



ASP Update – February 2007

News

February Social: Meet the newest NCAR Associate Director: Feb 20th @ 1:30 Café Atrium

Join ASP in welcoming the newest NCAR Associate Director, Denise Stephenson Hawk. Denise is the Associate Director of the SERE Lab and just came to NCAR in January. This is your opportunity to meet her and her opportunity to meet all of you. All NCAR postdocs and graduate students are welcome to attend.

Fellows Association Social, Friday February 23rd (Time TBD)

Join other NCAR postdocs and grad students at an informal gathering at an offsite location yet to be determined. This is meant to be a social event, and generally these are after work at an area pub.

ECSCA Childcare Discussion, February 14th 9:00 am (refreshments at 8:30), FL2-1001

During the recent ASP retreat, it was brought to our attention by Alicia Karspeck (CGD) that child care costs in Boulder can be prohibitive for families that live on a postdoc or early-career income. The plan is to have an open discussion on the topic, and more generally on family issues affecting early-career scientists. Tim Killeen and Katy Schmoll have agreed to participate in this discussion, so we hope that you can make it.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jean-Francois Lamarque as soon as possible (lamar@ucar.edu).

Education and Outreach

Have you always wanted to teach some basic science to a non-scientific audience such as an elementary classroom? If so, ASP can help with our “Science Kits” that you may borrow at any time. These kits contain some fun and basic experiments that kids love.

In addition, Mary Golden of the Communicating Science program has invited any interested postdocs to join her in visiting Crest View elementary school for hands on science demonstrations. If you are interested, please contact Mary directly at mgolden@ucar.edu.

ASP Summer Colloquium, June 4 – 15, 2007.

ASP is pleased to announce that this year's summer colloquium will be titled "Regional Biogeochemistry: Needs and Methodologies" and is being organized by our own Ankur Desai. Stephanie Herrmann is also key participant in the organization of the colloquium. For more information, please see <http://www.asp.ucar.edu/colloquium/2007/index.jsp>.

Postdoctorate Preparation Workshop, April 16-17, 2007 at NCAR

ASP in collaboration with the Colorado Diversity Initiative in Science, Math, and Engineering at CU Boulder is sponsoring a career development workshop aimed at graduate students from underrepresented groups in the geosciences. The details can be found at http://www.asp.ucar.edu/workshops/preparing_postdoc/.

Schedules and Holidays

February 19th is a holiday in observance of President's Day. Also, Paula Fisher will be out of the office 19-23 February inclusive.

Postdoc News

Ilan Kelman is currently hosting Heather Lazrus from the University of Washington with support from the ECSA Visitor Program. Heather's work relates to cultural and political perceptions of and responses to climate change, based on field work in Tuvalu, a South Pacific island state.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 1	10:00 am	Research Reviews: Kelley Barsanti and Benjamin Lamptey	Live: FL1-2133 CG1 2655 ML: Dir. Conf. Room
Feb14	9:00 am	ECSA Childcare Discussion Breakfast Refreshments at 8:30	FL2-1001
Feb 20	1:30 pm	ASP Social with Denise Stephenson Hawk	
Feb 21	11:00 am	ASP Seminar: <i>WAS*IS (Weather and Society * Integrated Studies): Integrating Social Science to Improve the Effectiveness of Forecasting & the Benefits of Research. Implementing Change in Meteorology & in Meteorologists.</i> Eve Grunfest (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs). Refreshments at 10:30 am. Lunch with speaker immediately following seminar in the cafeteria.	FL2-1022