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Upcoming Events and Activities

October 2 - NOGS Kick-Off Party

6:30-9:30 PM at Tom and Amber Klekamp's home in Beau Chene, Mandeville.
See announcement on page 13.

October 5 - NOGS Luncheon

*** At the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome ***
\$2.00 validated parking in hotel garage

Guest speaker Rocky R. Roden, Rocky Ridge Resources Inc., will present
"DHI Threshold Effect in Prospect Risking".

(See page 7 for Abstract and Biography)

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front desk for location	without reservation	\$35.00
Lunch served at 11:30am	Student Member with reservation	Free

November 2 - NOGS Luncheon

Guest Speaker Jeffrey A. Spencer, Blackpool Energy, will present
"History of the Oil Industry from the Drake Well to 1900."

November 12 - SGS Technical Symposium

"Exploration Offshore USA OCS: Opening the Next Frontier?" In New Orleans.
See announcement on page 30.

December 4 - NOGA-NOGS Christmas Holiday Party

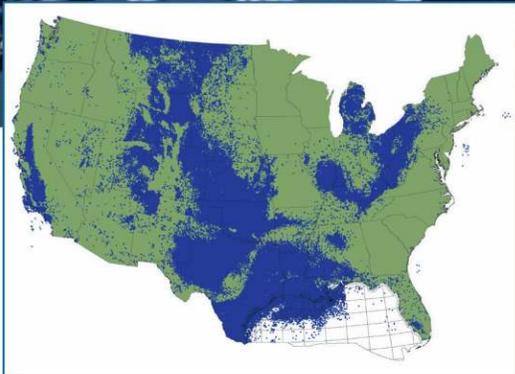
At Metairie Country Club. More details in future *LOG* issues.

December 6-8 - 29th Annual GCSSEPM Foundation Bob F. Perkins Research Conference

"Unconventional Resources: Making the Unconventional Conventional."
In Houston. See announcement on page 8.

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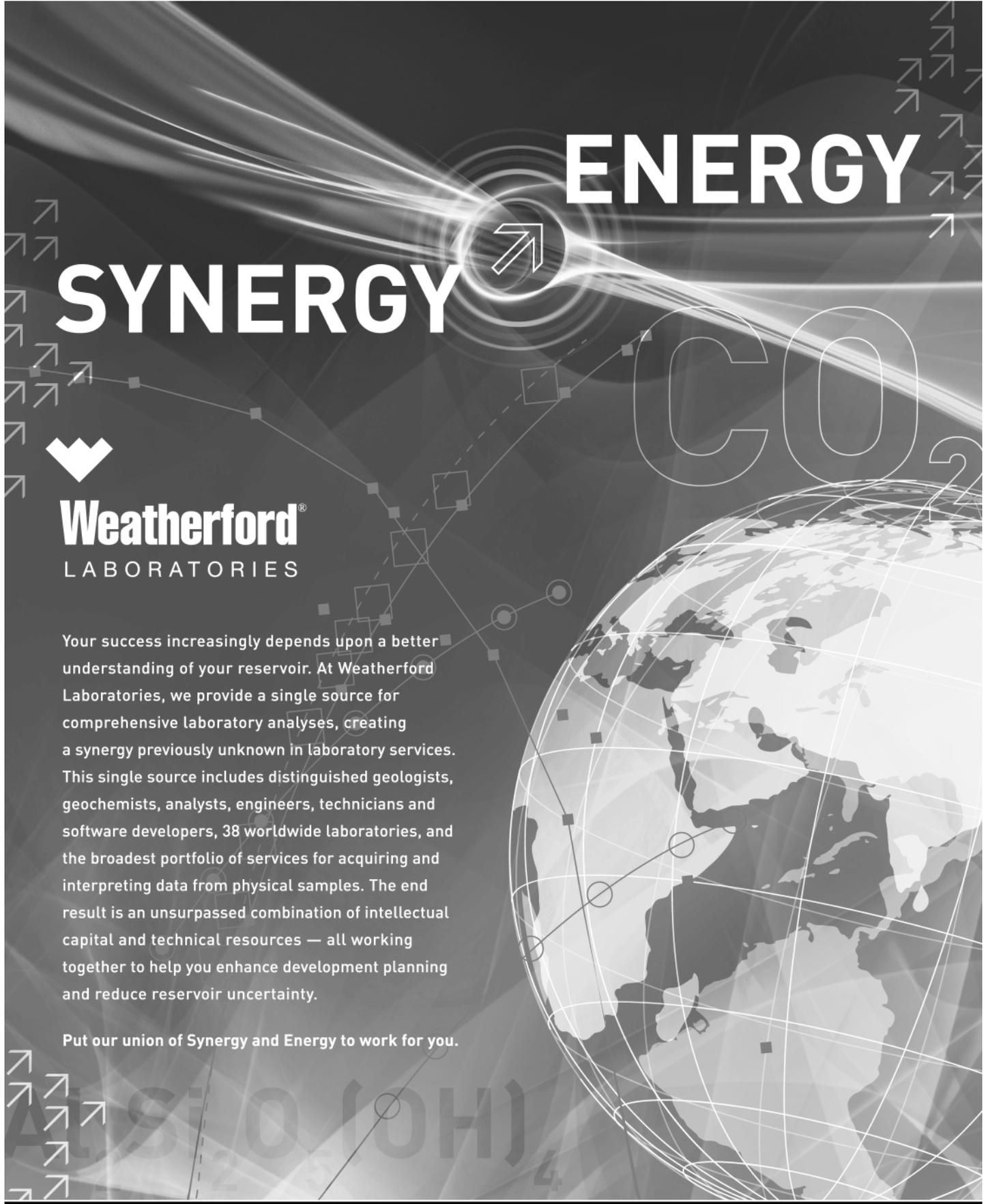
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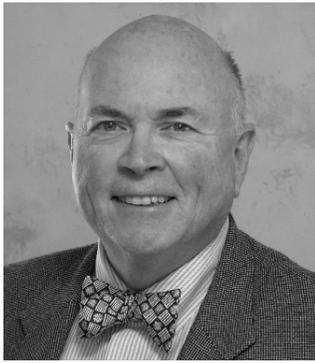
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from the President

