



## From the Rep

If you haven't been able to tell from the past several issues of this newsletter, I've been spending a good bit of time thinking about my professional future. There is a lot more to figuring out your career path than tidying up your CV and job searching. While mentoring can help you succeed in your chosen role, and self-assessment can help you decide what that role is, networking is where the opportunities are.

It sounds a bit intimidating at first. I picture myself awkwardly approaching an Important Person, stumbling over my elevator speech, and leaving them, minutes later, with nothing but a bad impression. Erase this sort of imagery from your mind. Networking is just getting to know people. No agenda, no pressure. It's not introducing yourself to Important Person so they know who you are, realize you are awesome, and subsequently offer you a permanent, high paying job. Instead, it's recognizing that Important Person does interesting work, and commenting on or asking a question about that work, preferably after being introduced by someone who knows you both. Easy peasy. Just a simple conversation about cool science (or any other common ground, really). And repeat. After a while, you'll have a whole list of people you know. This is your network. Then it's quite easy to send a quick email to Important Person Friend saying that you started looking for jobs in a certain field and do they have any suggestions? The Resources section links to more information on networking. Brush up and get ready to network at the Ocean Sciences Meeting!

— Stefanie



## TOS Student Member Highlight

**HILLARY SCANNELL.** The Graduate Climate Conference (GCC) is a three-day meeting convened annually for graduate students in climate-related fields to share their research with other students from universities across the country who work on similar problems. What makes the GCC so unique is that it is entirely run by graduate students, for graduate students. The responsibility of organizing and hosting this event typically alternates between the University of Washington and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

I first attended the GCC in 2014 as a master's student from the University of Maine, and again in 2016 as the GCC co-chair and PhD student from the University of Washington. Being involved as both an attendee and organizing committee member has been an enriching networking experience and has taught me valuable collaboration and organization skills. A committee of 16 graduate students from the University of Washington started organizing the conference a year in advance and formed smaller subcommittees to address fundraising, communications, logistics, and advertising. My role as the GCC co-Chair was to oversee the subcommittees to make sure all components came together smoothly and to help moderate the conference the day of the event.

The GCC is now going into its 11<sup>th</sup> year and was convened in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, from November 10–12, 2017. Getting involved is a great way to make connections during graduate school and “teach” your research to other students. We all have something to learn from each other.

More information on GCC 2017 is available at <http://gradclimateconf.mit.edu>.



## Countdown to Ocean Sciences 2018

February 11–16 » Portland, OR, USA » [osm.agu.org](http://osm.agu.org)

OSM registration and housing are now open! Register by early January to obtain discounted rates.  
REGISTRATION » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/registration> | HOUSING » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/housing>

- **STUDENT MIXER.** 6–8 pm, Monday, Feb 12, Oregon Convention Center (refreshments provided).
- **SAVE THE DATE — TOS BREAKFAST.** 7–8 am, Tuesday, Feb 13, Oregon Convention Center (invitation and RSVP form coming from TOS in December).
- **K–12 MENTORS NEEDED.** Wednesday, Feb 14. Help mentor students at OSM K–12 Day. Includes student-mentor luncheon (box lunch provided). Interested? Contact [abstracts@agu.org](mailto:abstracts@agu.org).
- **FLUID OCEANS PECHA KUCHA.** 8–10 pm, Wednesday, Feb 14, at the Spirit of 77 bar right by the Convention Center. » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/meeting-wide-events-2>
- **POP-UP TALKS.** Wednesday and Thursday, Feb 14 & 15. An interdisciplinary session for five-minute student presentations. More information and an application form will be available later this week at: » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/students/pop-up-talks>

Check here for updates » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/student-and-early-career-events>

## News & Views

**UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE.** At the time we are putting together this newsletter, COP 23 is convening in Bonn, Germany. COP 23 is the next step governments need to take toward implementing the Paris Climate Change Agreement. » [http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn\\_nov\\_2017/meeting/10084.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_nov_2017/meeting/10084.php)



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## Student Resources

**WHY YOU SHOULD NETWORK:**  
**Seven Myths Dispelled**  
Grad Logic Blog

» <http://gradlogic.org/why-network>

## Seen In Oceanography

**MANAGING LEVIATHAN:**  
**Conservation Challenges for the Great Whales in a Post-Whaling World**  
By Phillip J. Clapham

» <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2016.70>

