**Dear 2014-2015 Keck Reps/EC, Keck Students, Project Faculty and Faculty Advisors**

*(this is a long document…READ IT ALL!!!)****,***

As you know the annual Symposium of the Keck Geology Consortium will be held at Union College April 23-26, 2015. Attendance at the symposium is *required* for students who participated in Senior level projects. You will need to make travel arrangements to the symposium *in consultation* with your faculty advisor and any others from your institution who might be attending. If you are at an institution within a reasonable driving distance from Union College, you may choose to drive one of your institution’s vehicles to the symposium (see note below regarding travel for those participating in the ExxonMobil Exploration Seminar. If you are flying, you and your advisor **MUST** make airline reservations **ONLY** through the official travel agent who is;

**Suzanne Easterling**

VIP Travel/Div. Professional Travel
2200 Benden Drive
Wooster, Ohio  44691
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**Students--PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FACULTY ADVISOR TO COORDINATE TRAVEL PLANS!**

**IMPORTANT NOTE!!!** If you wish to participate in the ExxonMobil Exploration Seminar (details below) you must arrive at the **Hampton Inn** hotel (see below) on Wednesday April 22. The seminar will begin at 7:30 that evening. The seminar will continue all day on Thursday April 23. **You must inform Suzanne Easterling of VIP travel (see above) of your interest in attending the seminar. Participation is limited to a total of forty slots (36 students, four faculty). Positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.** Anyone wishing to attend the seminar **MUST** contact Suzanne Easterling at VIP Travel (see above), **EVEN if you are driving to the Symposium.**

**Note that ONLY those participating in the ExxonMobil Seminar will have their hotel expense covered for that Wednesday evening…those traveling to Union College prior to the 23rd and not taking the seminar will need to make their own hotel arrangements for evenings prior to the 23rd.**

Detailed Information:

**2015 KECK SYMPOSIUM**

Union College

April 23-26, 2015

**Symposium Convenor:**

Dr. Holli Frey

Associate Professor

Department of Geology

Union College

807 Union St

Schenectady, NY 12308

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freyh@union.edu

NOTE: For those traveling by air, flights should be booked through Albany International Airport (ALB) in

Albany, NY.

Anticipated travel by vehicle: Amherst, Colgate, F&M, Mt Holyoke, Smith, Union, Wesleyan,

Williams

**Hampton Inn Downtown Schenectady Hotel**

450 State St.

Schenectady, NY 12305

518-377-4500

http://www.schahethotels.com/hampton-inn-schenectady-hotel/

**Union College**

**April 23-26, 2014**

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For more information on Keck see: www.keckgeology.org

**TRAVEL**

Many folks will arrive by van.

Albany International Airport (ALB) in Albany, NY.

All reservations **MUST** be made through VIP Travel (see above).

Those driving must also inform VIP Travel of your intent.

**LODGING**

All faculty and students will be at the Hampton Inn Hotel (450 State St. Schenectady, NY 12305; Ph 518-377-4500; website: <http://www.schahethotels.com/hampton-inn-schenectady-hotel/>) All students will room in groups of 4 people in a suite. Faculty will room 2 per room. The Hampton Inn amenities include free high speed internet access, complimentary hot breakfast, indoor pool and whirlpool, and onsite fitness center.

***SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM***

**Wednesday April 22** Arrivals for participants in ExxonMobil exploration seminar

**Thursday April 23** Arrivals, KECK Representatives Meeting & ExxonMobil exploration seminar

*all day* arrivals via ALB.

*6:30 pm* Dinner for Keck Faculty Reps, with refreshments – Olin Building Room 210  (attendance ~20 faculty)

*7:00-10:00 pm* Business Meeting (attendance ~20 faculty, need digital projection)

NOTE: Other Symposium attendees have the evening off. Dinner can be at local downtown restaurants.

