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#### **MARCH 5 - NOGS LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

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#### on the cover

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#### Sunset at Shenandoah National Park — Virginia

This month's cover photo from the National Park Service features a scenic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains from Moormans River Overlook in Shenandoah National Park in north/central Virginia. The oldest rocks include granitic basement rock and highly metamorphosed sequence dating back to the Greenville orogeny 1.0-1.2 billion years ago. The park is also known for its vast quantities of greenstone, an altered version of the basalt from the massive lava flows triggered by continental rifting approximately 570 million years ago. Later orogenic events led to the metamorphosing of the basalt, inducing secondary crystallization of minerals like chlorite and epidote that give the greenstone its distinctive hue. Shenandoah also contains large sedimentary formations from fluvial and near shore depositional environments formed during the transgression of the lapetus Ocean.

# From the Editor

As we approach another Super Science Saturday, I can't help but reflect on how it will be our first year to hold the event without the wit and wisdom of Art Johnson to help us along the way. I've likely mentioned this story in past NOGS LOGS, but one of my favorite memories of Art came at a particularly embarrassing moment for me at Super Science Saturday two years ago. I was stationed at the raptor table and knew in my heart that this could only end in tragedy as I know NOTHING about dinosaurs. Sure enough, I was shown up in front of a small crowd by a 7-year old kid with an encyclopedic knowledge of ancient reptiles. I comforted myself briefly by thinking, "Nobody here is a paleontologist. I'm sure they're all bluffing they're way through the dino exhibits too." Not so for Art. I jealously watched as he regaled the kids with accurate dinosaur facts. It's impossible to overstate how much more fun the visitors at his table seemed to be having than the ones at mine. Fortunately, nobody needs to be a paleontologist to volunteer at Super Science Saturday on April 7. Like Art, all you need is a passion for geology, education, and outreach to spark the interest of learning in the next generation of scientists. And watch out for the raptor table.





FROM THE PRESIDENT CHRIS McLINDON

It is not every day that we are presented an opportunity to make a difference in the world. It is even less common that we are presented that opportunity in the role of geologist. On January 9, 2018 geologists in south Louisiana were presented an opportunity to participate in the construction of the Louisiana Geological Survey's Coastal Geohazards Atlas.

http://www.lsu.edu/mediacenter/news/2018/02/08geohazardsatlas.eb.php

The Survey is open to considering all sources for the interpretation of geological features affecting the land surface in coastal Louisiana. Principal among those are faults. Faults that intersect the land surface may have significant implications across a wide spectrum of infrastructure and sustainability concerns. The fault interpretations contributed for inclusion in atlas will be certified by a panel of expert geologists. The atlas will be made available in standard geographic information systems (GIS) format to allow for broad-based application in infrastructure design and sustainability planning. Ultimately, this atlas will be presented to the United States Geological Survey to be considered for the Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States.

LGS has convened an advisory panel of experts in the interpretation and analysis of faults to offer advice on and provide content for the construction of the fault map. Panel members include representatives of academia and state or federal agencies that have published technical evaluations of faults as well as individuals experienced in the interpretation of faults on reflection seismic data. Selected members of the advisory panel comprise a certification panel whose responsibilities are described in the next section. The advisory panel may include active employees of the oil and gas industry, but these members will not participate on the certification panel in order to minimize any potential conflicts with the license agreements governing the use of the oil and gas industry seismic data.

#### Methodology

Initially the emphasis on the fault mapping will be within

the portion of Louisiana south of Interstate Highways I-10 west of Baton Rouge and I-12 east of Baton Rouge. The focus described here is bringing the interpretation of oil and gas industry seismic reflection data into a prominent role in identifying and characterizing faults that affect the shallow subsurface and land surface. The scope of this project may be expanded in the future to areas to the north and to include other methodologies such as the interpretation of LIDAR digital elevation models. The LGS has already compiled a significant body of fault research using the latter methodology. Eventually, other methodologies such as land-based and marine high-resolution seismic data may be integrated into the interpretation of faults across the state.