The 13th Deepwater Technical Symposium has just finished and I believe it was a huge success, even in these times of economic uncertainty. Registration topped 340 and with the extras that come with the exhibitors, attendance was around 400! There were plenty of 'meaty' geoscience papers and student posters. The engineering talks had plenty of interesting geoscience, giving credence to my previous columns about the cross fertilization between geoscience and petroleum engineering. Scott Wessels of UNO and Clint Edrington of LSU presented geoscience student posters; we thank them and their respective advisors, Dr. Mark Kulp and Dr. Harry Roberts for their participation. In addition there were six engineering posters from LSU, some of which dealt with carbon sequestration. This is a growing topic (see below). The Deepwater symposia are models of organization. If you're looking for techniques for managing projects, you can pick up pointers by volunteering for the 14th Deepwater Symposium. It was truly a pleasure working with Shell's Rakesh Kumar and his Committee. Planning for DWS-14 starts early and if you're interested in meeting great people, learning about cutting edge technology and offshore development drop an email or see me at one of the NOGS meetings.

Even as the Deepwater Symposium was in full swing, British Petroleum was readying the news release of their multi-billion barrel Tiber Prospect with one of the deepest wells ever drilled. Rig contractor, Transocean, reported a TVD of 35,050 feet in 4,130 feet of water. The Kola Superdeep Borehole SG-3 in Russia reached 40,230 feet in 1989.

The New Orleans Geological Auxiliary is having a membership drive. NOGA normally runs behind the scenes, but is essential to NOGS. The success of our social events is a credit to the ladies of NOGA. As the AAPG 2010 Convention approaches, NOGA has once gain proven their mettle by organizing and being ahead of schedule. Besides NOGS events, they have their own social events throughout the year. This is a group that loves to have a good time! If you want to get involved in some of the fun give NOGA's President Linda Pierce a call (504-393-7365) or email (hpeirce@cox.net), the other NOGA officers are listed in the masthead of the NOGS Log.

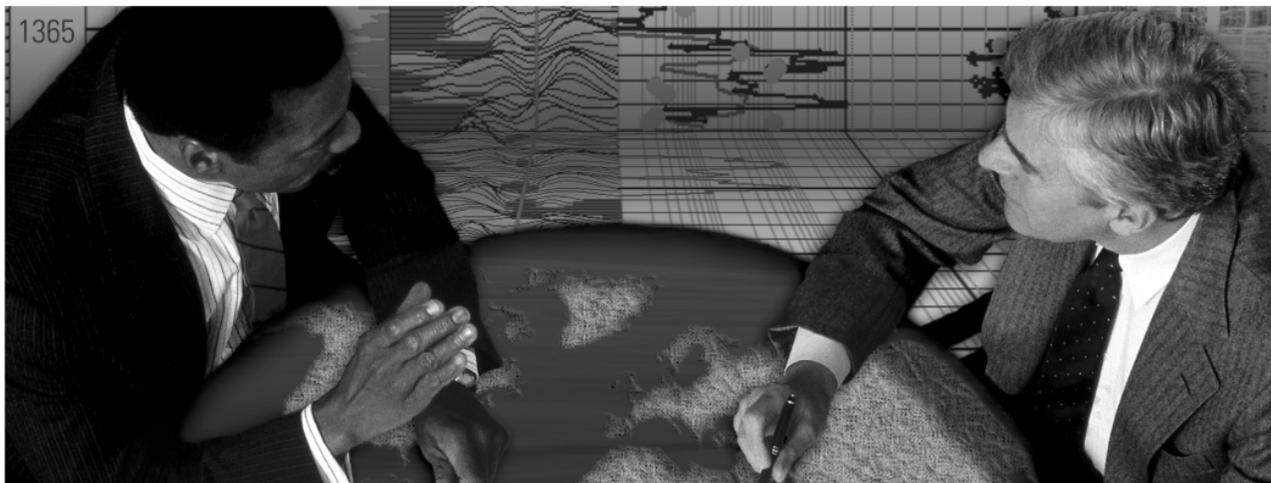
We received a thank you from Dr. Hilary Olson of the BEG-UT in Austin that the carbon sequestration training proposal to the Department of Energy was fully funded. Dr. Olson and the other PIs, Dr. Steven Bryant and Dr. Sue Hovorka, felt strongly that the support letters, including one from NOGS, were an integral part of the successful funding of the project. DOE should begin with a kick-off of all seven training groups in November. Dr. Olson will be in touch once they start looking at calendars in the coming months to do some long-term planning. The University of Texas at Austin created an alliance for Sequestration Training, Outreach, Research and Education (STORE), as part of the Gulf Coast Carbon Center, to promote the transfer of scientific knowledge and applied engineering technologies related to CO2 storage in the Gulf Coast region. The focus will be on four primary objectives needed for emerging CCS industry in the Gulf region including sequestration workforce training, public outreach, research and technology dissemination, and workforce pipeline education. DOE's share of the program is \$994,702; duration will be 36 months. Full details can be seen at: http://fossil.energy.gov/news/techlines/2009/09062DOE_Awards_CCS_Training_Projects.html

