



## **So You Think You Want To Be A Professional Earth/Geo Scientist After You Graduate?**

Today at 3:30-5pm, the Geology Alumni Association will present a panel discussion on the candid realities of a professional working career in the Geosciences as part of the weekly Colloquium series. The event will be held at the Advanced Visualization Center (AVC), 147 CMC, in the CAS Multidisciplinary Complex (formerly the Physics and Mathematics Building). Here's a link to a [map](#) showing the location of the AVC building in the Multidisciplinary Complex. There is visitor parking in Lot 8B. **A Rock Breaker social will follow at the Beef O'Bradys located in the Marshall Center on campus.**

A six person panel, consisting of USF graduates, will provide insights and perspectives on their personal paths as both professional geologists and geoscientists. Panelists will range from recent graduates to persons with 10 to 25 years of work experience:

- Mr. Craig Kovach, P.G. (Geology BS, 1987)
- Ms. Kathleen Moran, P.G. (Geology BS, 1997)
- Mr. Terry Griffin, P.G. (Geology MS, 1989)
- Mr. Gregg Jones, P.G (Geology MS, 1988, Current PhD Candidate)
- Ms. Ivana Blankenship (Geography MA, 2008)
- Mr. Ryan Horstman (Environmental Science, 2003)
- Mr. Mike Wightman, P.G. (moderator, MS, 1990)

The moderated discussion will pose such questions as:

- If you could choose a different career, would you?
- What are the keys to being successful in your interview and in your first years with a company or agency?
- What salary should you expect?
- BS/BA versus MS or PhD, obtaining further professional certifications what difference does it make, is it worth the time, expense and effort?
- What courses make a difference?
- What future employers care about; how to make the right first impression.
- What does a company expect from you, and what should you expect from a company?

Sincerely,  
Mike Wightman, Event Chair  
USF Geology Alumni Society