The interpretation of faults using oil and gas industry seismic data will be implemented by one of three basic approaches:

- 1. The direct donation of research licenses to specific seismic data surveys to Louisiana universities. In general, these seismic surveys will be used in research projects associated with MS theses and PhD dissertations. The interpretation of surface fault traces documented in the theses, dissertations, and subsequent peer-reviewed scientific publications may be incorporated directly into the atlas by the certification panel.
- 2. Access to specific seismic surveys through internships at oil and gas companies. All aspects of this approach will be the same as the direct donation of data licenses to the universities, except that MS or PhD candidates will interpret the data during the term of an internship at a company that owns a license to the data. The students will be allowed to incorporate their interpretations of the data into their research and selected images, but they will only have direct access to the data in the office of the company during the internship.
- 3. The presentation of fault interpretations directly to the certification panel by geoscientists employed by oil and gas companies. In this approach members of the certification panel will visit the offices of oil and gas companies that own licenses to seismic data surveys. With the approval of the seismic companies owning the intellectual property rights to these surveys, industry geoscientists will present their interpretation of fault traces from the seismic surveys in the offices of the companies by whom they are employed. The certification panel will certify the interpretation of the surface fault traces in the office, and leave with a digital GIS file of the certified traces.

The first two of these approaches have been employed

over the past two years in six research projects sponsored by NOGS at LSU, Tulane, UNO, and ULL. Although most of the research for these projects is still underway, they have conclusively determined that this approach to interpreting surface fault traces using oil and gas industry seismic data works very effectively. The area covered by any of these individual research projects is generally less than 300 square miles, and even with all seven projects taken together, this area of coverage is inadequate to allow for the creation of an atlas. The third approach has not yet been attempted but it is believed to offer the most effective and efficient means of getting to a "critical mass" of fault interpretations necessary to publish a comprehensive atlas. In addition, to increase coverage, LGS will compile the documented traces and features that have been interpreted as fault traces. Those that occur in areas of existing or planned infrastructure development will be given priority in obtaining geophysical data. LGS will be responsible for the creation of the atlas, integrating data from the seismic data studies with the verified historical fault identification stemming from the work of others. The advisory panel will provide guidance in this process.

#### **Application**

The application of interpreted surface faults in south Louisiana was addressed in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers report ACTIVE GEOLOGICAL FAULTS AND LAND CHANGE IN SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA - A Study of the Contribution of Faulting to Relative Subsidence Rates, Land Loss, and Resulting Effects on Flood Control, Navigation, Hurricane Protection and Coastal Restoration Projects, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Contract No. DACW 29-00-C-0034, Gagliano et al., 2003.

This report reaches five fundamental conclusions:

- Submergence of coastal wetlands due to a combination of compaction, sea level rise and fault slip has been the major cause of land loss in the delta plain during the 20th century.
- 2. Fault movement in the area of the modern delta plain has been continual and episodic for millions of years. Episodes of active fault movement are separated by dormant periods when movement persists as slow creep. An episode of fault slip between 1964 and 1980 appears to be associated with significant land loss on downthrown sides of faults.
- There is a relationship between faults and salt structures. Ductile, incompressible, low density salt moves relative to surrounding compacting sediments; and this movement of salt interacts with faults associated with the salt structures.

- 4. Continual episodic and slow creep fault slip may cause preferentially thicker accumulations of compactible organic clays and peats on the downthrown side of the faults, thereby delineating areas where subsidence rates may be higher due to the greater compactibility of the soil column.
- Faulting poses a natural hazard in southeastern Louisiana, and the findings of the report have direct applications to the planning and design of coastal restoration efforts, including infrastructure elements.

