

Second Annual Arizona Geological Society Doug Shakel Memorial Student Poster Event

The AGS will host a special meeting on **Thursday, April 24, 2014** in **Tempe** at the [Embassy Suites Hotel](#) (address - 4400 South Rural Road; located at the intersection of South Rural Road and the Superstition Freeway, which is one mile due South of the ASU campus).

Prizes to be awarded:

First Prize: \$500; Second Prize \$250; Third Prize \$150; Three honorable mentions at \$50.

Special geological gifts will be given to each entrant.

Schedule

6:00-7:00 PM: Viewing of posters during the social hour. (Judging will begin as the student hangs his or her poster.)

7:00-8:00: **Dinner is FREE for student members who make a reservation by calling (520) 663-5295 or registering on our web site no later than 4 PM on April 21.** Students, who are not members, are encouraged to sign up for [free AGS membership on our web site](#) or at the meeting. Please bring a student ID with you. Student members who are not presenting a poster are also welcome and will receive a free dinner.

7:00-9:00: Students give a *brief* (3 minute) oral presentation, summarizing their poster.

9:30: Presentation of prizes.

Please call or email Bob Kamilli if you have any questions.
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The Details (Important!)

Posters in all fields of the Earth Sciences are welcome, including environmental geology, archaeological geology, geological education, hydrogeology, etc. **Posters must be submitted as PDFs to Bob Kamilli (bkamilli@usgs.gov) for distribution to our distinguished panel of judges as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 PM, Monday April 21. Those who fail meet this deadline may bring and hang their poster, but it will not be judged or be eligible for any prizes.** This is because the judges will need several days in advance to properly evaluate the posters. All entrants will receive constructive feedback compiled from the judges' written comments via email soon after the event.

Don't forget that creating an effective poster is considerably different from writing a manuscript for publication. The most common mistakes are too much text in too small a font and a confusing layout. The presentation should have a logical, easy-to-follow flow that the eye can easily follow. Please see <http://www.pitt.edu/~etbell/upj-space/PosterGuide.htm> and <http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/> for helpful hints for designing a good poster.

When submitting the PDFs of your posters, please be sure to include the poster title, your name, names of co-authors, your email address, phone number(s), and school affiliation.

Poster presenters should have their poster hung up no later than 5:30 PM on April 24. (Earlier is preferable. We have the room, Phoenix A starting at 4:00 PM.) All posters will be mounted on the ample wall space, so please have them ready for mounting, using Velcro hanging strips, such as are made by Scotch and Command, or use tacking adhesive, such as Elmer's-Tack. (Note: experience from last year showed that masking tape or scotch tape does not work.) No pushpins allowed; we must not damage the hotel walls. Only one poster per first author, please.

The event is open to both graduate and undergraduate students. You are welcome to submit a poster that you have presented in another venue or a class, e.g. Geodaze at the University of Arizona.

Poster presenters will be required to give a **three-minute** summary of their poster. A PDF of their poster will be projected during this summary. The ability to summarize one's poster concisely and clearly will be an important factor in evaluating the posters. Due to the number of presenters expected, this three minute limit will be strictly enforced. Because of this, we will need to limit the entrants to 24. However, last year, there was a total of only 18 entrants, so please do not assume that all spaces will be filled!

Dinner RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED: CALL (520) 663-5295 or reserve on the [AGS web site](#) by 4 PM, Thursday, April 21.

DINNER WITH RESERVATION: MEMBER = \$27.00, GUEST = \$30.00. Student members, who make reservations eat free with student ID. Please indicate regular (Sautéed chicken), vegetarian, or salad meal preference. Please cancel by Thursday, April 17 at 11 a.m. if you are unable to attend - no shows and late cancelations will be invoiced.

For those who wish to spend the night in Phoenix after the meeting:

Hotel rates: Government: \$133 per night; ASU Rate (The catering manager said that U of A and NAU people should just say they're with ASU): \$139; regular rate: \$174. Check-in is 3 PM, check-out is 12 noon.

We are looking into a half-day field trip on Friday, but this is not yet confirmed.