

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS & ALUMNI

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“The Apartment,” a short story by **Jensen Beach** (Writing & Literature), appeared in the August 31 issue of *The New Yorker*. The story is from his book *Swallowed by the Cold*, forthcoming from Graywolf in 2016. Jensen also appeared on VPR’s “Morning Edition,” in connection with the publication of his story, which included a reading by the author. [The interview can be accessed here.](#)



Bethany L. Plissey (Performing Arts) co-organized the Vermont Collegiate Choral Consortium, an annual fall event that brings choirs from Vermont colleges together to perform both in an individual format and collaboratively in a choral-orchestral masterwork. This year’s concert, “Magnificat!,” featured three master works by Schubert, Finzi and Zelenka based on the *Magnificat* text and was performed Nov. 20 at Castleton and Nov. 21 at St. Michael’s.

Bethany represented Johnson State College as an exhibitor at the Vermont Music Educator’s Conference in early October. She and **Steven Light** (Performing Arts) were joined by a group of 13 JSC students in our Music Performance & Music Education program

Bethany is an active member of the American Choral Director’s Association (ACDA) and chair of its Vermont Repertoire & Standards Committee for Colleges and Universities. She was an organizer for and participant in the Vermont/New Hampshire “Gather at the River” conference at Dartmouth College in late June. At this conference she presented a workshop titled “Theatrical Techniques for the Choral Rehearsal and Performance.” She also organized a student group from JSC to attend the conference; the group represented the largest student contingent of all colleges and universities present. She is currently helping to organize a “Great Day of Singing” event for the Vermont ACDA board to promote community involvement in choral music. She also is planning opportunities for college-level students in Vermont to participate in choral-conducting master classes.



Finally, under Bethany’s direction, a recording of the Johnson State College Chamber Singers. “From These Mountains We Sing: Johnson State College Chamber Singers 2010-2015,” will be released in December and available for purchase.

An interview with **Isaac Eddy** (Performing Arts), “[A former Blue Man takes new role: college Professor](#),” appeared in the Nov. 4 issue of *Seven Days*. In early October Isaac gave a talk in on “the extinction of vulnerability” at the third annual TEDxBattenkill program in Manchester. “Now that we commune with self-curated social media,” said Isaac, a 12-year member of the Blue Man Group before joining JSC this summer, “we are less and less often put up against the uncomfortable and the unknown. I use improvisation and acting as a way to confront fear, tap into new forms of communication and creativity, and re-learn how to listen.” Three JSC Technical Theater students accompanied Isaac, volunteering their time to build crucial parts of the set and lead all technical aspects of the show, which took place at the Southern Vermont Arts Center. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience and spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. More information about TEDxBattenkill is available [here](#).



As a bandleader this past summer, **Steve Blair** (Performing Arts) created a new jazz quartet with jazz vocalist Matt Wright. He self-produced an eight-song CD with the new quartet. He also created a jazz guitar duo with JSC alumnus **Eric Lindberg** as his counterpart. As a sideman, Steve played with a variety of ensembles, including the Vermont Jazz Ensemble, the New Nile Orchestra, the Will Patton Ensemble and the Sue Conklin Band. He also played steady gigs at Tyler Place resort in Swanton and at the Hinesburg Public House.

Kacy Hope (Fine & Performing Arts) has created an engaging, multimedia newsletter, *jsc creativeARTicles*, to highlight all the happenings at Dibden and the Visual Arts Center. The inaugural edition appeared Nov. 2.

Mary Martin (Fine Arts) attended the Vermont Creative Network Summit Nov. 4-5. This provided an excellent opportunity for her to network and get ideas for one of her sabbatical projects, which is to compile a database of Vermont artists.

Over the summer **Sean Clute** (Fine Arts) Sean Clute was an artist in residence at Generator in Burlington. He was also a resident for the Simulacrum Project sponsored by Burlington City Arts. As part of the residency he gave a presentation about his work (and about JSC’s MARS lab) for the City of Burlington. Sean also received a commission from *Seven Days* to create live video projections.