Many states maintain interactive fault maps for application to infrastructure planning. For most states, faults are considered geohazards because of known earthquake occurrence. Earthquakes in south Louisiana are generally rare and of low magnitude when they do occur. The potential impacts of the gradual slowslip fault movement described by the USACE report on infrastructure are just as important to understand. Faulting may affect transportation infrastructure and port facilities but will probably be most important for flood protection infrastructure. One of the first applications of a fault atlas should be an investigation of any relationship between the faults and historical crevasses of the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche. Understanding a potential relationship between faults and historical crevasses will have direct application in maintaining the integrity of flood protection infrastructure where it is crossed by faults.

The integration of a fault map and the Coastal Geohazards Atlas into coastal sustainability planning and project design will provide the means to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of both. By understanding the processes by which faults have played role in accelerated wetlands loss in the late 20th century, sustainability planning strategies may be adjusted to avoid placing large, expensive restoration projects on or near faults that appear to have experienced active slip in the recent past. Similarly, mapping the distribution of thick accumulations of organic peats associated with subsidence due to fault slip may help to identify areas that may respond adversely to concentrated loading of sediment by large restoration projects.

Individuals and companies that have access to the data (subsurface or seismic) necessary to do an interpretation of a fault that reaches the land surface are encouraged to participate in the construction of the Coastal Geohazards Atlas.

**Chris McLindon** 





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#### **Guest Speaker:**

#### Richard Campanella

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#### March 27-28

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LSU • Baton Rouge, Louisiana For more info: https://easychair.org/cfp/lawater\_2018

#### April 17

#### SIPES 3rd Annual Membership Drive Crawfish Boil

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#### March 5 NOGS Luncheon Presentation

☆ ☆ ☆ at the Holiday Inn Superdome ☆ ☆ ☆

#### New Orleans at 300: Why, Where, and How the City Was Founded 1682-1722

Presented by

#### **Richard Campanella**

Tulane University • New Orleans, Louisiana



Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano

#### **ABSTRACT**

This illustrated lecture, New Orleans at 300: Why, Where, and How the City Was Founded, 1682-1722, will explain the establishment of New Orleans three hundred years ago, by contextualizing the events of the spring of 1718 within the larger 40-year era during which France launched the Louisiana colony, and particularly the five-year period (1717-1722) when New Orleans came into being.

THE MARCH LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 2.
CONTACT THE NOGS OFFICE

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Prof. Richard Campanella, a geographer with the Tulane School of Architecture, is the author of ten books and over 200 articles on the historical geography of New Orleans. The only two-time winner of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Book of the Year Award, Campanella has also received the Louisiana Literary Award, the Williams Prize, and the Tulane Honors Professor of the Year Award. In 2016, the Government of France named Campanella Knight in the Order of the Academic Palms.

#### "And Looking Ahead . . . "

The next luncheon will be held on April 2. Our guest speaker will be announced at a later date. Contact the NOGS office at 504-561-8980 or use the PayPal link at www.nogs.org to make your reservation.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH - JULY 2018

If you know of upcoming seminars or academic events that may be of interest to our members, please email the event details to Laura Sorey at nogseditor@gmail.com to be included in the monthly calendar.

2018	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO
5 Mar	NOGS Luncheon Presentation "New Orleans at 300: Where, Why, and How the City was Founded: 1682-1722" Speaker: Richard Campanella • Tulane University	Holiday Inn Superdome	annette@nogs.org or 504-561-8980
9 Mar	LSU G&G Lecture Series  "Leaf Waxes as Paleoclimate Proxies: The Continuing Evolution of Stable Isotope-based Methods to Reconstruct Past Terrestrial Environments"  Brett Tipple - USGS & UCSC	LSU Baton Rouge E137 Howe-Russell-Kniffen 3:30 pm	http://www.lsu.edu/science/geology/ seminars/item72050.php
16 Mar	LSU G&G Lecture Series "The Null Hypothesis: Globally Constant Rates of Erosion and Weathering During the Last 10 Million Years" Jane Willenbring - UCSD	LSU Baton Rouge E137 Howe-Russell-Kniffen 3:30 pm	http://www.lsu.edu/science/geology/ seminars/item72050.php
17 Mar	St. Patrick's Day		
19 Mar	SIPES Luncheon	Andrea's - Metairie	Carol St. Germain, 504-561-8980
27-28 Mar	12th Annual Louisiana Water Conference	LSU Baton Rouge, LA	https://easychair.org/cfp/lawater_2018
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10-11 Jul	Louisiana Coastal Geology Symposium	LSU Baton Rouge, LA	http://www.lsu.edu/ces/conferences/ lcgs2018/index.php