The AAPG 2010 Convention is taking shape. A decade ago the planning committee sat together in a large room and discussed the upcoming 2000 Convention. How times have changed, this same event is handled by a conference call and we are clueless when it comes to body language or expressions.

Tuesday night of the AAPG Convention is the NOGS-sponsored World War II Museum event (April 13th). We need underwriters to make this event a success. Century Exploration has already stepped up and generously donated \$2500 towards the event. If you or your company would like to donate, contact Al Baker or Robert Rooney.

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October 5 NOGS Luncheon Presentation

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DHI Threshold Effect in Prospect Risking?

presented by

Rocky Roden*

Consultant Rose and Associates

ABSTRACT

Seismic amplitude anomalies that are DHI's, Direct Hydrocarbon Indicators, have played a major role in oil and gas exploration since the early 70's. These features are commonly found in offshore Tertiary age sandstones, but are also present in older rock onshore areas. The technology and methods to identify and risk seismic amplitude anomalies have advanced considerably over the years, especially with the use of AVO (Amplitude vs. Offset) seismic technology. A good risk analysis work process is required to rank DHI prospects so oil company management can make business decisions to upgrade their exploration portfolio.

During the past eight years, a consortium of oil companies in the US and Europe has developed a work process to interpret and risk seismic amplitude anomalies on exploration and development prospects. Almost 150 prospects have been reviewed and documented in a database where the geology risk factors, seismic and rock physics data quality and amplitude anomaly characteristics (as many as 37) have been analyzed to calculate the probability of geological success (Pg - flowable hydrocarbons). The drilling results for each prospect were compared to the calculated Final Pg, a function of the Initial Pg (geology) and DHI Index (impact of the anomaly

characteristics modified by data quality).

The Final Pg and DHI Index compared to drilling result trends indicate a DHI Threshold Effect on prospects at the high end of the risk spectrum and a low Pg Threshold Effect at the low end of the spectrum. Published results by ExxonMobil in a similar DHI database study suggests these same threshold effects (although different quantification system). In other words, on the upper end of the spectrum there is a point at which a significant amount of the risks have been reduced to dramatically increase the Final Pg and DHI Index. On the lower end of the spectrum there is a threshold below which essentially all the wells are dry holes. Using these database trends, Pg can be calibrated to a wide range of 5% to 95% Final Pg. Therefore in DHI prospects, geoscientists should be more optimistic in analyzing the prospect risk if Final Pg and DHI Index are above certain threshold levels. Conversely, the low end of the risk profile prospects in the portfolio should probably be farmed out or not drilled with an overall goal of upgrading the exploration portfolio.

* Co-Authors: Mike Forrest/Consultant Rose and Associates, and Roger Holeywell/Marathon Oil Corporation