**Friday April 24** Field Trip and Group Meetings

*7:00 am* Breakfast at lodgings

*8:00 am* Departure for all day field trips (contact: John Garver Field trip coordinator)

*4:30 pm* Return to Lodgings

*5:30 pm* buses and vans transport symposium participants

*6:00 pm* Casual Pizza dinner for all participants, Olin Building

*6:00 – 10:00 pm* Project Organizational Meetings Olin Building (digital projectors in all rooms)

? •Belize Reefs (11 students, 3 faculty) XXXXroom location

? •South-Central, AK (6 students, 2 faculty) XXXXroom location

? •Montana Tectonics (7 students, 2 faculty)

? •Glacier National Park (6 students, 2 faculty)

? •Antarctica ODP (3 students, 1 faculty)

? •Peru Paleoclimate (3 students, 2 faculty)

? •Aleution Geoarchaelogy (3 students, 1 faculty)

? •Basalt Lava Flows (6 students, 2 faculty)

? •Colorado Geomorphology

*8:30 – 10:00 pm* buses and vans transport participants back to lodging.

**Saturday April 26** Research Presentations and Banquet

*7:00 am* Breakfast at lodgings

*7:45 – 8:30 am* transport to Union College

*8:30 – 10:30 am* Welcome and Oral Presentations (College Park Hall)

XX minutes •XXXProject

XX minutes •XXXProject

XX minutes •XXXProject

XX minutes •XXXProject

XX minutes •XXXProject

*10:30 am* Coffee Break

*10:30 – 12:00 noon* Poster Presentations (College Park Hall)

*12:00 noon – 1:30 pm* Lunch (College Park Hall)

*1:30 – 3:30 pm* Oral Presentations (College Park Hall)

XX minutes •XXXProject

XX minutes •XXXProject

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*3:30 pm* Coffee Break

*3:30 – 5:00 pm* Poster Presentations (College Park Hall)

*5:00 – 5:30 pm* buses and vans transport participants back to lodging (some to ALB)

*5:30 – 6:30 pm* Reception for all attendees (College Park Hall)

*6:30 – 9:00 pm* Banquet Dinner and Talk (College Park Hall)

**Sunday April 26** Departures

**Important Notes:**

1. You **MUST** use VIP Travel In Wooster to make all airline reservations. Again, those driving must also inform VIP Travel of your intent.

2. Email VIP Travel indicating any preferred travel times that you might have. You must arrive at Albany International Airport (ALB). Students and faculty participating in the ExxonMobil exploration seminar arrive Wednesday, April 22 to begin course at 7:30 pm. Project participants not involved in the ExxonMobil seminar arrive Thursday, 23 April.

3. When you email VIP Travel, please provide your legal name as it appears on your driver’s license as well as your birth date.

4. VIP Travel will book your ticket, send you the reservation information via email and then bill the Keck Consortium office directly.

5. You are responsible for travel between your home and your local airport while Keck will provide surface transportation between Albany airport and Union College.

6. The Keck Geology Consortium will not pay for travel and parking at your local airport nor will the consortium pay for luggage charges or meals other than those served at the symposium.

Albany International Airport is reasonably small and has limited flights so please make your travel arrangements as soon as possible. Please inform both VIP Travel and the Keck Office if you (and anyone else at your institution attending the meeting) decide to drive to Union College.

**If you decide to drive, please let us know, both at the Keck office and at VIP Travel.**

The Symposium is a fun event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers,

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**EXXONMOBIL EXPLORATION SEMINAR**

The Keck Geology Consortium is pleased to host a seminar by ExxonMobil Corporation on modern techniques of hydrocarbon exploration. Participants will begin the seminar on the evening of Wednesday, April 22 and continue all day on Thursday, April 23. Participation is limited to a total of forty slots (~36 students, four faculty).Positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone wishing to attend the seminar **MUST** contact Suzanne Easterling at VIP Travel (see above), **even if you are driving to the Symposium.**

The seminar will be conducted by Bob Stewart, head of Global Geoscience Recruiting for ExxonMobil Corp. Below is a brief synopsis of the course.

**Course Abstract: Integrated Basin and Play Analysis** *This course will explore concepts, methods, and tools of petroleum geoscience used on a day-to-day basis in the energy industry. We focus on how we make decisions with limited information, evaluate risk vs. uncertainty, and maximize value from integrated teams. During the course we will review fundamental concepts of petroleum systems and sequence stratigraphy and work an applied problem in basin exploration. Students will make play maps, bid on prospective acreage, and analyze the results of their evaluations. Throughout the course we stress integration across disciplines and scales, focusing on interaction and expression of basin formation, fill, and evolution processes from regional to play scale.*

This is a rare opportunity to see what geoscientists actually do and the technology used in the hydrocarbon exploration industry.