New Newsletter Format

Here it is the start of a new year and the ASP Update has a new look. For one thing, it is no longer called the ASP Update. We want to include all fellows (postdocs and graduate students) in the organization and invite everyone to read and participate in the writing of this newsletter. For now, we are calling it the NCAR Fellows News. Please send suggestions for a new name to Paula. We can vote on the suggestions and the winner will receive a free lunch in the cafeteria!

The ASP office will continue to publish the newsletter, but we want to include all of you in the process. If you have an idea for an article or a column, let us know. Maybe you went on an interesting field project, participated in a unique outreach opportunity, or attended a high profile conference. Maybe you’d like to share something you learned about publishing papers or interviewing for jobs. Here’s your opportunity to tell your peers about the experience.

Beginning in January, we’re also changing the name of ASP-sponsored socials from “ASP Socials” to “NCAR Fellows Socials”.

We’d love to hear from you about this newsletter. Please give us feedback or ideas for articles that you would like to see. We’d like to make this newsletter a vehicle not only to communicate information to you, but also to communicate information between you and about you.

Please send feedback to Paula Fisher (paulad@ucar.edu)

Fellows Retreat coming in February

We’re planning to schedule a half-day NCAR Fellows retreat sometime in February. The date and location of the retreat are still to be determined.

We’ll use the retreat to discuss career development topics, NCAR topics, and any other items that are of interest to you.

We also plan to devote some time to choosing the next Thompson Lecture Series invited lecturers.

If you have any suggestions for retreat agenda items, please let Paula know. Items can include issues, concerns, ideas, brainstorming sessions, etc. Just let us know.
(paulad@ucar.edu)
NCAR Fellows—Have you ever struggled to balance your research activities? Do you have trouble finding balance in your life, time for friends and family, fitness and health, relaxation, in addition to work?

The first NCAR Fellows Career Development opportunity of 2010 will provide strategies to help you address these and related questions:

Patricia Rankin (CU-Boulder) presents

**Time Management 101**
**Thursday, January 14**
**3PM, CG1 Center Auditorium**

Patricia encourages you to email her at Patricia.Rankin@colorado.edu in advance with specific time management issues, concerns and/or questions. Don’t miss this terrific opportunity, and note that it’s occurring just in time to help you keep your new year resolutions!

All are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served

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Introducing Audrey Gress

The ASP has a new staff member: Audrey Gress. Audrey is a part-time student assistant in the ASP Office.

Audrey is working toward a degree in Technical Management with an emphasis on finance at the Devry University. She is also the busy mother of a 22-month-old toddler girl.

You can find Audrey on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in ML 402, or at extension 1399, gress@ucar.edu.

Welcome to the team Audrey. We’re glad you’ve joined us!

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The Tipline: Give a Talk!

NCAR can be a formidable place to navigate when you first arrive here, especially if you haven’t visited before assuming your fellowship. Even though NCAR is largely a friendly and welcoming place, it’s intimidating to knock on doors and engage the resident experts in a scientific or technical discussion, or to ask for their help or advice. It can even be difficult to identify all of the people who share your research interests.

The best way to make yourself known at NCAR, and to facilitate the kind of interactions that you’re after is to give a talk... and do so at the earliest opportunity. For those of you with PhD’s, I highly recommend that you volunteer for one of the high-profile seminar or colloquium series that are advertised across NCAR. For those of you, who are conducting thesis research, present a summary of your work in progress to the group that you’re in, or ask to speak at one of the less formal series that your division sponsors. You’ll be surprised by the outcome. You’ll create natural opportunities for NCAR staff to strike up a conversation with you about your research. Plus, more people will recognize you in the hallways and in the cafeteria. Give a talk! It’s a great way to jump-start a rich and full experience at NCAR.