Michael Zebrowski (Fine Arts) was a finalist for the River Arts/Morrisville “Animating Infrastructure Sculptural Trees Project,” with his design coming in a close second. He plans to present his work to other communities/institutions in the near future. Michael was one of 13 sculptors whose work was exhibited as part of “Exposed,” the Helen Day Art Center’s annual outdoor sculpture exhibition in Stowe, from July 11 to October 14. *Seven Days* called his work “the strongest” in the show. An image by Michael was also part of the program brochure, which was mailed widely. And a photograph of him, working to finish his entry, “Observatory,” along the Stowe Recreation Path, adorned the front cover of the July 3 *Stowe Reporter* on July 3.



Under the direction of **Amy May** (Fine Arts), ceramic arts students recently held JSC’s 21st annual Throw-A-Thon to benefit Operation Smile. From noon until midnight, students, faculty, staff, community members and their families came to the Visual Arts Center Studio to create hand-crafted, wheel-thrown ceramic forms. All of the work was fired and glazed by ceramic arts students in preparation for the Holiday Ceramic Sale that took place in November.

Plant photographs by **Bethany Bond** (Fine Arts) are featured throughout the book *The Organic Medicinal Herb Farmer*, published by Chelsea Green. This past summer Bethany launched a web design and photography company called Tiny Seed Creative, geared toward agriculture and growers. Through this project she created the websites for the newly formed Vermont Herb Growers Cooperative and for Zack Woods Herb Farm.

Under the direction of **Diana Gonsalves-Hansen** (Fine Arts), JSC art students are working on poster designs for Joni Mitchell’s upcoming “Joni Fest” in British Columbia at the request of musician’s web designer.

Victoria Zolnoski (Fine Arts) is exhibiting her work at two Vermont venues: “Beauty is Interconnectedness” is at the Goddard Pratt Library Conference Room in Plainfield, and “Altared” appears at the Third Floor Gallery in Hardwick.



Staci Born (Behavioral Sciences) successfully transferred her credentials from Minnesota and received her Vermont license as a marriage and family therapist. She is co-investigator with **Amy Welch** (Environmental & Health Sciences) on ways to address chronic stress, leading the cognitive behavioral therapy side of their research. She attended the Allen November Conference

in July, from which she took away many new strategies for implementing technology in pedagogy.

In October, Staci presented research on “Learning how students learn: Addressing learning styles to impact research self-efficacy and interest in counseling students” at the national conference of the Association for Counselor Education & Supervision in Philadelphia with one of her graduate students. Finally, Staci attended and was warmly received at the September, 2015 board meeting of the Vermont School Counselor’s Association as VSC’s liaison to this group.

Leslie Johnson (Behavioral Sciences) attended the Vermont Genetics Network’s fall retreat and grant-writing workshop in November in preparation for submitting a VGN project grant proposal examining the impact of anti-fat stigma on postpartum mothers’ psychological well-being and adjustment to motherhood.



Gina Mireault (Behavioral Sciences) is the lead author on two new publications:

- Mireault, G. & Crockenberg, S. (in press). Social referencing. In D. L. Couchenour & K. Chrisman (Eds.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Education*, Boston; and
- Mireault, G., Crockenberg, S., Sparrow, J., Cousineau, K., Pettinato, C., & Woodard, K. (2015). Laughing matters: Infant humor perception in the context of parental affect. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 136, 30-41.

Gina also is lead author on an invited monograph due for publication in January 2016: Mireault, G. C. & Reddy, V. (in preparation). *Humor in infancy: Developmental and Psychological Perspectives*. New York: Springer. Finally, Gina’s research on “laughing babies” was the lead article in the inaugural issue of the Vermont Research News, a new bi-weekly, curated collection of Vermont research published in e-newsletter form by UVM’s Center for Research on Vermont.

Gina submitted a grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health titled “Infants’ Differentiation of Physical and Social Incongruities” and a paper to the International Conference of Infant Studies being held in New Orleans in May 2016 on “Social, Cognitive and Physiological Aspects of Humor Perception from 4-to-8 Months: Evidence from Two Longitudinal Studies.” She has been invited to join a symposium at that same conference, presenting on “Conceptual and empirical contributions to the study of infants’ sense of self.”

