

GSM Lecture/Lab Schedule 2026-2027

(revised 16 Sept 2026)

Except as noted, lectures are on Mondays at 7 PM CT. Schedules are subject to change, so always check online at gsmn.org before attending. All lectures and labs are free and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, in-person lectures during the fall are on the University of Minnesota campus, Tate Hall, Room B20; 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

at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 436 N Roy St, St Paul, MN
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: The Drill Core Library and its Role in Mineral Management

Matt Carter, Ph.D., Mineral Potential Supervisor, MN Dept. of Natural Resources

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

Apr 26: Spring Banquet; Salt and Gypsum in Southeast Virginia, from Stone Age to Space Age *Location TBA*****

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