekend to rest, recharge, and enjoy the start of the semester. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 2.



Meet The Academic Advisors

Make an appointment with Amairany Casillasalcala or Jordyn Howard through [Buff Portal Advising](#). If your advisor changed over the summer, you should've gotten emails from both your old and new advisors. No need to worry if you missed them, but it's smart to double-check your current advisor in **Buff Portal Advising**, just to be sure everything's up to date!

[Learn More About Our Advisors](#)

Our department is able to offer locker reservations for the lockers on the basement level of Benson Earth Sciences. If you are interested in reserving a locker for this semester or next, requests are now open. There are several ways to reach our locker request form, linked [here](#). You can also stop by the lockers and scan the QR codes, or visit the Geological Sciences webpage and choose the Resources tab. If you have any trouble completing the form, please call (303) 492 8141 or email Geoloffice@colorado.edu.

Meet The Faculty Mentors

To meet with Faculty Mentors Dr. Jennifer Stempien or Dr. Lon Abbott, you can make an appointment through [Buff Portal Advising](#). Dr. Stempien will hold Office Hours 11:30-1:00 PM on Mondays in Benson 222B. Dr. Abbott's in-person office hours are on Wednesdays from 12:00 – 2:00 PM in 222A.



[Learn More About Our Mentors](#)

Travel Grants & Awards

Departmental Funds

The department is currently accepting applications for travel funds for Fall and Winter 2025 conference travel (September 2025-December 2025). To be eligible for this award, you must be a Geological Sciences major, and you must be presenting a first-author publication. Please have a copy of your abstract submission ready to be uploaded before you begin the application.

Please submit your application no later than **5pm on Monday, September 1** for consideration. Please contact geoadmin@colorado.edu with any questions about the application or travel funds.



[Apply Here](#)



Read all of the information in the Application Guide with your mentor before you start an application and contact us with questions as soon as possible.

University Student Application Guide

University Events & Opportunities



Colorado Water Fellows Program

Are you an undergrad student at CU Boulder interested in water? Apply by 9/8 for the Colorado Water Fellows Program, hosted by **Western Water Assessment!** The program prepares students for careers in the water field and connects them to opportunities, including conferences.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ethan Knight: ethan.knight@colorado.edu



Education Abroad Fair

Join us on **Thursday, Sept. 4, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. outside in the UMC Fountain Arcade!** Recently returned education abroad alumni & education abroad staff will be on hand to share what it's like to live & learn abroad, find affordable programs, and get started on finding the program that's right for you.

*Spring 2026 Study Abroad Programs Open on Sept 1st. add link

Department News and Features

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award

[Jaelyn Eberle](#), a University of Colorado Boulder professor of [geological sciences](#) and CU [Museum of Natural History](#) curator of fossil vertebrates, has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar award to study the extensive collection of Cretaceous (about 75 million

years old) Mongolian mammals housed at the
Institute of Paleobiology in Warsaw, Poland.



Outside the Classroom



Be sure to follow our Instagram page [@cu_boulder_geology](#) for updates including upcoming events, department news, and photos from our students!

**View our
Page**

Just so you know...

The undergrad newsletter will be sent out each Friday afternoon, so check back weekly for news, job and funding opportunities, and messages from the department. If you have something you would like to share in a future edition of the newsletter, please email geoloffice@colorado.edu.

Annual Geology News 2025



[Our Company](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [FAQs](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)



Try email marketing for free today!