Along with **Staci Born** and **Robert Gervais** (Information Technology), Gina attended the “Building Learning Communities” conference with a focus on educational technology in July in Boston. She also was the faculty sponsor of a poster submitted by two JSC students to the International Conference of Infant Studies.



In November **Kaja Tretjak** (Behavioral Sciences) attended the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Denver. Her participation included attending a workshop on pedagogy informed by community-based participatory research (CBPR) to inform curricular development in JSC's Anthropology & Sociology program.

Her new course, "Civic Engagement: The Heart of Social Change," will integrate the academic study of civic engagement and pressing social issues with experiential fieldwork. The course, to be offered for the first time in Spring 2016, includes a 10-day service trip to Peru to help build homes for families in need. The project is in partnership with the Fuller Center for Housing's "Global Builders" program.

David Fink (Behavioral Sciences) will lead a group of 12 counseling students to Ireland in February 2016 as part of the course "Social and Cultural Foundations in Counseling." Two other counseling students are leading an alternative-break trip to Nicaragua at that time as well.

At the 47th annual meeting of the Lamoille Economic Development Corp., **Jim Black** (Business & Economics), having served a maximum of two terms on the corporation board, received a plaque honoring his service. At the same event, late JSC Professor **Philip Chiaravalle** (Environmental & Health Sciences) was honored posthumously.

Greg Petrics (Mathematics) was invited to lead the Governor's Institute Winter Weekend in Advanced Mathematics for Girls, which will take place on the Goddard College campus this February. This is a weekend-long institute at which 10 to 15 high school girls who love math get together to explore one or two facets of mathematics in depth and learn what it could be like to pursue the subject in college and work.

Two recent publications appeared with **Hans Haverkamp** (Environmental & Health Sciences) as a co-author: "Quantifying the shape of the maximal expiratory flow-volume curve in mild COPD" and "Quantifying the shape of the maximal expiratory flow-volume curves in healthy humans and asthmatic patients," both in *Respiratory Physiology & Neurobiology*.

A recent research publication by **Bree Peryea** (Environmental & Health Sciences) et al., "Measuring flow rates and characterizing flow regimes in hot springs," recently appeared in *Applied Geochemistry*.

In late September **Elizabeth Dolci** (Environmental & Health Sciences) attended the Northeast Regional IDEa conference in Bar Harbor, Maine. In addition, in September she was appointed program coordinator for the Vermont Genetics Network.

Amy Welch (Environmental & Health Sciences) had a manuscript accepted for publication in July. She and her co-author, N.F. Meier, had their article "Walking vs. Biofeedback: A comparison of acute interventions for stressed students" accepted for publication in the journal *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping*.

In October **Kathleen Brinegar** (Education) attended a Middle Grades Teacher Education Symposium in Ohio, which included presenting initial work from a research group she is co-leading, tasked with setting a national, five-year, middle-grades research agenda related to cultural awareness and diversity. She was up late into the night drafting a middle grades undergraduate major, part of helping to set a national (and state) agenda and push forward policy on educating adolescents. The latter half of the week she attended the Association of Middle Level Education's annual meeting, where she participated in one of two annual board meetings for her newly elected position as council member on the Middle Level Education Research Special Interest group of the American Educational Research Association.

Principal Chris Dodge wrote a wonderful piece on his school blog about **JSC Education's partnership with Fletcher Elementary School**. You can [read it here](#).

As NCAA faculty athletics representative, **Jim Black** (Business & Economics) attended the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) conference at NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis in October. The conference began with sessions on defining the role of the FAR; panelists included a college president, regional NCAA commissioners and a former student-athlete, providing insights from multiple perspectives. Work continued on a 360-degree personality assessment to assess how others viewed each FAR's leadership style. There were also presentations on NCAA governance and FAR opportunities around national committee membership, student-athlete scholarships, grant funding and events. The conference concluded with a presentation on Division III hot topics and action-plan development, with each FAR establishing an action plan.