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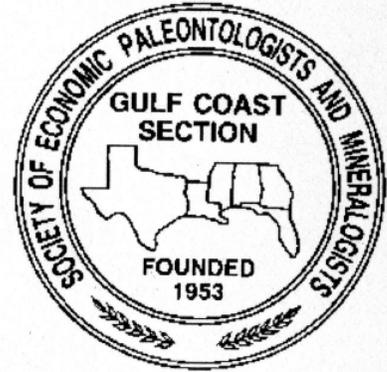
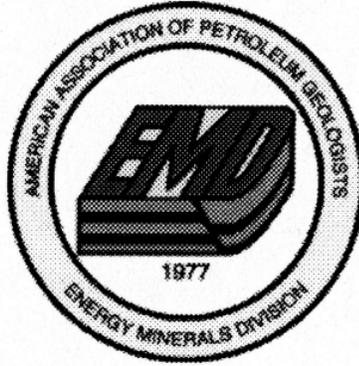
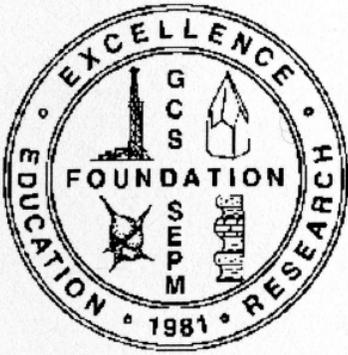
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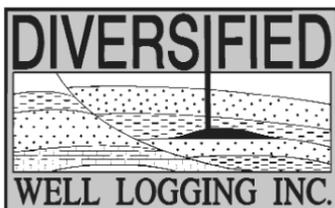
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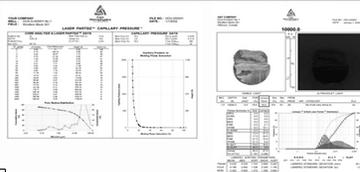
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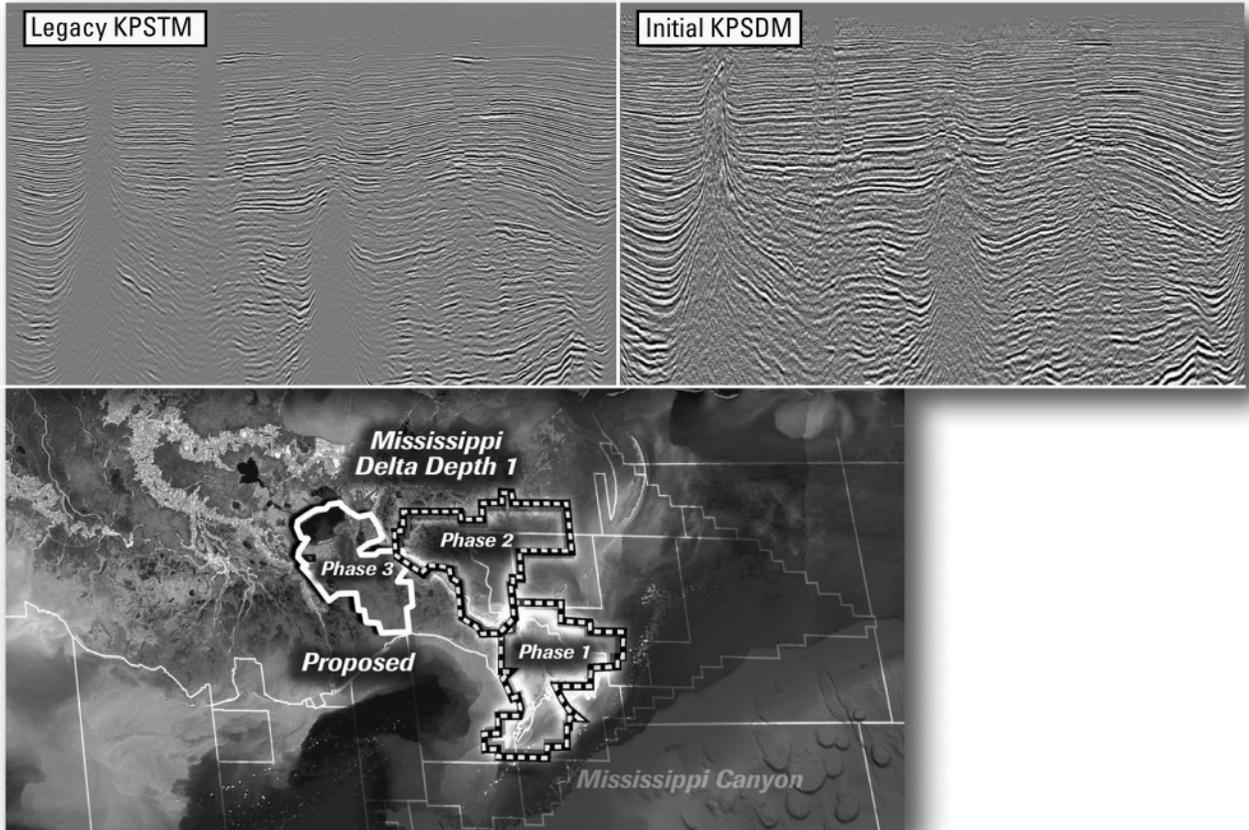
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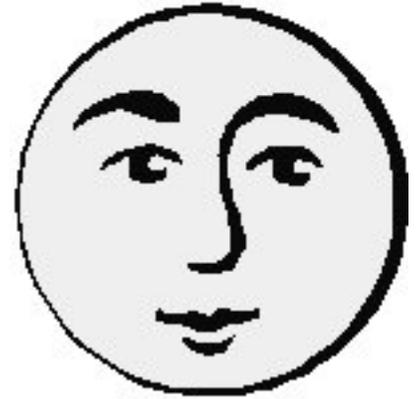
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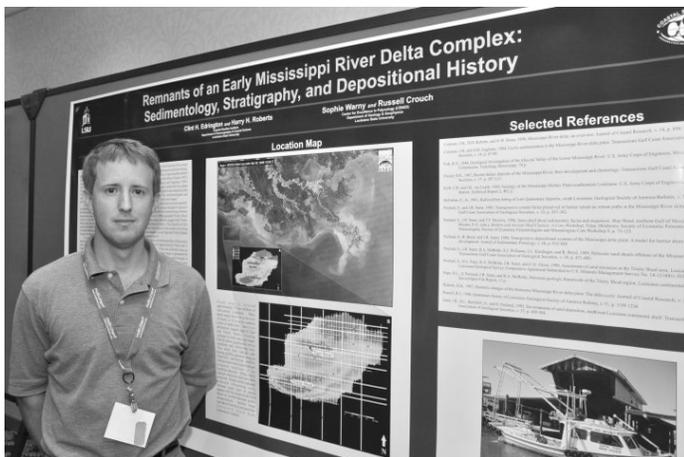
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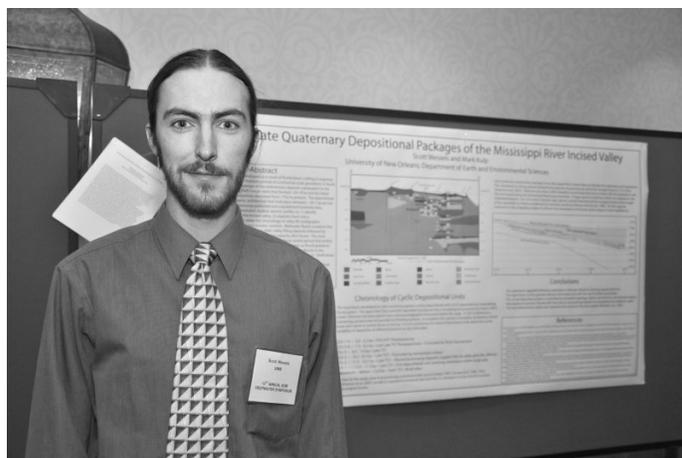
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Clint Edrington LSU, (student poster) Remnants of an Early Mississippi River Delta Complex: Sedimentological, Stratigraphy and Depositional History. Advisor: Prof. Harry Roberts, LSU