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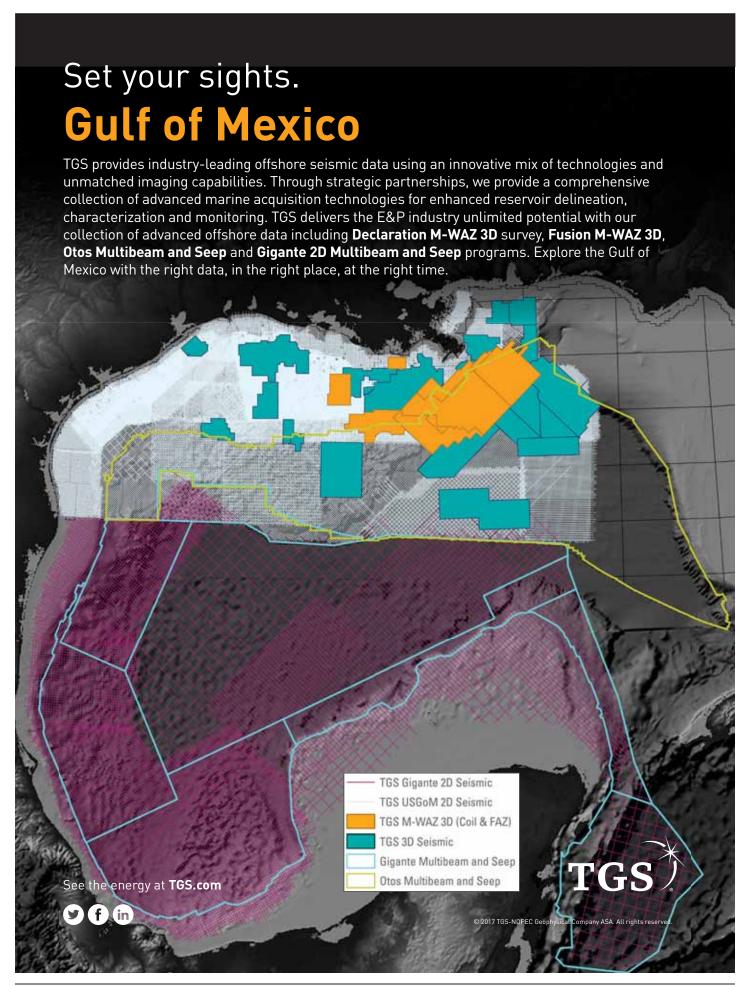
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The Baker-Hughes United States rig count for the month of December averaged 937 rigs, up 7 rigs from the prior month's average. The Louisiana rig count (not including the OCS) averaged 43 rigs for the month of December.

North Louisiana Rigs:	39
South Louisiana Rigs:	4
Land	
Inland Waters	1

During the month of January, the Office of Conservation, Lafayette District, issued 16 permits to drill for oil and gas, **including 3 permits to re-enter old wells to test the Austin Chalk.** It is interesting to note that 2 wells were originally drilled as Tuscaloosa Sand gas wells.

With the recent success of the EOG #1 Eagles Ranch well, having produced more than **68,700 barrels** of oil from the Austin Chalk in 3 months, it is not surprising to find this new activity.

