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# The Official AEG Nisqually Chapter Newsletter

## Meeting Details

Wednesday, March 20th

Location: Mercato Ristorante

111 Market St. SE

Olympia, WA

6:00 pm Social and Dinner

7:00 Presentation

Dinner: Pizza and Salad

**\$25 (Member or Non-Member)**

**\$10 for students**

Please RSVP by 4 pm Friday,

March 15th at:

<https://aeg-nisqually.brownpapertickets.com/>

## Upcoming Meetings:

April 17<sup>th</sup> Megan Anderson

May TBD Joint meeting with  
Puget Sound Chapter

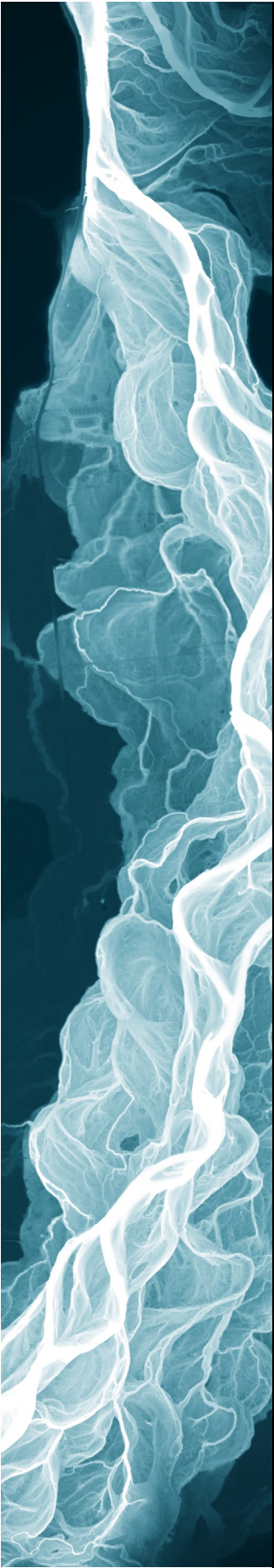
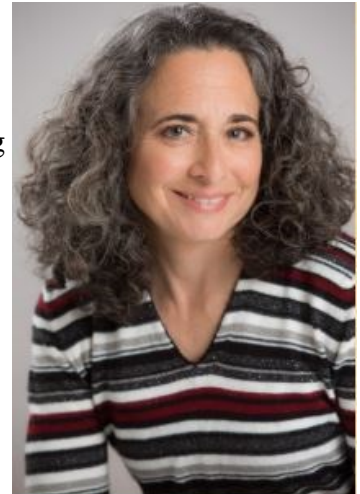
## You Don't Look Like a Geologist – A Conversation on Diversity (or the Lack Thereof) in Our Profession

Too many times as a young geologist I was told, “You don’t look like a geologist,” often by clients and even by my own company’s managers. I haven’t heard that comment in some years, and I hope that speaks to the fact that more women are studying geology and going on to careers in our field, so the face of a geologist isn’t necessarily male anymore. According to recent statistics from the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) in the Status of Recent Geoscience Graduates report (Wilson, 2017), at least forty percent of geology graduates are women. However, we are still an overwhelmingly white profession (the same report indicates less than twelve percent of geology graduates identify themselves as belonging to underrepresented minority groups). There will be some statistics, but they’ll be a starting point to talk about *why* there is so little diversity in our field. Increasing diversity would expand the points of view team members bring to projects, and enrich the perspectives we use to solve the problems facing us. There is science that shows bringing diversity to our work is not only the right thing to do, it’s the smart thing to do. Who better to have this conversation with than you, the students and young professionals, who will be leading our field as long-time professionals head toward retirement. Whenever possible, I will invite others to participate when this talk is selected (people of differing races, genders and gender identities, age groups, and disciplines).



## Bio: Deborah Green

Deborah Green is a licensed professional geologist with more than 30 years of experience in environmental and engineering geology projects across the United States. She holds degrees from the University of Rochester and the Center for Engineering Geology at Texas A&M. She's worked in consulting and industry, beginning her career at Ebasco Services working on site selection and environmental investigation and remediation projects, including RCRA-regulated and Superfund sites. She then took a job as a remediation project manager in industry where she coordinated teams of scientists, engineers, and contractors, and negotiated clean-up targets with state and federal regulatory agencies. For more than 20 years, Deborah was a self-employed consultant, working on varied projects, from RCRA site closures to water resource evaluations to paleoseismology studies. Now, semi-retired, she's written a novel whose protagonist is an engineering geologist working on a dam with a problematic foundation. Her website, [www.geologistwriter.com](http://www.geologistwriter.com), is populated with short essays on geology, the natural world, and our interactions with them. Throughout her career, Deborah has been active in AEG, which she's been a member of for 36 years.



## Message from the Chair

If you haven't renewed your AEG membership for this year, don't forget to do so! Our chapter depends on the dues paid by members.

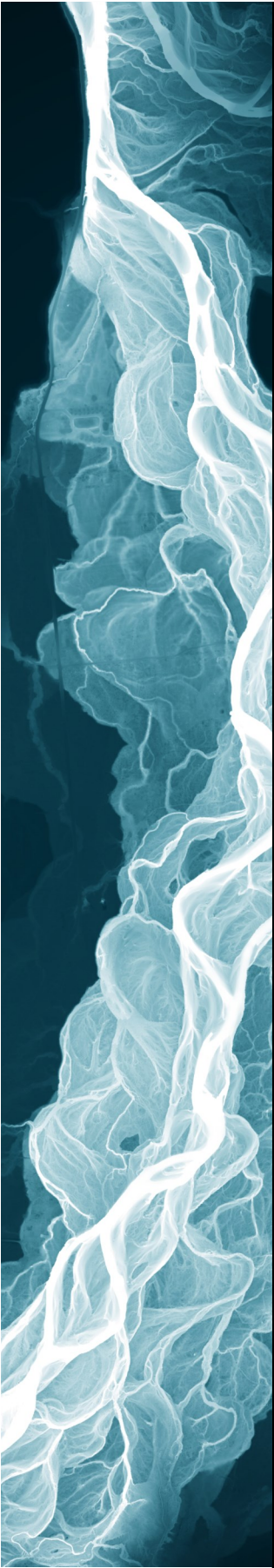
We are excited to host this year's Jahns Lecturer, Deborah Green! Deborah is presenting "You Don't Look like a Geologist - A Conversation on Diversity (or the Lack Thereof) in Our Profession."

Our March meeting will be held at Mercato, where **your ticket will now include dinner!** Mercato is offering us a pizza and salad buffet. In April, we'll be meeting at Pellegrino's Event Center in Tumwater for our joint meeting with ASCE. This meeting will also include an Italian-style dinner with your ticket purchase. May's meeting will be a joint meeting with AEG Puget Sound Chapter, held at their usual venue in Seattle. Please consider carpooling up to Seattle to support their students! We hope to have more information about carpool options as time gets closer.

We're planning some summer events for the chapter, so keep an eye out for announcements in the next few months.

Thanks for all your support this year and for bearing with us while we try to find a permanent venue for our meetings!

Kara Jacobacci,  
Nisqually Chapter Chair



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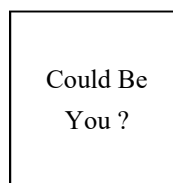
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