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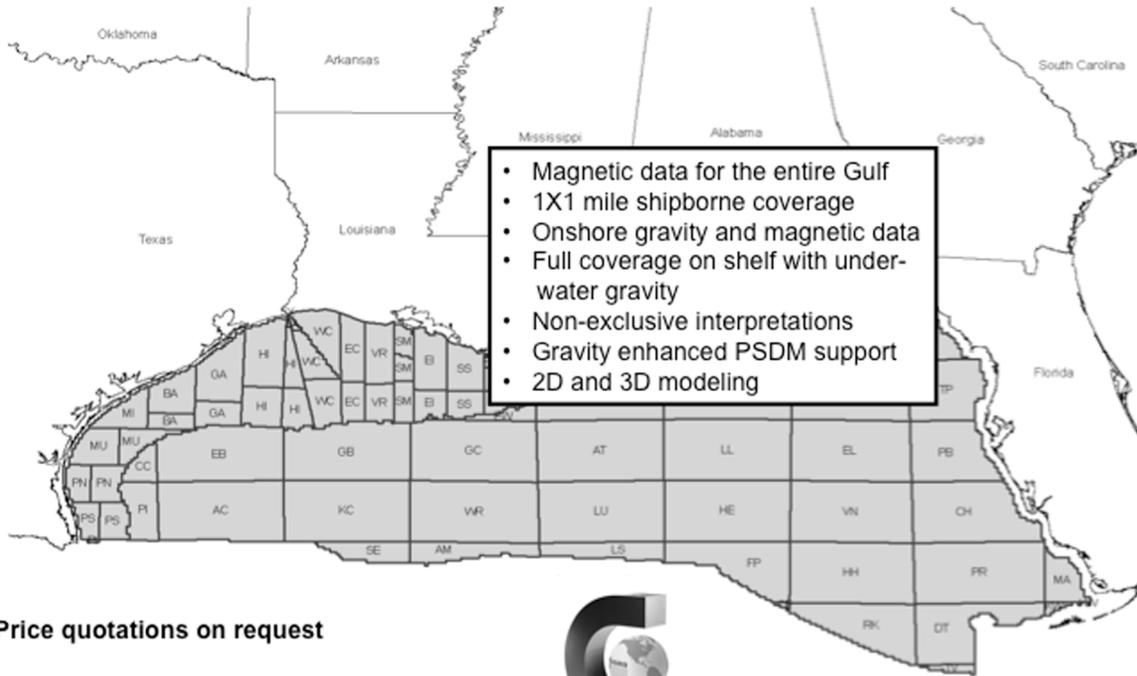
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Lee H. Meltzer Memorial Graduate Award

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Amanda grew up in El Paso, Texas with many unique geological opportunities in her backyard, including Mt. Cristo Rey, the Organ Mountains, and Big bend. Because of this she began to study geology in her own way when she was 8 years old, and continued through high school. In high school, she was able to join the local university (UTEP) on field trips. Amanda initially majored in microbiology but after three semesters returned to her first love, geology. During her fourth semester she accepted the unique opportunity of completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii, Hilo, allowing her the chance to see and study Kilauea volcano and other volcanic features of the island. Now in graduate school at LSU, Amanda is studying under Dr. Ray Ferrell and measuring the levels of heavy metals in surface soils in New Orleans through sequential extraction. In the future she hopes to achieve a PhD and conduct research related to environmental conditions such as those found in New Orleans and other urban cities.

