

## GSM Lecture/Lab Schedule 2026-2027

(revised 16 June 2026)

Except as noted, lectures are on Mondays at 7 PM CT. Schedules are subject to change, so always check online at [gsmn.org](http://gsmn.org) before attending. All lectures and labs are free and open to the public. In-person lectures are on the University of Minnesota campus, building & room TBA; no registration is required for in-person lectures. Certain lectures designated “*Online Lecture*,” are only presented via internet; these require free registration as instructed on the GSM website.

### Mondays, Fall 2026

**Sep 14: Fall Banquet; Annual Meeting; Mountains to Metal** *\*\*Location TBA\*\**

Patrick Steury, B.Sc., Exploration Geologist, Dakota Gold

**Sep 28: Multimedia Fate and Transport of PFAS in Minnesota**

Michael Ginsbach, M.Sc., Hydrogeologist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Oct 12: Dimensional Stone Production in Minnesota with Coldspring USA**

Richard Taylor, B.Sc., Regional Quarry Manager, Coldspring Company

**Oct 26: Geology & Civilization: The Intersection of Geology and Humans through Time in the Eastern Mediterranean**

Donna Whitney, Ph.D., Distinguished McKnight Professor, Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Minnesota

**Nov 9: New Mapping of the Baraboo Hills Unravels a More Complex Geologic History for Southern Wisconsin** *\*\*Online Lecture\*\**

Esther Stewart, Ph.D., Senior Geologist, WI Geological & Natural History Survey

**Nov 23: Mars Demystified: What Everyone Should Know**

Protiti Roy, Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Fellow, University of Iowa

**Dec 7: Michigan Geology – 3.6 billion Years in the Making** *\*\*Online Lecture\*\**

Bob Mahin, M.Sc., CPG, FSEG Economic Geologist/Senior Research Associate, Michigan Geological Survey

**Mondays, Winter/Spring 2027**

**Jan 25: Geoarchaeological Investigation of a Roman Seaside Villa and Greater Saint Klement Island, Croatia**

Kevin Theissen, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Earth, Environment & Society, St. Thomas U.

**Feb 8: The Geology You Don't See from an Antarctic Cruise**

Zenobia Evans, Geological Society of MN

**Feb 22: Thunder Bay Rocks! The Lakehead's Earth-Shattering Geology *\*\*Online Lecture\*\****

Mark Smyk, M.Sc., H.B.Sc., P.Geo., Professional Associate, Department of Geology, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario

**Mar 8: Geologic Tour of Pennsylvania *\*\*Online Lecture\*\****

Gale Blackmer, Ph.D., P.G., State Geologist and Bureau Director, Pennsylvania Geological Survey

**Mar 22: Minnesota Waters**

Harvey Thorliefson, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of MN

**Apr 5: Minnesota River Valley**

Allison Severson, Ph.D., Precambrian Geologist, Minnesota Geological Survey

**Apr 19: Dakota County Impact Structure, Update**

Julia Steenberg, M.Sc., Phanerozoic Geologist, Minnesota Geological Survey

**May 10: Spring Banquet; *Title TBA \*\*Location TBA\*\****

Roger Sharp, PLLC, Retired Industrial Minerals Geologist, U.S. Gypsum Company