

GCCC Students Hit the Road for the Summer

Summer is around the corner, and GCCC students are taking advantage of the break from classes to gain-on-the-job training.

A number of students are taking the drive east on Highway 290 to spend the summer in Houston. Among them is Logan West, who will be interning at BP America with the Gulf of Mexico exploration group. West says he's interested to see how the concepts he's learned in his courses are applied in industry, "I'm excited to see how industry operates, how decisions are made, and how everyone works together to achieve their goals."

Masters student Julie Ditkof has just returned from Curtin University in Perth, Australia, where she worked on analysis of the CO₂ plume at Cranfield using seismic surveys. This summer she's off to Houston, where she'll be interning with Shell Oil's Exploration Geology and Geophysics Research Group. Though the waves near Houston aren't expected to be as nice as they were in Perth, she's looking forward to learning more about the complex structural geology in deep waters offshore Trinidad/Tobago as part of the New Ventures Business Development Group.

Also headed to Houston, Marlo Gawey will be working on an EOR project with Hess Corporation from May to August. After that she'll attend the IEAGHG Summer School in Beijing in mid-August. Gawey says, "I hope this summer I'll gain some valuable industry experience, learn a lot about EOR from a practical perspective and then have a great time connecting with other CCS scientists in China."

Masters students Mary Hingst and Gordon Smith will both be interning with Apache Corporation. While Gordon will be spending the summer in the Houston offices, Mary is headed north to Tulsa. They'll have to compare notes on which office has the better cafeteria.

Sean Porse will be working for the GCCC in Austin this summer as he continues to pursue the successful completion of his Master's thesis on developing groundwater-monitoring networks above CO₂-EOR sites.

Ph.D. student K-Won Chang is heading much farther east than Houston. He plans to visit the British Petroleum Institute at the University of Cambridge, UK to conduct the experiments of exchange flows through porous media. This work is supported by Geological Society of America (GSA) research grant.

A number of GCCC students are graduating this spring. And we are delighted to report that they have found employment in excellent jobs. Carlos Puerta will be working with Schlumberger Business Consulting in Mexico City. Stuart Coleman is starting a full-time position with Chevron in Houston as a petroleum engineer in

the rock-fluids characterization group. Andrew Nicholson is heading off to work full-time at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in The Woodlands, TX.

While many GCCC students are driving east toward Houston, Erin Miller has her sights set on the West, using her own power. She's participating in the annual charity bike ride to Alaska with the organization Texas4000. The group has raised more than \$3 million towards cancer research, and Erin has already exceeded her fundraising goal of \$5,000. There are two routes, Coastal and Rockies, and Erin will be on the Rockies team. We wish Erin a safe and gratifying ride, and we look forward to her return to GCCC in the fall to complete her Masters thesis.