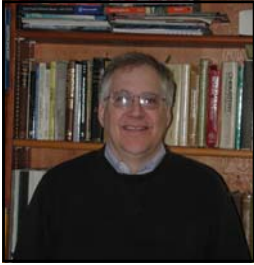




## Greetings from the Department



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the 2007 Fall Semester comes to an end, we are pleased to provide an update of the ongoing activities of interest to Alumni. We encourage all of you to read the many activities going on in the Department of Geosciences at:

<http://monarch.gsu.edu/geosciences/>

We are growing rapidly and count now fifteen full-time faculty members, 57 majors, and 42 graduate students in the Geosciences. Three new faculty members and one new staff member joined Geosciences this year. Dr. Jordan Clayton, a geomorphologist, Dr. Daniel Deocampo, a sedimentologist, and Dr. Lawrence Kiage, an environmental geographer, are our three new tenure-track faculty members. Shankar Pokharel is our new PC Systems Specialist, Intermediate. We are currently conducting national searches for three more faculty members in the areas of human geography, GIS with an urban health specialization, and a full-time lecturer for introductory geosciences.

Our inaugural Geosciences Newsletter posted last July was a tremendous success! We enjoyed hearing from young and old alumni alike, and this newsletter generated much interest in our programs. We were also extremely grateful to receive many donations to the Geosciences Foundation Account and Endowed Funds to support various activities in the Geosciences Department. These donations provide much support for our students to attend professional conferences, to support field work, and to enhance the departmental programs. In addition to our Operating Account, Geosciences has two endowed funds: the Ernest Fritz Memorial Field Camp Endowment and the David E. Ogren Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The Ernest Fritz Memorial Field Camp Endowment provides scholarship support on a need basis to attend the Field Course in Geology. We hope that you will consider making a donation to the Department of Geosciences Foundation Account and/or to one (or both) of the endowed funds. These donations can be mailed from the enclosed insert and these contributions are tax-deductible.

As we begin our spring semester, we look forward to hearing from each of our Alumni. We enclose an Alumni Form for which we request updated information so that we can stay in touch with you and find out what you are currently doing. In the next newsletter issue, we plan to feature accomplishments from our Alumni. As always, feel free to visit our website to learn more about the happenings in the department. Better yet, you are most welcome to visit in person. My e-mail address is: [wcelliott@gsu.edu](mailto:wcelliott@gsu.edu)

In the meantime, Geosciences faculty members, staff and students wish all our alumni the Happiest of Holidays and best of wishes for the coming New Year.

Sincerely,

Crawford Elliott, Department Chair



Photo: Robin Billings

(above) A skyline view of downtown Atlanta as viewed from Freedom Parkway.

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(above) The watershed mural along Dekalb Ave. east of Atlanta depicts native waters along the Eastern Sub-Continental Divide. The mural was designed and directed by David Fichter.