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Newsletter of the Department of Earth Sciences, U.W.O.

Thursday March 20, 2008

JOINT PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY/EARTH SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM

Dr. S. Peter Worden
(Brig. Gen., USAF, ret.)
Director, NASA Ames research
Center,
Moffat Field, CA

**“U.S. Space exploration program:
Opportunities for the future”**

Monday March 24, 2008, 1.30 pm
Place: P&A. Bldg. room 123

>All Welcome<

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NSERC Strategic Projects Grants Applications

Deadline: April 15, 2008

Please see an overview of the application process at:

www.uwo.ca/research/rds/external/rds_funding_NSERCstrategic_info.htm

Applicants are requested to contact Research Development & Services, rm. 328 SLB, ext. 80182, Shannon Woodhouse.

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Michigan Basin Geological Society Scholarships

The Michigan Basin Geological Society (MBGS) annually awards a scholarship of up to \$500 to a student majoring in a geological science. Preference will be given to student research in Michigan Basin geology, but they accept any application.

Deadline for application: April 8, 2008

A small supply of application forms is available in the department; please see Mary Rice or Katherine Johnston.

Further information may be obtained from Thomas Godbold, Business Manager MBGS,:

Tel: 517-241-1545

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E-mail: godboldt@michigan.gov

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Advanced Teaching Program for Graduate Students

Registration for a new program is now open: The Advanced Teaching Program (ATP), in the Teaching Support Centre, room 122, D.B. Weldon Library. This program is a hands-on, 20 hour seminar specifically designed for advanced graduate students who would like to develop the practical skills necessary to teach their own courses. Taught over 5 half-day sessions, the seminar will touch on a number of topics including teaching strategically for maximum impact, developing and maintaining a culture of respect in your classroom, dealing with difficult students and authentically assessing student learning.

Successful completion of ATP will fulfill one component of the Western Certificate in University Teaching and Learning. Please refer to the Personal progress Tracker for additional details: www.uwo.ca/tsc/pdf/Certificate_Progress_Checklist.pdf.

Dates and times::

May 13, 2008 (1-5 pm)

May 16 (8.45am-12 noon)

May 27 (1-5 pm)

May 30 (8.45 am-12 noon)

June 3 (1-5 pm)

For more information please contact Natasha Patrito, Teaching Support Centre, D.B. Weldon Library, tel: 661-2111 ext. 84652, e-mail npatrit@uwo.ca



Summer Academic Orientation

The Centre for New Students is looking for faculty members to assist incoming students with course selection and program planning during Summer Academic Orientation June 16-August 8, 2008, from 12 noon-4pm. A minimum 1 week commitment, but 2 weeks is preferred. A daily stipend will be paid. A daily stipend will be paid.

Deadline: April 4, 2008

For more information or to submit your CV and cover letter, please contact :

Leslie Gloor Duncan

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E-mail: cfns@uwo.ca

Ext; 83898



Final Examinations

Faculty and sessional lecturers are reminded that all final examinations must take place in the prescribed time frame of April 12-30, 2008.

Those faculty who schedule their own exams are asked to let both Mary Rice and

Katherine Johnson know the date, time and location of their final exams as proctors have to be assigned.

Thank you.

