

GeoScienceWorld (GSW)'s *Lithosphere* announces appointment of first Editorial Board Members

Community-driven journal announces initial appointments of expert geoscience researchers to oversee each discipline covered under the journal's broadened scope

December 5, 2019, McLean, VA. GeoScienceWorld (GSW), a nonprofit collaborative and comprehensive resource for research and communications in the Geosciences, today announced the appointment of the following *Lithosphere* Editorial Board members:

[Matt Balme](#), Senior Lecturer, Planetary Environments, Open University, UK

[Yanni Gunnell](#), Professor, Université Lumière Lyon 2, France

[Wendy Li-Wen Mao](#), Professor of Geological Sciences and Photon Science, Stanford University, USA

[Gene Rankey](#), Professor, Department of Geology, University of Kansas, USA

[Sarah Roeske](#), Research Geologist, UC Davis, USA

[Julie Rowland \(JR\)](#), Head of School of Environment, The University of Auckland, New Zealand

[Homoud AlAnzi](#), Geological Operations Department, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

These are the first Section Editors and Associate Editors to be appointed to the Board. Under the journal's distributed editorship model, the journal plans to appoint a total of 10 Section Editors, each focused on one of the many geoscience subdisciplines covered by the journal's expanded scope. Associate Editors will oversee peer review and editorial decisions.

"Lithosphere will publish papers across the community of earth and earth systems science," said Alix Vance, GSW CEO. *"As such, the journal will benefit from the broad expertise and international diversity a group of respected Section Editors can provide. We are honored to welcome these subject matter experts into the Lithosphere community and believe this model will best serve our authors and readers."*

Originally published by GSA with a narrower scope, the relaunched *Lithosphere* will provide a unique publishing choice for authors in the geoscience community, achieved through an alliance between GSW and leading nonprofit societies, including the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), The Geological Society of America (GSA), Geological Society of

London (GSL), Mineralogical Society of America (MSA), SEPM Society for Sedimentary Geology, Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and Society of Economic Geologists (SEG). With a scope covering research in all areas of earth, planetary, and environmental sciences, the development of this diverse international editorial board and reviewer base with expertise across the geosciences supports the journal's mission and expanded scope.

"As an editor for *Lithosphere* prior to the GSW acquisition, and now continuing on as the journal expands under GSW's guidance, I'm excited to participate in this evolution," said Sarah Roeske. "An open access journal supported by these leading geoscience societies will provide researchers with a trusted option for wide dissemination of their research."

Submissions for *Lithosphere* will re-open under GSW's management on January 13, 2020. For more information on submissions, visit oa.geoscienceworld.org

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About GeoScienceWorld:

GeoScienceWorld (GSW) is a nonprofit collaborative and comprehensive resource for research and communications in the Earth Sciences. GSW works with societies, institutions, and researchers around the world and provides a single source of access to 46 preeminent scholarly journals, 2,120+ eBooks, and over 4 million GeoRef records with specialized and map-based search capabilities and links to curated earth science research around the Web. Through its Society Services Program, GSW also serves as a platform for cost-effective hosting for independent society sites, providing a scalable and efficient global presence for societies, authors, and members. Since 2005, GSW has returned more than \$38 million to membership societies to achieve their scientific missions.

About *Lithosphere*:

Lithosphere is an open access, community-driven journal published by GeoScienceWorld (GSW) with the support of our participating societies - the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), The Geological Society of America (GSA), Geological Society of London (GSL), Mineralogical Society of America (MSA), SEPM Society for Sedimentary Geology, Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and Society of Economic Geologists (SEG). *Lithosphere* provides researchers with an opportunity to support the community by publishing their research in a broad scope open access geoscience journal published by a trusted nonprofit source.

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