

## GLG 494 - Interdisciplinarity and Career Opportunities in the Geosciences

Day 1- Agenda

-Introductions (Ramon, Nathan and then you all)
-Going over the syllabus and expectations.
-Discussion and topics and course expectations
-Assignment of topics (dates will be flexible)
-Discussion of Career Goals
-Discussion of Interdisciplinarity

## Instructor: Nathan A. Toke

## (my background)

## Education:

B.S. Geology - University of Vermont 2003
M.S. Geological Sciences - Arizona State University 2005

Ph.D. Candidate Geological Sciences - (IGERT-Urban Ecology Fellow) 2006-Present
Visiting Graduate Student, University of Granada, Spain (spring 2008)

## Research and Work Experience:

Earthquake geology and Tectonic Geomorphology of the San Andreas Fault, CA.
Urban hydrology, ecology, and geomorphology in desert environments.
Tectonic Geomorphology and geologic mapping of faults in Baja California.
Urban hydrology related to soil compaction and remediation in Burlington, VT.
Topographic analyses of landforms along the Alpine Fault, NZ.
Hydrology, Ecology, and Geology of the Little Chazy River, NY.
Paleoclimate study from pond cores in New England.
Teaching: intro geology labs and class, field camp TA,
Guest Lecturer at the University of Potsdam, Germany.

## School of Earth and Space Exploration (SESE)


http://sese.asu.edu/focus-areas

## Goals for this class

- We will gain perspective on the idea of interdisciplinarity and how it is manifest in the geosciences.
- We will read and discuss primary literature spanning a broad set interdisciplinary areas within the geosciences with the purpose of sparking interest for future research or career endeavors.
- We will meet with 4 professors from ASU that are conducting interdisciplinary research.

We will meet with 4 professionals to discuss career opportunities.

- We will spend at least 2 classes working on professional development activities. Talking about the graduate school application process, creating CVs/resumes, and job applications.

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## Assignments and Grading

- Attend class, do readings, share your thoughts and opinions: (50\% of grade).
- Co-lead one class (work with instructor and partner to chose readings, prepare discussion questions, and facilitate the discussion). (20\% of grade)
- 2 reflective papers (journals basically) of 2-3 pages each. Topics to be assigned. (20\% of grade; 10\% each).
- Creation or editing of a CV or extended resume (10\%).


## We need to pick 6 topics (vote for 3) Geoscience and....

Topic
Votes

- Policy and Government
- Law
- Ecosystems
- Engineering/Planning
- Global Hazards response
- Human History
- Evolutionary Biology/paleontology
- Energy Resources
- Climate studies
- Education
- Human space exploration
- Planetary Science
- Sustainability
- Environmental Safety


## Geosciences Hazards/Policy/law/planning

| 33 California Geological Survey - Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones - Mozilla Firefox |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ¢ California Geological Survey - Alq...区 区 Arizona State University - Calendar |  |  | Geological Society of America - Graduate Student Research Grants http://www.geosociety.org/grants/gradgrants.htm |  |  |  |  |
| State of California <br> Department of Conservation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| CALIFORNIA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY | CGS $\Rightarrow$ Regional Geologic Hazards and Mapping Program $\Rightarrow$ AP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\Rightarrow$ Products of the AlquistPriolo Program | California Geological Survey - Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\Rightarrow$ Revised Official AP map, Released August 16, 2007 | The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act was passed in 1972 to mitigate the hazard of surface faulting to structures for human occupancy. This state law was a direct result of the 1971 San Fernando Earthquake, which was associated with extensive surface fault ruptures that damaged numerous homes, commercial buildings, and other structures. Surface rupture is the most easily avoided seismic hazard. <br> What is the Alquist-Priolo Act? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\Rightarrow$ Official Maps of New and Revised Earthquake Fault Maps, Released May 1 , 2003. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## Ecosystems and Engineering



## Human

## History/geoarcheology



## Evolutionary Biology/Paleontology/astrobiology



## Energy and Resources



## Climate and Atmospheric Studies



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## Education and Insights from Geosciences



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## Space and Planetary Exploration



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## Topic Leaders

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| 1 | Feb 5 |  |
| 2 | Feb 12 |  |
| 3 | Feb 19 |  |
| 4 | Mar 19 |  |
| 5 | Mar 26 |  |
| 6 | April 2 |  |

## Potential Guests

Academics:
Prof. Brad Allenby (Earth Systems Engineering)
Prof. Nancy Grimm (Ecology)
Prof. Steven Semken (Geoscience Education)
Prof. Hillary Hartnett (Biogeochemistry)
Prof. Ed Hackett (Science and Technology Studies)
Prof. Christopher Boone (Urban Geography and Environmental Justice)
Prof. Jon Fink (Urban sustainability, hazards)
Prof. Jim Holway (Public Policy, Growth and Resource Use (water))
Professionals:
Ted Lehman (Geomorphologist; JE Fuller and Associates)
Dr. Peter Kroopnick (hydrologist Arcadis)
Dr. Jeri Young, Mimi Diaz, or other from (AZGS)
Paul Ivanich (Arizona Department of Water Resources)
Flood Control District of Maricopa County
City Planner
Utilities (SRP, APS)
Mining/Resources

## Career and Research Opportunities

## Graduate School?

Industry?
-Energy, resources, environmental remediation, consulting, engineering,
Government?
-Planning, surveys, research, environmental monitoring, stewardship,
Education?
-Higher ed, K-12,

## Interdisciplinarity

- Definitions?
- How does it work?
- How have you experienced it in classes?
- Research?


## Things to define for next week's readings.

Disciplines
Multidisciplinary
Interdisciplinary
Transdisciplinary
Pandisciplinary
Epistomological
Ontology

## Assignments

- Readings posted on the website
- Answer discussion questions I post.
- Come up with one question of your own and share it next week!
- Finish survey?
- Check for any announcements
- Start thinking about finding papers for your leading day (especially the first group)


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