James Allen Gilreath Memorial Graduate Award

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Tulane - Kimberly Roe

Kimberly Roe became interested in geosciences as an undergraduate at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, after participating on a month-long research cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula in April 2006 led by her adviser Eugene Domack. Having graduated from Hamilton in May 2009, she is currently continuing her studies as a graduate student in Tulane University's Earth and Environmental Sciences Ph.D. program. Kimberly's first year at Tulane has introduced her to another dynamic environment-the Mississippi River Delta region, and she is now working on carbon cycling issues in the Mississippi River and other sedimentary environments under her adviser Brad Rosenheim in the Stable Isotopes Laboratory at Tulane University

Richard W. "Dick" Boebel Memorial Graduate Award

\$3,000 Cash Award

UNO- Dane Fischer

Dane Fischer is from Crystal Spring, Pennsylvania, a rural farming community located within the valley and ridge providence of the Appalachian Mountains. Dane graduated from Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, with a B.S. degree in geology in 2007. Following graduation he moved to New Orleans to obtain a graduate degree with a focus on the upper Quaternary stratigraphy of the north-central Gulf basin and the evolution of modern nearshore environments. Dane will be graduating in 2009 and is hoping to find employment with the petroleum industry as an exploration or production geologist working on international and domestic reservoirs.

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UNO- Seth Watkins

Seth Watkins was born in New Orleans but has lived in Colorado, Virginia, and Germany; experiences that exposed him to a wide array of landscapes and outdoor opportunities. After high school Seth moved back to Virginia where he earned an AAS degree in Automotive Management from Lincoln Technical Institute and an AAS in Recreation and Parks from Northern Virginia Community College. Seth loves the outdoors and has recently realized that his ideal career would be to work for the national park service as a geologist, helping others to understand the myriad geologic processes that have led to the creation of beautiful places such Rocky Mountain, Bryce, and Zion National Parks. Seth is extremely grateful for the support offered by the New Orleans Geological Society and how it will contribute toward his educational goals.

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SENIOR

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LSU - Philip Bergeron

Philip Bergeron is a senior geology major who graduated from high school in Baton Rouge. He was the 2008-2009 Geology Club President and has organized geology field trips. Philip collected and logged seismic, multibeam sonar, and core data on a 2008 cruise off Antarctica and presented a poster at the 2008 GSA annual conference. He is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic Honor Society and has made the Dean's List for all semesters at LSU. Philip plan to continue his education with graduate school.

Tulane - Andy Menking

Andy Menking is a senior at Tulane University from Fort Worth, Texas. He has a wide range of interests and studies Spanish and Latin American Studies in addition to Geology. Andy spent two months of the summer of 2008 on the Juneau Icefield studying glaciers and climate change, a memorable field experience that has shaped his future research interests. Andy hopes to continue his studies in graduate school, possibly in glaciology. For now, Andy is writing an undergraduate thesis on Hawaiian geomorphology and will be traveling to Hawaii Island this summer.

UNO - Kathryn Purifoy

Kathryn Purifoy was born in 1982 in Oxford, England. At the age of four she moved to North Florida with her mother and sister. It was here that she became interested in Earth Science by exploring local sinkholes, beaches and wetlands. Kathryn graduated in 2002 with an Associate's in Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College. During this time she worked for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Bureau of Protected Species promoting sea turtle and manatee awareness. She moved to New Orleans in 2005 and relocated after Katrina and Rita to Westwego where she currently resides with her son, Bradyn. She is currently working on a B.S. degree with a concentration in Coastal Science. She is an active member of the UNO Judicial Committee and the Society for Earth and Environmental Science.



LSU Dept of Geology & Geophysics Awardees
Philip Bergeon (Senior) and Amanda Jo Zimmerman
(Graduate Student). Not present: Dana Thomas (Junior)



Tulane Dept of Earth & Environmental Science
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(Graduate Student), and Gabriella March (Junior)

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JUNIOR

Jules & Olga Braunstein Memorial

\$2,000 Cash Award

LSU - Dana Thomas

Dana Thomas is part of a family of seven and grew up playing outdoors and taking family road trips to national parks across the country. She was a competitive year-round USS swimmer from age five until college. She was a swim coach for five years and now enjoys volunteering with children, especially involving education and science education. Dana is in her third year at Louisiana State University, has been majoring in geology for two semesters, and is extremely glad she chose it as her major. Dana is from Baton Rouge and had all of her schooling in the East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System. She attended high school in Baton Rouge and came to college liking all ends of the spectrum; considering getting a degree in literature, history, or engineering. After searching for four semesters, Dana took "Introduction to Physical Geology" lecture and lab and knew it was a fit. She plans on continuing her geology education past her Bachelor's degree, and wants to either enter the work force or pursue a career as a science educator for students or society through public outreach.