#### **NEW LOCATIONS**

In Saint Landry Parish, **North Bayou Jack Field,** Torrent Oil has received permits to re-enter 2 wells in the field to test the Austin Chalk. The #1 Torrent, AUS RA, (SN 250724), (**A**), will re-enter the Moncrief #1 Turner in Sec. 33, 2S-6E and drill to 15,603 feet. The well was originally completed as a Tuscaloosa gas well in 1977 and produced until October 2008, having produced more than 24.8 billion cubic feet of gas and 242,000 barrels of oil. It was plugged and abandoned in December 2009 with 5 inch casing set at 17,125 feet.

The #2 Torrent, AUS RA, (SN 250725), (**B**), will re-enter the Gulf #2 Turner and drill in Sec. 5, 3S-6E, to a depth of 15,797 feet. The well was originally drilled as a Tuscaloosa well and tested several zones but failed to establish production in those sands. It was later sidetracked and tested the Austin Chalk, but was plugged and abandoned in July 1995.

In Rapides Parish, Cheneyville Field, (C), W. J. Energy will re-enter the Belco #1 Giant and drill the #1 BBJB Properties, (SN 250723), in Sec. 23-1N-2E. The well was originally drilled as an Austin Chalk well, with a horizontal leg drilled to a total depth

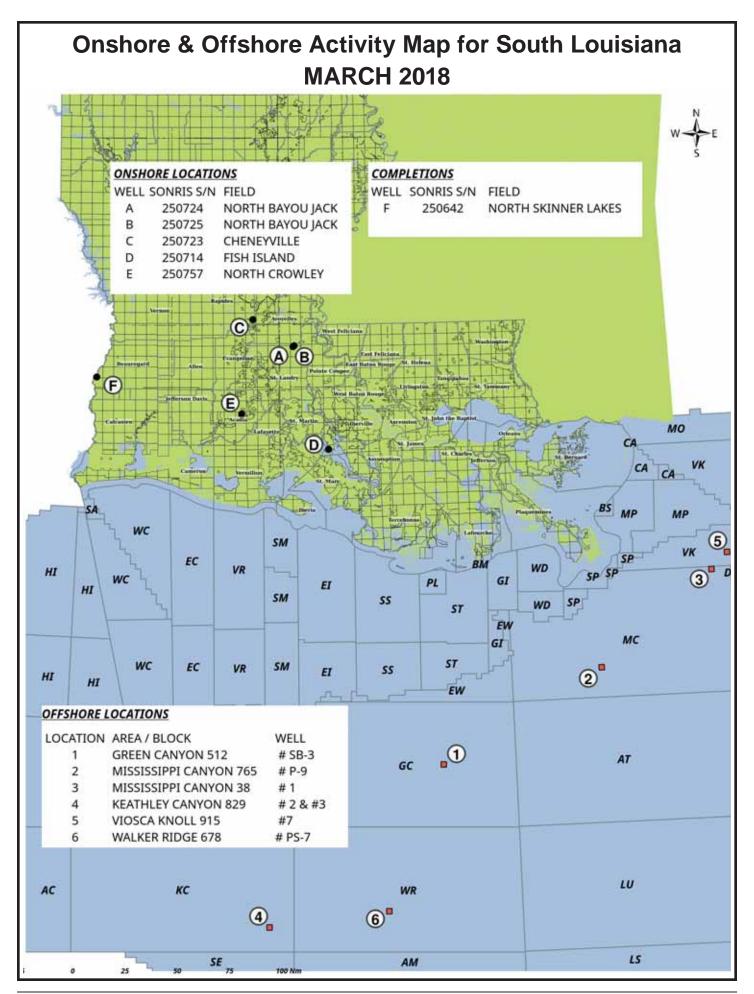
of 18,206 feet, or a total vertical depth of 14,709 feet. It was plugged and abandoned on September 19, 1997.