In September Jim hosted the "Common Sense" radio program on WDEV with **Henrique Cezar** (Business & Economics) as his guest. This hour-long talk show is devoted to economic issues in Vermont. They focused in particular on higher education and its impact on the economy, including that of Lamoille County.

Dan Towner (Writing & Literature) has been a volunteer for the Montpelier Community Justice Center for the past nine years, including serving on a Restorative Justice Panel that meets biweekly and participating in at least a half dozen "Circles of Support and Accountability," which help formerly incarcerated people re-enter the community. Typically they meet once a week for a year. He is also halfway through a three-year term as a Plainfield representative to the Twinfield Union School Board.

David Plazek (Humanities) attended the biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, where he presented a paper on “Realist or liberal? Canadian foreign policy in the 1970s.” He also chaired a panel devoted to “constitutional and institutional politics in the Canadian state.” David was selected to be a member of the American Political Science Association’s five-person committee to determine the Lipset Best Book Award for Canadian Scholarship from October 2015-June 2016. He remains faculty advisor for JSC’s Model UN Club, which will send a Johnson State College team to the Harvard National Model UN in February. Work has begun in preparation for the conference.

A “My Turn” piece by **Bill Doyle** (Humanities) on “Vermont’s major role in our independence,” appeared on the Opinion page of the July 3 *Burlington Free Press*.

At the External Degree Program’s annual advisor meeting in October, **Lisa Kent** (Willey Library) presented on the Willey Library’s embedded librarian service, which has grown substantially under her guidance, with her Moodle lessons being adopted into instructors’ curricula at a steady rate.

Raymond Brior (Willey Library) was elected to his fourth consecutive term as chair of the Vermont Library Association’s Intellectual Freedom Committee. Among his responsibilities is promoting the American Library Association’s Banned Book Week.

Linda Kramer (Willey Library), a recognized leader in information-literacy awareness in Vermont, coordinated events to celebrate October as National Literacy Awareness Month.

Alice Godin (Willey Library) was a VSC representative to the Vermont/New Hampshire Interlibrary Loan Conference, held at Vermont Law School Oct. 2.

Jeff Angione (Willey Library) also serves as the advisor to the college radio station WJSC, which received a nomination for a “Daisy” award from *Seven Days* for the second straight year.

Joe Farara (Willey Library) continues as an executive board member of the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries and helped shape the organization’s response to the New England Association of Schools and College’s revised standards.

2015 Alumni, Faculty & Staff Award Winners

Six alumni, one staff member (also an alumna) and one faculty member were recognized during Alumni & Family Reunion Weekend festivities in September:



Michele Boomhower (B.S. in Natural Resources Management, '93), received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Michele is director of policy planning and intermodal

development for the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), where she oversees transportation policy, planning, mapping and research; helps coordinate legislative efforts related to federal and state transportation policy; and oversees Vermont’s “intermodal” functions of aviation, rail and public transportation. She previously served six years as assistant director and transportation program manager for the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, during which time she helped with Tropical Storm Irene recovery efforts; 15 years with the Lamoille County Planning Commission, including nine as executive director; and two years as Act 250 assistant coordinator.



Megan Panek (B.A. in Psychology, '97) received an Outstanding Alumni Award for her personal and career success and service to the college. Panek has worked for many

nonprofit organizations in the greater Boston area, from New England’s largest homeless shelter (the Pine Street Inn) to the Boston Bar Foundation. She is president ex-officio of Women in Development and has more than 17 years’ experience in development, working with the American Heart Association, the University of Massachusetts Medical School and other organizations. She currently is director of academic advancement for the School of Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



Outstanding Alumni Award winner **Michael DeBonis** (B.A., Environmental Science & Natural Resources, '93) attended Yale University after JSC, earning a master’s degree

in forestry in 2002. He joined the staff of the Green Mountain Club as the executive director in 2014, leading the organization in its mission to maintain Vermont’s 273-mile Long Trail and nearly 200 side trails. Prior to joining GMC, DeBonis was executive director of the Forest Guild, a Santa Fe-based national organization of professional foresters dedicated to promoting sustainable forestry practices and forest restoration.



