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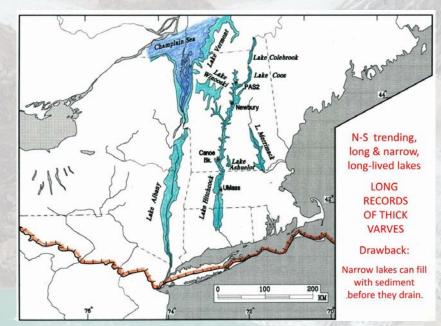
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The Deglaciation of New England and its Relation to Climate and Correlation to Glacial Events in New York





Speaker: Jack Ridge, PhD Dept. of Earth and Climate Sciences, Tufts University

This course is approved for 1 PDH

<u>Abstract:</u> The formulation of a complete and accurate chronology of the last deglaciation in the northeastern U.S. is hampered in many places by a lack of radiocarbon ages that can be tied to deglacial ice front positions and events such as readvances, and the formation and drainage of glacial lakes. In most places it prevents us from clearly determining rates of ice recession and the relationship between deglacial events and climate oscillations depicted in North Atlantic climate records, specifically ice core records from north-central Greenland. In New England a continuous and well calibrated record of deglaciation can be derived from a revamped long varve chronology (5659 years) and the radiocarbon dating of plant fossils in the varves. The varve records have the added advantage

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Abstract: (cont'd) of representing a record of glacial melting rates for the receding glacier that can be matched to and resemble, down to a sub-century scale, the oxygen isotope temperature record in Greenland. The periods of thinner (low melting) and thicker (high melting) varves in New England all correspond to cooling and warming events in Greenland and indicate that New England deglaciation rates and events are in lock step with North Atlantic climate. Glacial readvances do not appear to be glaciological adjustments such as glacial surges that are not-directly related to climate oscillations. In New York there is no continuous varve record but only a relative age record of the formation and drainage of glacial lakes in which only relatively short varve records have been assembled. Paleomagnetic records of remanent declination can be matched from both New York lakes and varves in New England leading to a correlation between the areas to within ~300 years. This correlation and the calibration of varves in New England allows us to compare and correlate glacial events that match across the region well within the uncertainty of paleomagnetic correlations and radiocarbon ages. Across the Northeast, glacial readvances match and depict periods of ice recession with accelerating rates of deglaciation through time that are punctuated by readvances and end moraine-building events. In order to create such a record, it has been necessary to fuse varve, radiocarbon, morpho-stratigraphic, and paleomagnetic records to create a continuous and expanded chronology of deglaciation.

About the Presenter: Jack's research interests lie in the reconstruction of the last deglaciation in the northeastern U.S., primarily as indicated by the annual layering (varves) of sediments from glacial lakes. This work has involved correcting the New England Varve Chronology, calibrating it with radiocarbon ages, and expanding its paleomagnetic declination record in order to correlate varve stratigraphy across a wider geographic area. The main goal of this research is to assemble high-precision (annual) records of terrestrial glacial events in the northeastern U.S. that can be compared to regional and global records of climate. This comparison can be used to test a number of hypotheses regarding the mechanisms for rapid climate change events at the end of the last glaciation and the interactions of terrestrial ice sheets, the ocean, and the atmosphere in the North Atlantic region as they relate to ice age climate.

An additional, more local, research interest of his is the geology of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, the largest forest preserve in an urban area in the U.S. Since 2008, Jack has satisfied his addiction to field geology by working in the Middlesex Fells. He describes it as very educational and rewarding to involve himself in local glacial geology as well as bedrock geology. Learn more about his Fells research and outreach project, The Geology of the Middlesex Fells.



<u>Sponsorship is available for this meeting!</u> Dinner sponsors receive free dinner, a display table set up for the social hour and a 5-minute presentation to the dinner audience, prior to the presentation. Please contact Jonathan Dippert at <u>j.dippert@ctmale.com</u> for more information.

Dear HMPGA Members,

Thank you to David Desimone for pinch-hitting last minute and giving a great presentation at February's Annual Donald Cadwell Memorial Lecture on Glacial Geology. We would also like to thank February's meeting sponsor - Geotech Environmental, Inc. and Field Sink. Should you want to sponsor any future meeting please reach out to myself or our Program Chair Jon Dippert. Our March meeting will include a presentation by Dr. Jack Ridge of Tufts University, see the meeting flyer for more information.

Two reminders regarding current and upcoming events:

- 1) The Annual 2023 Field Camp Scholarship application is live on our website. It is eligible for any student who is majoring in geology, or earth science, is at least a sophomore, and is a resident of or attending a college or university in New York. The Board encourages everyone to spread the word about this scholarship!
- 2) April marks the return of the Student Expo. This event will take place during April's social hour and is a great opportunity for students to present their research and make connections in the industry some may be looking for employment in the area!

Speaking of employment; The newsletter and website include a job postings section. If you or your company are looking to fill any geologist positions for the busy spring/summer field season now would be a great time to post it with us!

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all this month's meeting,

Brian Taylor, P.G.

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<u>EVENTS</u>

March HMPGA Meeting 3/15: Jack Ridge - Deglaciation of New England

2023 Lester W. Strock Lecture in Geosciences 4/15: Skidmore College 5:30-6:30 pm

Geology Rocks 4/13 Featuring: Dead Meat at The Coliseum, White Plains

April HMPGA Meeting 4/19: Joint meeting with NEAIPG, Student Poster Session



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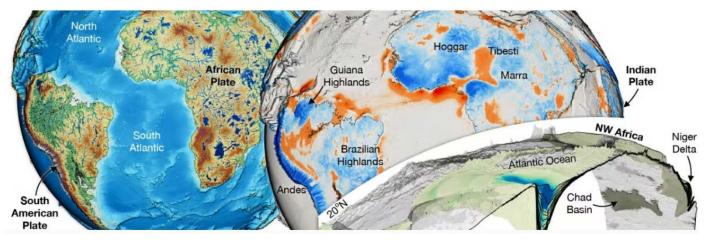
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The University of Sydney, March, 2023



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MARCH'S GEO-CRYPTOQUOTE

CLUES: Y = V, B = N

(Note: Puzzle is a quotation related to geology. Each letter of the quotation is substituted by another letter.)

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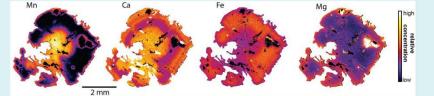
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FEBRUARY'S GEO-CRYPTOCIPHER SOLUTION

"LOOK, THE WORLD TEMPTS OUR EYE, AND WE WOULD KNOW IT ALL, WE MAP THE STARRY SKY, WE MINE THE EARTHEN BALL" - MATTHEW ARNOLD



2023 Lester W. Strock Lecture in Geosciences



Tuesday, April 4 5:30-6:30 pm Emerson Auditorium Skidmore College

Surficial or Deep: what drives extreme rates of mountain building in the western Himalaya?



Dr. Victor E. Guevara Assistant Professor Department of Geology, Amherst College







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HMPGA CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	
March 15, 2023	The Deglaciation of New England an Jack Ridge, PhD, Tufts University Relation to Climate and Correlation to Events in New York		
April 19, 2023	Felicia Bechtel, RETTEW	TBA - Additionally, the student poster session returns!	
May 17, 2023	TBD	TBD	

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