



GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY (GSIS)

**2014 GSIS Meeting Agenda, GSA Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
October 18-22, 2014**

Pre-Conference Activities: [Saturday, October 18, 2014](#)

Geoscience Librarianship 101: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm, Woodward Library at the [University of British Columbia](#)
Come and join professional librarians, information specialists, and students in library and information science for "Geoscience Librarianship 101". Participation in this offsite event does not require registration for the GSA Annual Meeting and the event is free of charge. The seminar provides an opportunity to network with geoscience professionals. Hot button topics on collection development, reference, instructional services, maps and geographical information systems (GIS) will be discussed by experienced geoscience librarians: Amanda Bielskas (Columbia University), Emily Wild (United States Geological Survey, Denver), Hannah Winkler (Stanford University) and Linda Zellmer (Western Illinois University).

Advance registration is required and space is limited. Registrations must be received by **October 10, 2014**. To request additional information or sign-up, please e-mail daytime contact information and professional (work/school) affiliation to: Clara McLeod, Earth and Planetary Sciences Librarian, Washington University, cpmcleod@wustl.edu

Sponsored by the Woodward Library at the University of British Columbia, ESRI, and the Geoscience Information Society.

No-Host Dinner: 5:15 pm [Mahony & Sons Public House](#)

Please plan to join us for the "No-Host Dinner" Following GL101 at [Mahony & Sons Public House](#) (5990 University Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3, just steps away from the Woodward Library) at 5:15 PM on Saturday, October 18. The dinner is intended to provide a networking opportunity for seminar attendees to meet others working in the field of geosciences. Please [RSVP](#) !

If you would like to visit the University of British Columbia prior to the No-Host Dinner, there are two world-renowned attractions in the area that you can explore:

Museum of Anthropology <http://moa.ubc.ca/visit/> 6393 NW Marine Dr, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2

10 AM – 5 PM ; Adult General Admission: \$16.75

UBC's Museum of Anthropology is uniquely set on the cliffs of Point Grey. This museum is famous for its collections, research, programs, and architecture.

Nitobe Memorial Garden <http://www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/nitobe>

9:30 AM – 5 PM 1895 Lower Mall, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Adult Admissions: \$7

Nitobe Memorial Garden is a world-renowned Japanese Garden with an authentic Tea Garden, a ceremonial Tea House, and two-and-a-half acres of beautiful, carefully-maintained scenery.

GSA Conference Venue Maps: <http://community.geosociety.org/gsa2014/vancouver/venues>

GSIS Conference Activities: Sunday, October 19, 2014

GSIS Business Meeting: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, room = Oxford (Hyatt)

Sponsored by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) Library and Information Center <http://www.gia.edu/>

GSIS Executive Board Meeting: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Location TBA (<http://www.geoinfo.org/officers.html>)

Exhibit Hall Opens Today! : 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm [Reception at 5:00 pm]

GSIS Booth Number 1128

Exhibit Hall Maps: <http://community.geosociety.org/gsa2014/exhibitsponsor/floorplan>

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**GSIS Conference Activities: Monday, October 20, 2014**

**GSIS Professional Round Table Discussion:** 9:00 - 11:30 am, room = English Bay (Hyatt)

Moderator: Michael Noga, Collections Strategist, Earth and Planetary Sciences Librarian, MIT Libraries

**GSIS Vendor Updates/Information:** 2:00 - 4:30 pm, room = English Bay (Hyatt)

Thank you, sponsors!

Sponsorship and presentations at the vendor update session are from the following organizations:

Geological Society of America (GSA): <http://geosociety.org/>

ProQuest: <http://www.proquest.com/>

American Geophysical Union (AGU): <http://sites.agu.org/>

Geological Society of London: <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/>

GeoScienceWorld: <http://www.geoscienceworld.org/>

**Exhibit Hall Hours : 9:00 am – 6:30 pm --- GSIS Booth Number 1128**

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Conference Activities: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

T145: Where in the World? Access and Availability to Geoscience Data

Identifying, accessing, analyzing, and preserving geoscience data sets can be daunting. This session will examine how researchers, information professionals, and librarians are supporting data-intensive scientific discovery in the geosciences.

Session Advocate: Hannah Winkler, Earth Sciences Librarian and Bibliographer Branner Earth Sciences Library, Stanford University

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T145A: Where in the World? Access and Availability to Geoscience Data I, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (Oral Presentations) -- Room 116/117 (VCC)

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2014AM/webprogram/Session35223.html>

T145B: Where in the World? Access and Availability to Geoscience Data II, 1:00 - 5:00 pm (Oral Presentations) -- Room 116/117 (VCC)

<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2014AM/webprogram/Session36736.html>

GSIS joint reception with GSA Geoinformatics, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, room = Seymour (Hyatt)

Exhibit Hall Hours : 9:00 am – 6:30 pm --- GSIS Booth Number 1128

Conference Activities: [Wednesday, October 22, 2014](#)

T146. Where's the Data? Finding and Using Geoscience Data (Posters)

9:00 AM-6:30 PM

Vancouver Convention Centre-West Exhibition Hall C

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<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2014AM/webprogram/Session35317.html>

Exhibit Hall Hours : 9:00 am – 2:00 pm --- GSIS Booth Number 1128

Exhibit Hall Maps: <http://community.geosociety.org/gsa2014/exhibitsponsor/floorplan>

Additional items that may be of interest:

Downtown Vancouver Geotour (self-guided walking tour handout):

http://www.mineralsed.ca/i/pdf/VancouverGeotourGuide2009_ME.pdf

GSA Mobile Meeting: <http://www.geosociety.org/mobilemeeting/>

Travel Checklist:

Gather up these important travel documents before you leave for Canada:

- Update, renew or apply for a passport (Please note: If possible, you should renew your passport 9 months before it expires. You may have problems entering Canada if your passport expires within 6 months of travel date.);
- Obtain a Visa if it is required;
- Print out this [Canadian customs letter of recognition](#) to travel with and present when arriving at customs in Vancouver;
- Print out this [GSA invitation letter of support](#) to travel with and present when arriving at customs in Vancouver;
- Copy down the physical address of where you will be staying in Vancouver during the conference; and
- Be aware that customs officers may ask you if you have enough money for both your stay in Canada and for your return home.

Additional items that Canadian customs can inquire about upon arrival can be found at the [Government of Canada](#) website.