Following her graduation from JSC, Outstanding Alumni Award winner **Rebecca Leipert** (B.A. in Business Management & Marketing, '99) joined the design firm Jager

Dipaola Kemp, where she managed creative campaigns for Burton Snowboards, STX Lacrosse and Eastpak. She later worked for firms in Portland, Ore., overseeing creative campaigns for AOL, Phillips Electronics, Procter & Gamble and Nike before transferring to Boston to work on the Converse brand. She is now back in Vermont, working as director of marketing operations and creative services for Keurig Green Mountain. She also serves on the

Clyde Stats (Academic Support Services) and his upright bass were a major presence at the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival June 5-14. He was part of the reunion of the legendary Sneakers Jazz Band, which reunited for two shows at Club Metronome. Clyde also played with JSC's **Gabe Jarrett** (Performing Arts) on the Church Street stage of Leunig's Bistro, attracting large crowds. As well, he performed with the Paul Asbell Trio at New Moon Café during the festival.

An article by **Dan Regan** (Academic Dean), "Electives can play a crucial role in education, so let's stop neglecting them," appeared in the print and online editions of the October *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "It is time to return electives to their time-honored and still important place as one of the three cornerstones of a high-quality undergraduate education," he wrote. At the Vermont School Boards Association regional meeting in October, Dan was elected to a one-year term on VSBA's board of directors. He represents the Lamoille region.

Barbara Murphy (President Emerita) has made the transition to a poet's life with the publication of her collection, *Almost Too Much*. She has been busy with readings, sometimes with David Huddle,

across the state. She also has been selected to receive the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from the New England Board of Higher Education, which will present the award at a recognition ceremony in Boston in March.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Brian Godfrey (2003), a graduate of JSC's Health Sciences program and a physical education teacher at Richmond Elementary School, has been recognized as one of the best P.E. teachers in the country, and now he's in the running for a National Teacher of the Year honor. The Society of Health & Physical Educators, also known as SHAPE America, has named Godfrey the Eastern District Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. He is now one of a half-dozen teachers in the country nominated for SHAPE America's 2016 National Elementary Teacher of the Year. The SHAPE American Eastern District includes Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,

board of directors for Stowe Performing Arts and volunteers with the Stowe School Ski/Snowboard program.



Jessie Forand (B.A. in Journalism, '08) received one of two "Rising Star" Alumni awards, presented to graduates of the past decade who have had early career success

and are an inspiration to current students. Jesse has worked as a reporter for the *St. Albans Messenger* and the *Burlington Free Press*, earning an award from the New England Newspaper & Press Association for her contributions to an investigative series examining sex offenses in Franklin County. Jessie recently left the *Free Press* to become communications coordinator for the ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain.

Rising Star Alumni Award winner Miles Smith (B.A. in Anthropology & Sociology, '09) was a point guard on the JSC varsity men's basketball team, serving as team captain and president of the Student-Athlete Advisory



Committee in his senior year. After graduation, he became the assistant men's basketball coach at Mercer County (Pa.) Community College, then, in 2012, assistant men's basketball coach at the College of New Jersey. The following year Miles became the first head men's basketball coach for the newly formed team at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., where he built the program from the ground up. Miles returned full circle this summer to his alma mater, becoming JSC's new assistant director of athletics and head men's basketball coach.



Elizabeth "Lizi" Lyon (B.A. in Business, '10; M.A. in Education, '12) received the Distinguished Staff Award. Lizi has worked as an academic advisor in JSC's Advising & Registration Center ever since earning her undergraduate degree and is known for going above and beyond to help students navigate

their academic journeys. In addition, Lyon advises high school students enrolled in JSC's Early College program, co-teaches the "Explore & Connect" class for undeclared students and works with students on academic probation.



