



From the Rep

Happy New Year!

OSM 2018 is just around the corner, so this issue is full of details, events, and presentation tips. For those of you who are attending, now is a great time to start preparing! Get your presentation or poster outlined and plan out which sessions you want to attend. Remember, one of the main purposes of attending a conference is to network. You don't have to attend talks in every time slot, but you should make an effort to put yourself out there. Ask questions, talk to the speakers, connect and re-connect with people outside of your home institution.

If you not attending OSM, this week will be quiet for you! You can keep up with some of the conference happenings via the web (I'll be on Twitter: #OSM18). Otherwise, take advantage of the long uninterrupted stretches. I think of those weeks when everyone else is at a conference as bonus time. Those at the conference probably aren't making progress on research or writing, so anything I get done is extra. This mindset makes me less fearful of wasting my time, and more able to take risks or explore in a way I typically wouldn't. Your research and mental health can really benefit from a week of free exploring!

Wherever you are, enjoy the week of OSM 2018!
— Stefanie

Call for OSM Student Rep

Would you like to represent TOS on the 2020 OSM Planning Committee? The student reps from TOS, ASLO, and AGU work together to plan student workshops and special events. Contact Jenny at jenny@tos.org with questions. Deadline: Jan 31, 2018.

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TOS Student Member Highlight

KATE DUBICKAS. The December issue of *Oceanography* includes an essay I wrote with a fellow graduate student about our class trip to Washington, DC, to advocate for ecosystem-based fisheries management (see *Seen in Oceanography* below). The trip was the culmination of an ocean policy course we took at the University of South Florida. We learned a great deal about policy and lobbying that semester and became motivated to pursue our interests in ocean advocacy and outreach. I followed up our class venture with another visit to DC the next summer with a few students to attend the Blue Vision Summit, a gathering of ocean grassroots activists, nongovernmental organizations, philanthropy groups, documentary filmmakers, artists, and researchers, all with the common interest of protecting our ocean.

These two different but complementary experiences have impacted my career aspirations. While I began graduate school with the intention of becoming a full-time academic researcher, opportunities with policy, advocacy, and outreach have helped me realize why I gravitated toward research in the first place: I want to help protect our ocean. At first, I thought research was the best way for me to accomplish this. However, I have since discovered that I am not as good of a researcher as I had hoped. But I love people, I love talking about science, and I love the ocean. I am excited to have discovered where I am more successful. My scientific knowledge and training has been invaluable to that end. Now, my sights are set on working with an ocean policy or advocacy group where I can most effectively pursue my ultimate goal of helping to protect our ocean.



Countdown to Ocean Sciences 2018

February 11–16 » Portland, OR, USA » osm.agu.org

- **Call for Volunteers.** We are looking for students to volunteer for a one-hour shift at the TOS Booth #102 from Tuesday through Thursday. Responsibilities include sitting on one of our sofas and networking with fellow TOS members and booth visitors. Your efforts will be rewarded with a free drink coupon. If interested, please enter your information in this [Google sheet](#).
- **ASAP: TOS Breakfast.** RSVP for the TOS Breakfast on Tuesday, February 13 by emailing jenny@tos.org. Please note if you have any food restrictions.
- **Jan 17 Housing Deadline** » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/housing>
- **Jan 17 Student Pop-Up Talks Deadline** » <https://osm.agu.org/2018/students/pop-up-talks>

Stay tuned for *Oceanography Student News: OSM Special Edition*, which will feature a comprehensive list of all student and early career related activities.

News & Views

NASA EARTH OBSERVATORY: What is Behind Rising Levels of Methane in the Atmosphere?

New analyses of satellite and ground-based data are more accurately pinpointing the sources.

» <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=91564>

Student Resources

SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING
Tips for Preparing and Delivering Scientific Talks and Using Visual Aids

» <https://tos.org/scientifically-speaking>

Seen In *Oceanography*

Becoming an Ocean Advocate Through Experiential Learning

By Kate Dubickas and Alex Ilich

» <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2017.403>