Tulane - Gabriella March

Gabriella March is a rising senior at Tulane University majoring in Geology with a GPA of 3.825. She has been a member of the Tulane Rowing Team for three years as a coxswain and has served as treasurer for two years. She is a Girl Scout and is still active with her troop in her hometown of Fredericksburg, VA. She received her Gold Award in 2006, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

Gabriella fell in love with geology her sophomore year and has been enjoying her major ever since. She is looking forward to designing and researching her honors thesis during her senior year. In the future, Gabriella hopes to go into industry and work towards her master's degree.

UNO - Leah Sossamon

When Leah Sossamon started her studies at UNO she was initially uncertain about her educational direction and was on the verge of dropping out of school after a frustrating freshman year that was marred by Hurricane Katrina. Brotherly advice however prompted her to take one more class, which she chose because it sounded interesting. The class was Environmental Science in Earth and Environmental Sciences and Leah soon found out that she loved the material, leading her to quickly declare a major in Earth and Environmental Science. The next semester she took Earth Materials as her first upper level class and Leah fully recognized her true love of geology. The intense lab sessions and field trip to Arkansas inspired her unlike any class she had taken previously. She now plans to pursue a graduate degree in geology, and is incredibly grateful to the New Orleans Geological Society for the support toward completing her undergraduate studies at the University of New Orleans. When not in class Leah tries to spend as much time as she can with outdoor activities, whether camping, spending time at the beach or simply walking her dog. Leah also has an intense passion for arts and crafts and spends time drawing, painting, and with photography.

2008-2009 NOGS Memorial Foundation Scholarships

UNO Dept of Earth & Environmental Sciences Awardees receive scholarship awards from Foundation Chairman, William Whiting:



