



# Priscum

August 2024



## Announcing our 2024 Paleontological Society Awards 🏆

- The [Charles Schuchert Award](#) is presented to a person early in their career whose work reflects excellence and promise in the science of paleontology, and thus reflects the objectives and standards of the Paleontological Society. The 2024 Paleontological Society Charles Schuchert Award will be awarded to [Erin Saupe](#) of the University of Oxford
- The [John and Mary Lou Pojeta Award](#), for contributions to the science of Paleontology, above and beyond service to the Paleontological Society, will be awarded in 2024 to [Jorge Santiago-Blay](#) of the National Museum of Natural History.



## Upcoming Deadlines & Events

- As you plan for [Geological Society of America Connects 2024](#) in Anaheim, CA, make sure to get your ticket for the [PS Banquet](#) where we will honor awardees, update the status of the society, and connect with colleagues and friends.
  - [Standard Registration Deadline](#): 4 September
  - [Housing Reservation Deadline](#): 28 August
  - PS will be sponsoring a variety of [sessions](#) on all paleo topics, as well as events – [stay tuned!](#)
- We invite ALL our members to join us for socializing and refreshments at our annual [PaleoX gathering](#) at GSA on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Marriott Anaheim, Salon G/H. Reconnect with your paleo-pals and network with new folks!
- **Join us for our FREE PS Short Course at GSA! “From the earth to the repository and beyond: fossil collecting and collections issues at every level”**
  - Our livelihood as paleontologists depends upon fossils, yet useful, practical information on collecting fossils and researching collections of fossils is widely scattered, often incomplete, and possibly outdated. The PS Collections Subcommittee of the Governmental Affairs Committee is hosting the PS Short Course. We invite everyone to participate in this day-long educational/tutorial short course by listening to half-hour talks, engaging with panel discussions, and participating in group discussions on these important issues. Registration for GSA is NOT required to participate in the Short Course.

- Saturday, September 21 at the Anaheim Convention Center in room 201C, from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm — *more details forthcoming in September Priscum.*
- Please join us to discuss many, interconnected topics on collecting and collections that are critically important to the vitality of our community!
- If you're looking for an analytical paleontology short course at GSA, you might also check out [#516: Decoding the Past: Deep Learning for Macroevolutionary Analysis](#).
- **Not a GSA member but want discounted pricing?** As a member or an affiliated society you are eligible for 20% off registration! Begin the [Registration](#) process, log in or create a GSA account, check the "Paleontological Society" box under "My Affiliations," and proceed!
- The [SVP 2024 Annual Meeting](#) will be in Minneapolis, MN, on October 30-November 2, 2024. **Registration** is now open, and early registration closes September 5.
- The 68th [Annual Meeting of the Palaeontological Association](#) (PalAss) will be held at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität (FAU) Erlangen-Nürnberg, in the city of Erlangen in northern Bavaria, Germany on 9-12 December 2024.

Have you renewed your PS Membership for 2024?

## Latest PS News



- If you enjoy the books of Adrienne Mayor, check out Ephraim Nissan's (London, England) review of Patrick Nunn's [The Edge of Memory](#). Combining folklore and geological history, Nissan appreciates Nunn's ability to piece together how many oral traditions on dragons, flying serpents, giants, and landbridges may have drawn actual inspiration from glacial floods, volcanic eruptions, and other geological phenomena witnessed by early humans.
- **Congratulations to the 2024 PS Outreach & Education Grant awardees:** Edwin Alberto Cadena Rueda, Julian E. Correa-Narvaez, Ian Cost, Benjamin Francischelli, Romina Gonzalez, Emily Inman, Lisa D. White, and Jay Zambito! We look forward to seeing the exciting ways these projects will bring paleontology to the public!
- 📸 **Attention, Students!** 📸 Please share photos of yourself to be featured at the PS Banquet at GSA! Email photos of YOU doing paleontology to [studentreps@paleosoc.org](mailto:studentreps@paleosoc.org) by September 1st. It could be

fieldwork, lab work, museum collections, NAPC, processing data, writing, collaborating – we want to showcase anything that defines you as a paleontologist!

- Submit your fieldwork or museum [fossil and paleontologist photos for #FossilFriday!](#) Follow @PaleoSoc social media accounts for the most up-to-date announcements, opportunities, event details, and more on our [Twitter \(now X\)](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Blog](#).

Submit your #FossilFriday photos here!



## How is PS working for you?

- Don't forget to **VOTE** in the **2024 PS Elections**. Ballots are due Aug 16th! President Elect, Representative at Large (Late Career), and many other essential positions are up for election! Check your spam filters for the ballot email sent by [management@paleosoc.org](mailto:management@paleosoc.org) via SurveyMonkey.
- The Paleontological Society is delighted to announce a **new grants program** which will allow members to implement projects focused on [diversity, equity and inclusion and remove barriers to careers in paleontology](#). The grant award amount is \$500 - \$1,000 per grant. Successful grant applications will convey a clear and central objective for enhancing DEI in paleontology as a major component in the initiative. All members of PS are welcome to apply. Applications for research funds are not accepted for the DEI grants. Examples of projects that can be submitted include (but are not limited to):
  - *programs for training faculty and staff on bias training;*
  - *programs to create accessible versions of field camps or field sites;*
  - *seed money to build a resource of field equipment for students who are new to paleontology or do not have access to equipment to borrow*
  - *panels of invited speakers from diverse backgrounds to talk about the experiences of underrepresented individuals in navigating paleontology;*
  - *and more!*

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/A7dHymEmrWPnrj4L8>.

Applications are open until September 30, 2024, and applicants will be notified of the committee's decision within 2-4 weeks of application.

- **Have YOU been awarded a PS grant anytime in the past?** Please take a couple minutes to fill out this **short survey** to help us understand who is benefiting from PS grants and how we can reach even more paleontologists in the future. We would love to share YOUR story!
- **Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology PS Member Benefits 2024:**
  - The Treatise is now open access and has no author publication charges.
  - 1) Extensive member discounts on the print versions of Treatise volumes:
    - 75% off the purchase price of all pre-2023 printed volumes (while supplies last, excludes shipping)
    - 25% off the purchase price (excluding shipping) of the 2 volumes published in 2023
    - All volumes available for sale are listed [HERE](#). Contact paleo@ku.edu for more information and to obtain the discount code.
  - 2) A significant 50% discount on page charges to PS members for articles submitted and accepted for publication in our open access, peer reviewed monographic series the University of Kansas Paleontological Contributions. Contact paleo@ku.edu for more information.

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## What's New in PS Journals?

### *Journal of Paleontology*

- [Latest issue](#) of *Journal of Paleontology*: Volume 98 - Issue 1 - January 2024 (Keep up with the latest in [FirstView articles!](#))

### *Paleobiology*

- [Latest issue](#) of *Paleobiology*: Volume 50 - Issue 2 - May 2024 (Keep up with the latest in [FirstView articles!](#))

### *Elements of Paleontology*

As always, *Elements* are free to publish for authors. Please see additional benefits to publishing [HERE](#).

## Submit to Priscum!

We invite submissions of short items for the above newsletter sections to be considered for Priscum! Please [send submissions](#) to our Paleo Society Communications team, due by the 1st of

each month. Priscum is focused on sharing very brief announcements, key dates, and links to other pages with relevant resources, to streamline and improve communication with our membership.

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