



NMSU Department of Geological Sciences

Fall 2026 Colloquium | Wednesdays 4-5 pm in Gardiner Hall Rm. 229 | **By invitation only**

08/19/26 **No Colloquium**

08/26/26 **Frank Ramos** (Dept. of Geological Sciences, NMSU)
Surviving Graduate School (Required for Geology Graduate Assistants Only)

09/02/26 **Eric Ferré** (Dept. of Geological Sciences, NMSU)
Curie temperature in the Southern Rio Grande Rift, New Mexico: re-evaluation and implications for geothermal resources

09/09/26 **Jason Rech** (Dept. of Geology and Environmental Earth Sciences, Miami University)
Mars on Earth: the origin and evolution of the Atacama Desert, Chile

09/16/26 **Natalia Varela** (Dept. of Geological Sciences, NMSU)
From grains to ice sheets: Reading Antarctica's changing ice-ocean system from marine sediments

09/23/26 **Kelsey Jenkins** (National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute)
Sensing in a Strange Land: The Early Evolution of Reptiles and Their Senses

09/30/26 **TBD**
Title TBD

10/07/26 **NMSU Dept. of Geological Sciences Faculty**
Faculty Research Interests

10/14/26 **No Colloquium - GSA Annual Meeting**

10/21/26 **No Colloquium - NMGS Fall Field Conference**

10/28/26 **Alison Graettinger** (School of Science and Engineering, University of Missouri - Kansas City)
Title TBD

11/04/26 **Daniel Coulthard Jr.** (Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University)
Title TBD

11/11/26 **Chloe FitzGerald Taylor** (Graduate Student, Dept. of Geological Sciences, NMSU)
Correlating Ignimbrite Flare-Up Rhyolites in the Organ Mountains of New Mexico Through Geochemical and Stratigraphic Constraints

11/18/26 **Lilly Daniels** (Graduate Student, Dept. of Geological Sciences, NMSU)
Using Ra/Th Dating to Determine Age and Growth Rates of Whole Alkali Feldspars in Phonolites, Mount Erebus, Antarctica

11/25/26 **No Colloquium - Thanksgiving Break**

12/02/26 **No Colloquium**