Professor Julie Theoret (Mathematics) received the Distinguished Faculty Award. The sole faculty member of the JSC Chorale, she has taught at JSC since 2008 and is an advisor to students majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies as well as Mathematics. She is a longtime instructor with the Vermont Mathematics Initiative — a statewide professional-development program that supports standards-based mathematics instruction at the elementary and secondary levels — and has helped the Vermont Agency of Education update the mathematics requirements for elementary education teaching licensure. Through her work with the VSC Faculty Federation, Julie advocates with students, faculty and staff for increased state funding for higher education in Vermont.



Fourteen first-year students at JSC spent Nov. 19-23 in New Orleans as part of their first-year seminar, "The Music & Culture of New Orleans." Accompanied by instructor and jazz musician Clyde Stats (back row, second from left) and two JSC staff members, they visited two cultural centers (one focusing on the Mardi Gras Indian traditions; the other on the Ninth Ward pre- and post-Katrina), took in a show at Preservation Hall, attended the Oak Street Po'Boy Festival, explored the bayou of the Jean Lafitte National Park and, on their first full day in the Crescent City, worked on the house of a resident (front row, left) still struggling to rebuild following the levee breaks and devastating floods after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and the Virgin Islands. Last year Godfrey was named Vermont's Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance. Brian's recent note to JSC acknowledges Professor **Karen Uhlendorf** (Environmental & Health Sciences) as "one of the most passionate professors I've ever had," adding, "Choosing Johnson State College was one of the most important decisions of my life. It prepared me for being the leader and teacher I am today."

Judges from the American College Theater Festival attended opening night of *The Boys Next Door* October 5. They nominated **seven JSC Theater & Drama students** for the Irene Ryan acting award and selected four Technical Theater students to move on to the next phase of the annual competition.

JSC students played important roles this past summer in local community theaters. Musical Theater major **Sam Lewis** played an ensemble role in Stowe Theatre Guild's production of *Chess, The Musical*. He also filled in twice for the main role of Alexander Molokov. Sam also appeared in a Lamoille County Players' production of *Curtains* at the Hyde Park Opera House. Earlier in the summer five JSC students played key roles in the Lamoille

County Players' production of *Cats*, which sold out practically every performance of its two-week run. Musical Theater student **Josh Baughn** played Bill Bailey, while **Marcus Becherer** sang and danced as Rum Tum Tugger. **Taylor Brown** was Bombalurina in her third show on the LCP stage, while actor and stage technician **Zane Watkins** inhabited the role of Macavity. Finally recent alumna **Alaria Lanpher Grella** appeared as Jellylorum. In addition, several JSCers have appeared in recent Lyric Theater productions on the stage of Burlington's Flynn Center.

Technical Theater students **Mackenzie Brown, Andrew Tascarella** and **Tim Melville** volunteered at the third annual TEDxBattenkill event in Manchester, Vt., in early October. As noted on page 1 of this supplement, they built key set components and handled all technical aspects for the day-long event, including sound and lighting.

Alumnus **Brock Bill**, a photographer currently living in Colchester, began his photographic career while a student at JSC. His work appeared in the July 4 edition of the *Burlington Free Press*. While attending JSC he worked under the guidance of **John Miller** (Fine Arts) and received a special achievement award from the department.

Graduate **Kassandra Cousineau**, who served as a research assistant for Gina Mireault, is currently a graduate school in general psychology at SUNY New Paltz and was awarded one of only two teaching assistantships.

Melissa Segall, a summer intern with JSC's Research on Adaptation to Climate Change project, has had her abstract accepted to both the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in December and the annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society in January. Her mentor, Dr. **Tania Bacchus** (Environmental & Health Sciences), is a co-author of her abstract.

Another summer research student of Dr. Bacchus, **Nasser Abdel-Fatah**, had the abstract of his research "Detailed analysis of climate trends from the northern tier of Vermont from 2000-2014," reviewed and accepted for the New England Graduate Student Water Symposium as a poster presentation at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst September 11-13.

Junior **Shayna Bennett** received a congratulatory letter from Senator Bernie Sanders, who wrote that he was "very pleased that [she] and her [JSC teammates] won the 'Outstanding Undergraduate Poster' award at the Geological Society of America Northeastern Section's annual meeting in March."

