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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Cragin Knox



I hope that everyone survived the holiday season.

At our monthly meeting, scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2007, we look forward to a presentation from Jamie Harris, Chairman of the Millsaps College Geology Department. Dr. Harris will be presenting his research on the geology of Scotland. Grampian hills, here we come!! Dr. Greg Easson, Professor at the University of Mississippi Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, will be our speaker at the regularly scheduled meeting in February.

I will remind everyone that we promised our colleagues from the U.S.G.S. that we provide them with any questions (and possible answers) on the Tuscaloosa. Please forward those to Neil Barnes and he will pass them on to Paul Hackley.

Cragin Knox

2016-2017 MGS MEETING SCHEDULE

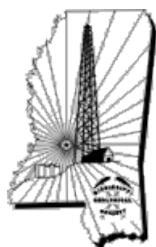
When	What/Who	Where
September 8, 2016	Fall BBQ	Jackson Yacht Club-5:30pm
October 13, 2016	Deep Lakes in Early Mars—Ezat Heydari	River Hills – 11:30am
November 10, 2016	Tuscaloosa Marine Shale Paul Hackley et al. USGS	River Hills – 11:30am
	MAPL Christmas Party CANCELLED	
January 12, 2017	Jamie Harris—Millsaps College The Geology of Scotland	River Hills – 11:30am
February 9, 2017	TBD	River Hills – 11:30am
March 9, 2017	TBD	River Hills – 11:30am
April 13, 2017	Boland Scholarship Awards	River Hills – 11:30am
May 11, 2017	Spring Fling	Jackson Yacht Club– 5:30pm



Sioux Quartzite from bedrock in South Dakota (left), glacial till in Kansas (middle) and Thompson Creek in Yazoo County, MS (right). Thirty centimeter long scale below.

OFFICERS MEETINGS

September 6, 2015
October 11, 2015
November 8, 2015
January 10, 2016
February 7, 2016
March 7, 2016
April 11, 2016
May 9, 2016



JANUARY SPEAKER

James B. Harris Ph.D.



Ancient Mountains and Deep Time: Exploring the Scottish Roots of Geology

James B. Harris
Department of Geosciences, Millsaps College

Many of the most influential names (Hutton, Smith, Peach and Horne) and ideas (unconformities, geologic mapping, thrust faults) in the history of the earth sciences can be traced to original work done in Scotland. My talk will discuss the development of ideas on geological processes and the history of modern geological thought through investigation of several classic sites in Scotland.



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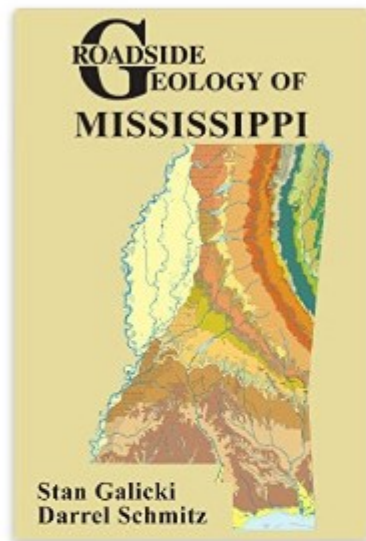
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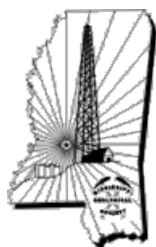
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It's a little-known fact, but Mississippi has a volcano. True, it's buried under 2,600 feet of sediment, but it was red hot and active roughly 79 to 69 million years ago, and evidence of its bulging remains are visible in the Jacksonville area.

Mississippi emerged along the edge of a massive tear that

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IMPERIAL BARREL AWARD

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If anyone is interested in helping out the MSU IBA team
please contact Tim Palmer @ tp780@msstate.edu.

The team meets MWF from 9-10am.
Gulf Coast Data Section will be released January 20th



From left to right:

Tim Palmer, Kalli Dubois, Shannon Vattikuti, Rayford Parnell, and Brenden Lomago.



GEOLOGY POST

ARTICLES, PAPERS or NEWS?

ATTENTION!!!!!! Industry, Professors and Students:

I am adding a dedicated section that includes more content from the industry and our schools.

Submissions can include anything from professional papers, thesis abstracts, job opportunities to pictures. Anything!!!!

If you have any information or news you would like to share with the Society **PLEASE** email them to the MGS Editor at:

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Thanks & Regards,

Matt Caton
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MONTHLY POST

Dr. David T. Dockery III RPG

FORENSIC GEOLOGY OF MISSISSIPPI GRAVEL

David T. Dockery III, RPG, and James E. Starnes, RPG

The Gravel Page chapter of John McPhee's (1997) book *Irons in the Fire* contains this: "For sixteen years, I have had on my desk petri dishes full of Platte River pebbles. They call to mind, among other things, kidnappings and murders--"; sound interesting? This line begins a chapter on Forensic Geology with subjects from Sherlock Holmes, to abductions and murders of famous people, to the World War II Japanese balloon bombs, cases all solved by Forensic Geology. A sedimentologist and professor at the University of Minnesota, Kleinspehn, identified McPhee's Platte River pebbles and explained the original bedrock source. Some of the sources were hundreds of miles away from the site the pebbles were collected.

Recently, upon request, Brian Phelps of L. G. Everist, Inc., of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, sent MDEQ's Office of Geology a complimentary sample of Sioux quartzite from their quarries. Oddly enough, this quartzite occurs as cobbles and boulders in the Pleistocene pre-loess gravel deposits situated along the eastern valley wall of the Mississippi River Alluvial Plain (the Mississippi "Delta"). Figure 1 shows, from left to right, Sioux Quartzite from the bedrock of the Everist quarries, Sioux Quartzite from the Glacial Kansan Till of Kansas, and a boulder of Quartzite collected by Starnes from pre-loess gravel in Thompson Creek near Little Yazoo in Yazoo County, Mississippi.



Sioux Quartzite from bedrock in South Dakota (left), glacial till in Kansas (middle) and Thompson Creek in Yazoo County, MS (right). Thirty centimeter long scale below.

This tells a story some 700,000 years ago when glacial ice blocked the original course of the upper Missouri River to Hudson Bay, leading to the capture of the upper Missouri by the Mississippi River. It was only at this time that ice rafted Sioux Quartzite boulders and cobbles could make their way to Mississippi. Once the ice flows melted, Sioux Quartzite was dropped into the ancient Mississippi River gravel.



BOLAND SCHOLARSHIP WATCH

Faculty & Students,

The school year is halfway through and the Mississippi Geological Society along with the Boland Scholarship Fund would like to remind you that we want to honor the most outstanding overall students for the 2016-2017 year.

Each year, the Boland Scholarship awards 1 student from each institution a check that rewards students for their hard work and dedication to the Geosciences and their community.

We look forward to a great year and hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Best Regards,





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