



Department of Geological Sciences  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back for the Spring semester! I hope you had a refreshing break and are ready for an exciting Spring semester!

As you dive into your classes, remember there are many ways to get involved with the department beyond the classroom.

- Join us for our **weekly coffee hour**, where you can connect with peers, faculty, and staff in a relaxed setting.
- Don't miss the **departmental colloquium series**, which features fascinating talks by experts in the field.
- If you're looking for a great community, the student run **Geology Club** is a perfect fit.
- Also, keep an eye out for other **departmental events like some of those listed down below**; these are other great ways to get to know others in the department.

February and March are also the time for applications for scholarships and various summer opportunities. Be sure to check out the folder linked below for updates on opportunities as we learn about them.

We're here to support you, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or ideas for getting involved. My open hours are on Mondays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM in Benson 222B.

Let's make this semester a great one!

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## Important Reminders

### Add / Drop Deadlines

The last day to add or swap a full semester main campus class is coming up on **January 22nd**, followed by the last



day to drop a class on **January 29th**. To see drop deadlines for other sessions, please see the CE Calendar below.

The start of the semester is a great time to reach out to your advising team. Don't forget to look for their open hours and appointments on your Buff Portal!

**Main Campus  
Calendar**

**CE  
Calendar**

**Buff  
Portal**

## Campus and Office Closed Monday

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, campus and the Geological Sciences Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th. Have a relaxing holiday!



## Upcoming Events



### Career Services Events

CU Career Services will be hosting workshops, career fairs, and more events all throughout Spring! Take a look at their upcoming events at the button below. Even if you cannot make it to an event, stop in their office any time and get a free professional photograph taken!

**Career Services  
Events**

## BAJEDI Gear Swap

Dear GEOL students, staff and faculty — the BAJEDI committee is soon hosting a 2025 Gear Swap!

Please consider donating any gently used gear to share with our community. Suggested items include functional camping equipment, backpacks, outerwear and geology gear.



Drop your items in the Front Office between Jan 20-29!

Then come to the Gear Swap in BESC 355 on **Wednesday Jan 29** between 3-5pm! You can come take any gear that might fit your needs, whether you made a donation or not.



## One Health Symposium Abstract Call

The Environmental Engineering department is hosting a One Health Symposium **April 25<sup>th</sup> 2025**. You are encouraged to apply for this opportunity to present your research, gain experience, and network with fellow students/faculty.

If you're not sure whether your research qualifies for this symposium, email [allison.cook@colorado.edu](mailto:allison.cook@colorado.edu), or apply anyway!

**What is One Health?**

**Apply Here**

**Event Information**

## Earth Mysteries and Histories

Building on the momentum of our inaugural outreach event last April, we are happy to announce that the GEOL Department will host its second near Earth Day outreach event – Earth Mysteries and Histories!

This is a volunteer-driven event. Opportunities to volunteer include: refine and build upon last year's interactive hands-on stations, host the stations, assist with registration/check-in, and more! We also have funding available if anyone would like to design a new station(s).

Please keep an eye out for details in the coming week. In the meantime, please save the date so you can participate and help connect our GEOL Department with larger community, from kindergarteners to elders. The event is scheduled for **April 26, 2025, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM** at the Biotechnology Building on the East Campus.



## Talks and Colloquium



### Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

On Wednesday, January 22nd, Dr. Julia Cisernos will be visiting from Virginia Tech as a colloquium speaker. As always, snacks and drinks will be available at 12:00 and the talk will begin at 12:30. Stop by Benson 380 to listen in!

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### New Location for Opportunity Postings!

Internships, Summer programs, scholarships, and job postings have a new home! Check out our Opportunities Folder for news and postings on exciting experiences available to you.



[Opportunities Folder](#)



### Highlighted Internship - DINO SIP

The application for the Diverse and Inclusive Naval Oceanographic Summer Internship Program (DINO SIP) at the Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) at the University of Washington is live! DINO SIP aims to provide underrepresented minority students with an opportunity to experience and conduct project-based research, participate in professional development, build community with other young scientists, and learn how to navigate the pathways to a career in maritime and oceanographic science, technology, mathematics, or engineering (STEM) fields.

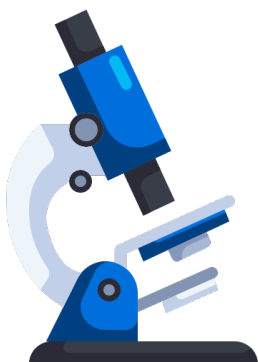
[Learn More and Apply](#)

### Pathways Summer Programs

Browse hundreds of different Summer research experiences for undergraduates (REU) and paid internships on the Pathways to Science website! With over 600 programs to choose from, you're sure to find one that fits your interests.



[Browse Website](#)



## Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

CU Boulder has an expansive history of connecting students to the academic and creative life of the campus with investments dating to 1986 with the creation of UROP. A diverse constellation of programs now form a vibrant, welcoming community for students in all majors—offering culturally responsive mentorship, empowering networks, training and more. Explore programs and apply below, application deadlines are **February 14th**.

[UROP](#)

## Department News and Features



### Eric Small - The Ampersand Podcast

The Geology Department's very own Dr. Eric Small was featured on CU's The Ampersand this December! Beyond the sheer hilarity of the conversation, what makes this such a fun interview is his unwavering belief that easy answers are hard to come by and they only get more complex the closer you choose to look. Listen below to learn about Dr. Small's hydrological research on water, energy and carbon budgets of the Earth's surface.

[Listen Here](#)

## Miss a Newsletter?

Check out past newsletters at [this link](#)!

## Just So You Know...

The undergrad newsletter will be sent out each Thursday, so check back weekly for news, job and funding opportunities, and messages from your faculty. If you have something you would like to share in a future edition of the newsletter, please email [geoloffice@colorado.edu](mailto:geoloffice@colorado.edu).



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