In Iberia Parish, **Fish Island Field**, **(D)**, Walter Oil and Gas will drill a deep well in the old depleted field to test Planulina-Liebusella sands. The #1 Jeanerette, (SN 250714), will be drilled in Sec. 16, 12S-9E to a total depth of 19,064 feet, to a true vertical depth of 16,750 feet. In 1969, 3 wells were drilled and completed in Planulina sands at depths of 12,400 feet to 12,900 feet.

Key Operating Company will drill its #1 Habetz Heirs, (SN 250757), in **North Crowley Field, (E)**, Acadia Parish, to test Frio sands at a depth of 11,500 feet. The well is located in Sec. 10, 9S-1E, approximately 1 mile south of shallow production.

#### **COMPLETIONS**

Firststrike Energy has plugged and abandoned the #1 Colombia Land, (SN 250642), in **North Skinner Lakes Field,** (**F**), Beauregard Parish. The well was drilled to a total depth of 8,000 feet in Sec. 33, 5S-13W.



# OFFSHORE GULF OF MEXICO SHELF AND DEEPWATER ACTIVITIES

by Al Baker

During **January 2018**, the **BOEM** approved **83** Gulf of Mexico drilling permits. **Twelve** of these were for shelf wells, and **71** were for deepwater wells. Of the total number of permits, there were **7 new well permits, all in deepwater**. This is the second consecutive month that no new well permits have been approved on the shelf

The 7 deepwater new well permits were for 2 development wells and 5 exploration wells. The two development well permits were given to Hess Corporation for their Green Canyon 512 #SB-3 well and to Shell Offshore for their Mississippi Canyon 765 #P-9 well. The five exploration well permits were awarded to LLOG Exploration Offshore for their Keathley Canyon 829 #2 and #3 wells, to Anadarko Petroleum for their Mississippi Canyon 38 #1 well and their Viosca Knoll 915 #7 well and to Union Oil Company of California (Chevron) for their Walker Ridge 678 #PS-7 well.

On January 26th, **IHS-Petrodata** reported that the Gulf of Mexico mobile offshore rig supply stood at **93**, which is **1 less** than last month. The marketed rig supply consisted of **54** rigs, of which **34** were under contract. The marketed rig supply number and the contracted rig supply number were also **1 less** than the previous month. The marketed contracted versus total rig supply utilization rate stands at **36.6%**, and the marketed contracted versus marketed supply utilization rate stands at **63.0%**. By comparison, the January 2017 total fleet utilization rate stood at 47.1% (**versus 58.1% today**) with 49 out of the 104 rigs under contract.

As of January 26th, **BakerHughes** indicated that there were **17** active mobile offshore rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, which is **50%** of the rigs under contract mentioned above. This active rigs number is 1 less than

reported last month. Of the 17 rigs, **3** are located on the **shelf**, and **14** are situated in **deepwater**. At the same time last year, there were 20 mobile offshore rigs operating in the Gulf of Mexico.

As of January 26th, the **BakerHughes** total U.S. rig count stood at **947** rigs, which are **18 additional** rigs than at the end of December 2017. Of the 947 rigs, **759** (**80.1%**) are **oil rigs** and **188** (**19.9%**) are **gas rigs**. A year ago, there were 712 rigs working in the U.S. Thus, the current rig figure represents a **33% increase** in rigs year over year. **Texas** still has the largest number of rigs with **466**, which is slightly less than half (49.2%) of the total number of rigs in the U.S. **Louisiana** has a total of **59** rigs.

Two major deepwater oil discoveries were announced on January 31st. The first announcement was by Chevron and Total. The discovery occurred at their Ballymore Prospect, which is situated in 6,450 feet of water approximately 75 miles off the Louisiana coast. The discovery encompasses four blocks in the **Norphlet** play, including Mississippi Canyon Block 607, where the discovery was made. The Ballymore well reached a total depth of 29,194 feet and found more than 670 feet of net oil pay with excellent reservoir and fluid characteristics. The commercial discovery is currently being assessed with a sidetrack well. Chevron and Total have respective 60% and 40% working interests in the Ballymore Prospect. The discovery is located approximately three miles from Chevron's Blind Faith platform.

