

GEOL 4200/4210/5200/5210: Distinguished Lecture Series

Fall 2015, 1 unit

Meeting Times: Mondays 3:10 – 4:15 pm

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Course Description:

The goal of this course is to give you exposure to a broad array of Earth science topics through invited lectures by active Earth scientists. The lectures occur every Monday, starting at 3:10 pm. The end times should be between 4-4:15 pm, though this will vary from week to week depending on the length of the talk and the number of questions.

Course Expectations and Grading:

There are two expectations for all students: (1) attend all lectures, and (2) fill out a weekly response document (as described below). Attendance will be taken every day on a sign-up sheet in GE 213.

The course will be graded P/F (pass or fail).

Attendance Policy

The attendance policy is as follows. You must sign the sign-up sheet when you enter the room, before the lecture starts. It is not allowable for others to sign “for you;” if that happens, both individuals will be charged with an unexcused absence. You can be excused from class (with no penalty) if you have a valid Authorized Absence (granted by the Dean of Students, according to Unireg 6-713; see <http://www.uwyo.edu/dos/absences/>). You must show me the official Authorized Absence form from the Dean of Students. Apart from excused absences, the attendance policy is:

- The first unexcused absence: no problem. No need to contact me.
- Second unexcused absence: an excuse is required (send me an e-mail message).
- Third unexcused absence: a very good excuse is required. Make an appointment to meet with me.
- Fourth absence: You should rethink taking this course for credit this semester.

Weekly Response Document

Every week you will be expected to fill out a response document with answers to a few basic questions. These will be questions along the lines of: (1) What was the main point of the talk? (2) What results surprised you? (3) How would you rate the overall quality of the presentation? (4) What did you like best about the presenter’s style? (5) What suggestions would you have for the speaker to improve his or her presentation?

In order for you to conduct this response, I suggest that you take notes during the lecture and develop questions for the speaker as you listen.

My intention is to have this document be accomplished through an online form, such as surveymonkey.com – stay tuned for details.

Please check your UW email regularly for instructions and announcements. I will not make announcements before the lectures.

Schedule of Lecturers:

- 9/14: Mark Clementz, University of Wyoming
- 9/21: Ye Zhang, University of Wyoming
- 9/28: Brian Toelle, University of Wyoming
- 10/5: Dennis Newell, Utah State Univ.
- 10/12: Meghan Miller, UNAVCO
- 10/19: John Kaszuba, University of Wyoming
- 10/26: Eric Boyd, Montana State Univ.
- 11/2: Mike Cheadle, University of Wyoming
- 11/9: Rick Carlson, DTM
- 11/16: Mostafa Fayek, Univ. of Manitoba
- 11/23: Audrey Sawyer, Ohio State Univ.
- 11/30: TBA
- 12/7: Jorden Hayes, University of Wyoming