



Geoscience Education Division

Established 1991

The main purpose of the division is to foster discussions and active participation of members of the Society in earth-science education, including earth-science education of the public. The division will complement and seek to expand participation in the educational efforts of the National Earth Science Teachers Association, the National Association of Geology Teachers, the National Science Teachers Association, and similar organizations.

Division Website
<http://gsaged.org>



Come join us at these GSA events!

Saturday October 27: *Educators' social reception*

Hyatt Centennial Ballroom A

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sunday October 28: *Welcoming Party and Exhibit Hall Opening*

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Monday October 29: *Geoscience Education Division Social/Business Meeting*

Hyatt Regency at CCC, Granite A

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday October 30: *Geoscience Education Research Interest Group*

Hyatt Regency at CCC, Mineral Hall B

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Recent Division News

2007 Distinguished Service Awardee Named

The Geo-Education Division management board created a new "Distinguished Service" award this year that recognizes exceptional service to the Division. **Mark Hafen** (University of South Florida) was selected as the first recipient of this award to honor his sustained contributions as the Division newsletter editor.

2007 Biggs Awardee Named

Congratulations to **Joe T. Elkins**, assistant professor in the geology department at Bowling Green State University, who has been named the 2007 Biggs Award recipient. The Biggs Award encourages and rewards excellence in teaching among college-level earth-science faculty who are at the early stages of their careers.

2008 Biggs Award-Call for Nominations

Nomination Deadline: 1 February 2008 (new date)

Starting in 2008, the **Biggs Award for Excellence in Earth Science Teaching** will become the **Geoscience Education Division's named award**. Division-named awards are among the most prominent awards given by GSA. The Biggs Award recognizes innovative and effective teaching in college-level earth science. Earth-science instructors and faculty members from any academic institution engaged in undergraduate education who have been teaching full time for 10 years or fewer are eligible. (Part-time teaching is not counted in the 10-years-or-fewer requirement.) Both peer- and self-nominations are accepted for this award.

The \$750 award is made possible as a result of support from the Donald and Carolyn Biggs Fund, the GSA Geoscience Education Division, and GSA's Science, Education, and Outreach Programs. An additional travel reimbursement of up to \$500 is available to the recipient to enable him or her to attend the award presentation at the GSA annual meeting.

To access the nomination form go to www.geosociety.org/awards/biggs.htm.



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