**Shell** reported the second major discovery at their **Whale Prospect** in the **Lower Tertiary** trend. The discovery is co-owned by **Shell** (60%) and **Chevron** (40%) and is located on **Alaminos Canyon Block 772**. The new discovery is adjacent to Shell's Silvertip Field and is approximately 10 miles from their Perdido SPAR Platform. Shell indicated that the well encountered more than **1,400 feet of oil bearing pay**. Appraisal drilling is currently underway to further delineate the discovery and define development options.

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This symposium will bring together scientists, engineers and policy makers from across a range of disciplines to exchange ideas, interpretations and insights on Louisiana coastal geology – both onshore and offshore – and on associated topics. It will be held in the Dalton J. Woods Auditorium of the Energy, Coast and Environment Building at Louisiana State University. John E. Johnston III of the Louisiana Geological Survey will serve as symposium chair.

You are hereby invited to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster session at the symposium.

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- Speakers and posters presenters receive free registration.
- Click **HERE** for the advance registration form.

Additionally the Louisiana Geological Survey and the New Orleans Geological Society have joined forces in 2018 to lead the development of a Louisiana Coastal Geohazards Atlas. Several presentations will be made regarding the atlas and its progress.

For further information, please contact John E. Johnston III at hammer@lsu.edu.

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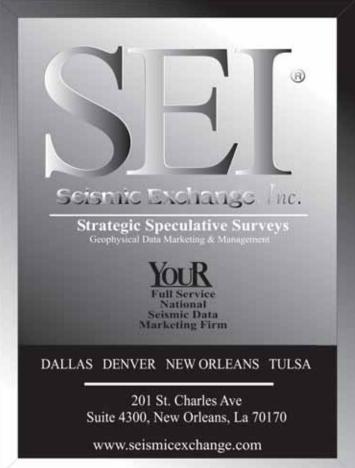
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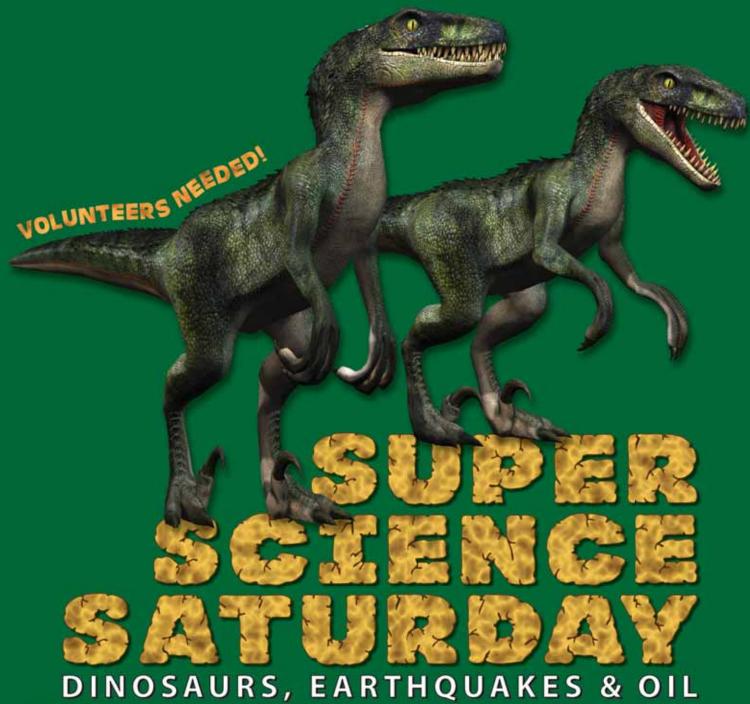
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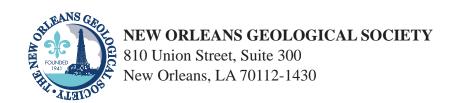




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