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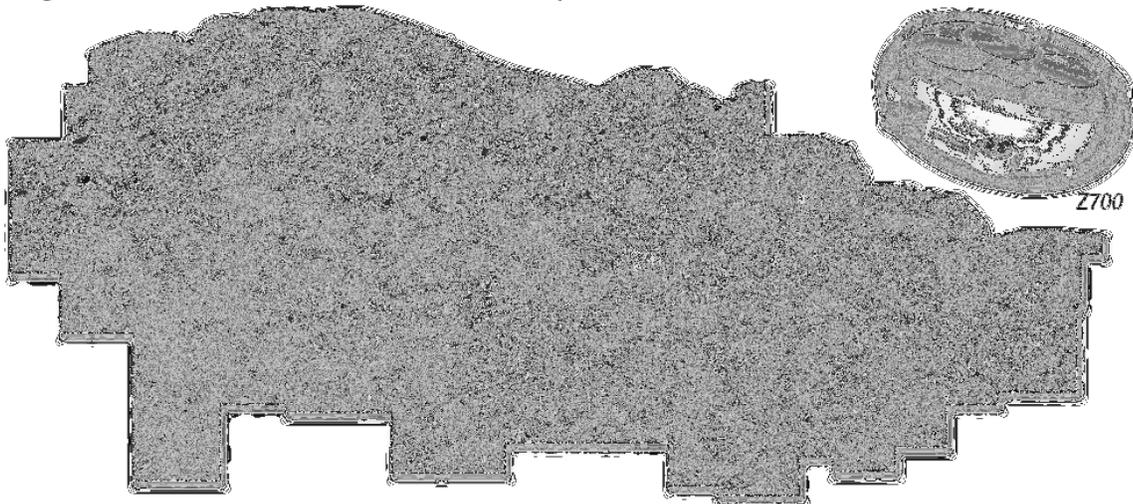
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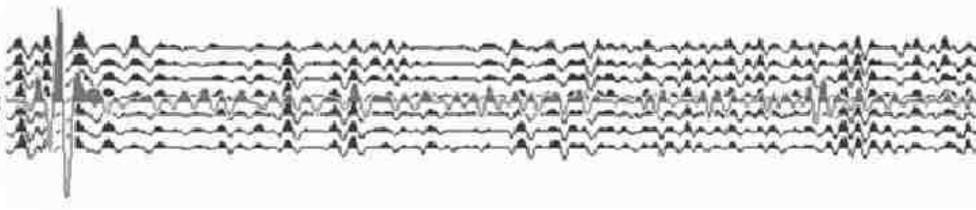
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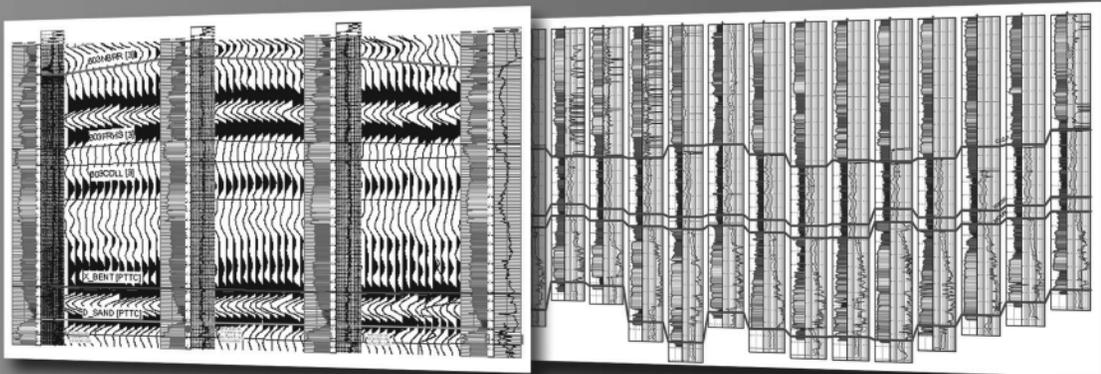
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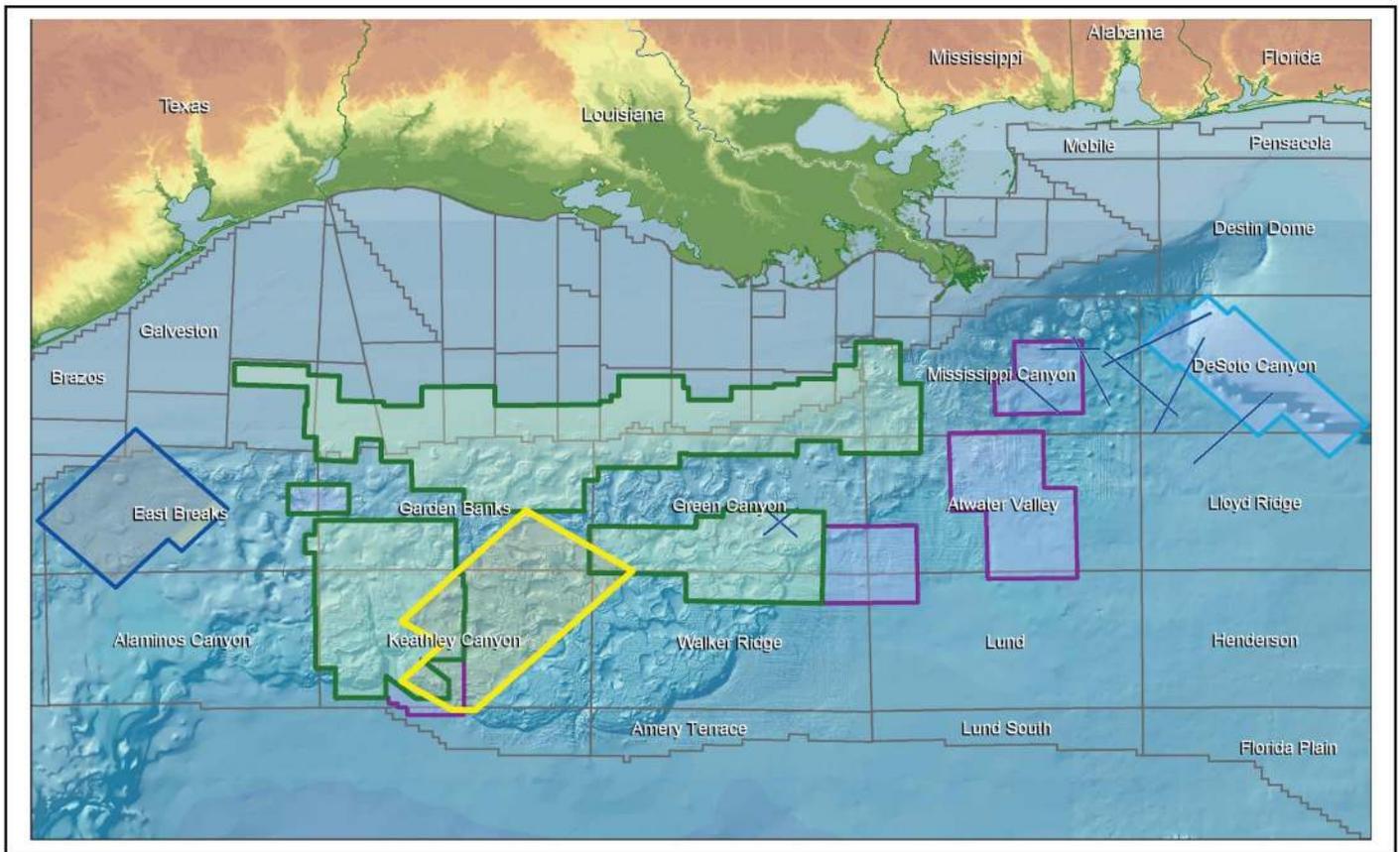
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