



ASP Summer Colloquium: Exploring the Atmosphere: Observational Instruments and Techniques

ASP Update – July & August 2009

News

August ASP Social: Hike and Breakfast at the Mesa Lab, August 5th @ 8:15 in the Damon Room

Join us for a hike on August 5th first thing in the morning. The group will leave the Damon Room at 8:15 for a 1+ hour hike. Please plan to arrive on the shuttle or shortly thereafter so we can leave promptly at 8:15. We'll have water and granola bars on hand to take with you on the hike. When we return, we'll reward ourselves with breakfast at 9:30. If hiking isn't an option for you, please join us for breakfast at 9:30.

All postdocs and graduate students at NCAR are invited to join us. In addition, we'd like to extend a special invitation to all Graduate Visitor Program and Faculty Fellowship Program participants as well. An email will be sent requesting an RSVP later in the month.

2009 ECSA Junior Faculty Forum - Panel Discussion: July 14th @ 2:00 pm, ML Main Seminar Room

You are invited to attend the 2009 Early Career Scientist Assembly presents a panel discussion on Connecting Weather and Climate in Theory, Models and Observations on July 14th at 2pm in the NCAR Mesa Lab, Main Seminar Room.

Panelists include:

Dr. Tom Hamill, Dr. Cecile Penland, Dr. Prashant Sardeshmukh, Dr. Joseph Tribbia, Dr. Geoffrey Vallis, and Dr. Warren Washington

For more information, please see the web page at: <http://www.asp.ucar.edu/ecsa/jff/doc/panel.pdf>

Girl Scouts at NCAR

Thank you to Rebecca Centeno Elliot and Tanya Phillips for coordinating another successful Girl Scouts at NCAR event in May. Forty-four girls and their parents/chaperones enjoyed a day of fun and learning at the NCAR Mesa Lab with a live portrayal of Madame Curry and a weather balloon launch. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the UCAR Education and Outreach office as well.

After several successful events, Rebecca and Tanya are ready to retire as organizers of the event. That means that *we're looking for a new team of fellows to take over the Girl Scouts at NCAR event*, which will be held annually in the spring. If you are interested in this great opportunity to get involved in Education and Outreach, you won't be on your own. You'll have the help and support of the UCAR Education and Outreach office, the ASP office, and the previous organizers. You may read more about the event at <http://www.asp.ucar.edu/gswbsite/Site/Home.html> or contact me for a memo summarizing the May 2009 event. Please let me know if you are interested in taking the lead on this fantastic event (paulad@ucar.edu).

Time to think about joining, or re-joining an ASP Committee.

It's time to think about committee service for the upcoming year. There are three ASP committees: The Thompson Lecture Series Committee, the ASP Seminar Series Committee, and the Research Reviews Committee. These are in addition to the fellows social committee, which is also in need of volunteers.

If you currently serve on a committee, you may continue serving in that capacity, or join another committee. If you are an incoming postdoc, you may join a committee now.

The Thompson Lecture Series Committee is losing most of its members this summer, even as we prepare for the fall lecture series with John Seinfeld. The lecture series committee requires a relatively low work load. The group meets several times prior to each lecture series to organize the schedule and to coordinate with our visitor. One or more committee members are then responsible for introducing each portion of the lecture series itself. The committee is also responsible for running the meeting in which the postdocs vote on upcoming guests.

The Research Reviews Committee is also looking for volunteers. The committee schedules research reviews, sends reminders, and introduces speakers at the research reviews.

Finally, the ASP Seminar committee works to identify and schedule local speakers on a monthly basis. Both of the HAO fellows currently on this committee are leaving next month, so we are in particular need of someone from this part of the organization. However, the committee welcomes any fellow to serve.

Please contact me and let me know how you would like to serve. If you plan to stay on your current committee, I would like to know that. If you are joining a new or different committee, let me know. If you wish to join the Thompson Lecture Series Committee, please let me and Ethan Gutmann know (paulad@ucar.edu, gutmann@ucar.edu).

Postdoc News

The new ASP Postdoctoral Fellows will begin arriving in August:

- Clark Evans will be coming on August 17th from Florida State University and working in MMM. Welcome Clark.

We have several departures in August as well:

- Amit Teller will be leaving on August 1st to join The Cyprus Institute as an Associate Research Scientist.
- Russ Schumacher will be leaving at the end of the month for Texas A&M where he will be an Assistant Professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences.
- Also leaving at the end of the month is Mark Flanner who will be joining the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences as an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan.
- Knut Waagan leaves on August 14th to join the Center for Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modeling (CSCAMM) at the University of Maryland as a postdoctoral fellow.
- Xiaoli Luan plans to leave ASP at the end of August, but she'll be staying in HAO as a project scientist.
- Ramit Bhattacharyya will be taking a leave of absence at the end of August to return to India until the end of the year.

Drop in on the Director

This is just a brief reminder that Maura is always happy to visit with postdocs, so please be sure to work with Kathleen to identify a time when she is available. You all remain her highest priority.

Upcoming Events:

July 14	2:00 pm	Junior Faculty Forum Panel Discussion	ML Main Seminar Room
August 5	8:15 am	ASP Hike. Hike begins at 8:15, breakfast begins at 9:30. Join us for one or both!	ML Damon Room

2008-2009 ASP Organizing Committees

Research Reviews

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Seminar Series

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