



Priscum

February 2025

PS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER PROGRAM

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The North Carolina Fossil Club welcomed Nigel Hughes this January for a talk on *"What's new with the ancient trilobites? Decades of fun with fossils."* — a wonderful experience for all, supported by the PS Distinguished Lecturer Program!

Have you renewed your PS Membership for 2025?

GRANT SEASON!

Student Research Grants **FEB. 10**

FEB. 25

Grants for diversity, equity and inclusion work and removing barriers to careers in paleontology

Heidmarie Johnson Scholarship
in Applied Student Educational
Experiences

MARCH 1

MARCH 2 Outreach and Education grant

PalSIRP Sepkoski Grants **APRIL 1**

Upcoming Deadlines

- Register for GSA Section Meetings throughout March, April, and May! Lots of paleontology sessions are on the schedules—we hope to see many of you there!

2025 Paleo Society Grants:

- **Feb. 25:** The Paleontological Society is delighted to welcome applications for grants 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 and how to apply at the website above.
- **March 1:** Apply to the Heidmarie Johnson Scholarship Fund in Applied Student Educational Experiences for funding for training courses and workshops.
- **March 2:** Outreach and Education Grants: Attention paleo-educator members! The E&O Committee is accepting proposals for grants to support programs and activities involving educational outreach and community engagement.
- **April 1:** PalSIRP Sepkoski Grants, our expanded small grants program for paleontologists in select countries internationally

2025 Paleo Society Award Nominations:

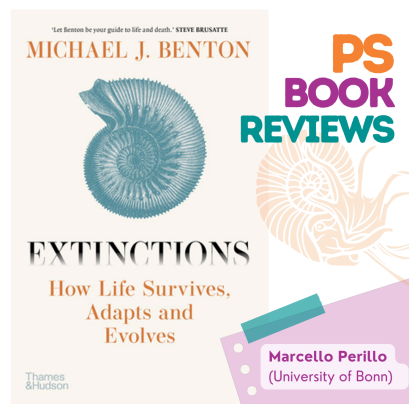
- **Feb. 15:** Nominate a student or early career paleontologist for the **Diversity Engagement and Enhancement in Paleontology (DEEP) Award**! Winners who have promoted diversity in paleo will receive an honorarium, plaque, & membership to the Paleo Society.
- **Feb. 28:** Do you know someone who has impacted the field of paleontology through their research, teaching, or service? Please consider nominating them as a 2025 PS fellow! **Fellow nominations** are due February 28, 2025.

Other Opportunities

- **Feb. 13:** **Analytical Paleobiology Summer School** will be 18 August – 5 September 2025 in Erlangen, Germany. The 3-week school aims to introduce graduate students to various analytical methods foundational to or at the cutting edge of paleobiological research. Limited travel grants. All details on how to apply are available here:
- **Feb. 15:** Consider applying for a **Libbie H. Hyman Memorial Scholarship via SICB's Division of Invertebrate Zoology**, which provides assistance to students to take courses or to pursue research on invertebrates at a marine, freshwater, or terrestrial field station.
- **Feb. 28:** Applications are open for **Conchologists of America (COA) Academic Grants**. Proposals must concern a malacological topic, usually within biology or paleontology, with any molluscan taxon or taxa as the focus (max award is US\$2500).
- **March 31:** Nominate a colleague for the **Raymond C. Moore Medal** for Excellence in Paleontology, given by the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM)!

Latest PS News

- Marcello Perillo (University of Bonn) reviews **Michael Benton's new book on mass extinctions**, appreciating its comprehensive, up-to-date, and first-person perspective on the major episodes in life's history, and its relevance for understanding our current anthropogenic extinction.
 - **Interested in reviewing a book for Priscum?** Reviewers receive a free review copy of newly published and forthcoming titles, in exchange for writing informative and informal reviews for our membership. Check [here for the list of available books](#) and contact Book Reviews Editor Phil Novack-Gottshall (pnovack-gottshall@ben.edu) if interested in reviewing one or more.
- You may have read in the [Cornell Daily Sun](#), watched on [social media](#), or read the [official update](#) that the



Paleontological Research Institution (PRI), Museum of the Earth, and Cayuga Nature Center are facing serious financial challenges. Its loss would be a profound blow to not only the scientific community but also to the countless students and community members that benefit from its invaluable education and outreach programs. **If your experiences have been enriched by the PRI or you want to help, please consider the following actions:**

- Sign the [petition!](#)
- Consider [donating](#).
- Write a letter of support!
- Please reach out to Will Hooker (wch79@cornell.edu), Emily Cavanaugh (emc288@cornell.edu), or Jansen Smith (smithja@d.umn.edu) with any questions.
- Paleo Society would love to share your wonderful paleontology photos on the homepage of our website and on social media for *#FossilFriday!* **Please [submit your fossil photos early and often!](#)**

Submit your *#FossilFriday* photos here!

**CALL FOR A PS JOURNALS
EDITORIAL INTERN!
FOR SUMMER 2025**



How is PS working for you?

- The **Paleontological Society Journals are seeking an Editorial Intern for the 2025 summer** (period of mid-June through mid-August). They will assist our editorial boards and managing editor with revising author guides, preparing Endnote style tools, helping to optimize author and reviewer experiences on the website, enhancing the journals' social media presence, working on blog posts, writing features in *Priscum*, assisting with Special Issues of the journal, etc. Interns will get an inside look at academic publishing by working closely with the Journal of Paleontology and Paleobiology. The intern will receive a \$1,500 stipend and is expected to work with editorial staff for 80 hours. Interested graduate student members of PS should read the full details **HERE** and apply by April 15, 2025.
- **DID YOU KNOW:** serving as a **PS student representative** is a great way to shape the future of paleontology? You get to play an active role in serving the needs of student members by fostering student community, creating new opportunities, and ensuring student voices are heard. It is also an excellent way to meet other established paleontological professionals and understand how a professional organization is managed. We look forward to your application! New representatives will be announced toward the end of April! For questions or assistance, feel free to email studentreps@paleosoc.org

- **HARD DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025 (Pi Day)
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Fill out this [Google form](#). Hope to hear from you soon!
- **Call for Applications: Paleontological Society Funding for Meetings**
 - Paleontological Society funds are available to support meetings or sessions organized by society members. Our first priority is to provide up to US\$1000 to support stand-alone meetings, where your group is organizing the entire conference. If additional funds are available, we can also support speakers at individual sessions within larger meetings. If you are organizing a topical session within a larger meeting, we can provide US\$400 per invited speaker for up to two presenters.
 - **Due:** 5 PM (Pacific time zone), March 15, 2025

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What's New in PS Journals?

We are delighted to announce that **Paleobiology is now a fully Gold Open Access journal!** All research published within the journal will be freely and permanently accessible to all, providing more exposure, wider reach, and greater downloads. Cambridge is making sure that cost is no barrier to publication, with wide Transformative Agreement coverage and waivers available to authors without funding. Find out more for Paleobiology [here](#).

Journal of Paleontology

- [Latest issue](#) of **Journal of Paleontology**: Volume 98 - Issue S94 - October 2024 (Keep up with the latest in [FirstView articles!](#))

Paleobiology

- [Latest issue](#) of **Paleobiology**: Volume 50 - Issue 3 - August 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.

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](#).

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