

**SMU Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences Seminar Series Spring 2026**

DATE	SPEAKER	Title	Faculty Sponsor
January 23, 2026	Department Faculty	Welcome to SMU Earth Sciences	Heather DeShon
January 30, 2026	Christopher Arp University of Alaska, Fairbanks	Hydrology, Hazards and Habitat Dynamics in the Old and New Arctic	Xiao Yang
February 6, 2026	Behzad Ghanbarian University of Texas, Arlington	Topic: AI and Earth Sciences	Heather DeShon Saeed Salehi
February 13, 2026	TBD	TBD	
February 20, 2026	Jay Chapman University of Texas, El Paso	Topic: Tectonics of convergent margins and the evolution of the continental lithosphere	Sarah Trevino
February 27, 2026	Ethan Grossman TAMU Geology & Geophysics	Topic: Clustered isotopes	Bob Gregory
March 6, 2026	Jiaxuan Li University of Houston	Topic: Volcano monitoring using DAS	Heather DeShon
March 13, 2026	Roy Price SUNY Stony Brook	Topic: Icelandic hydrothermal systems as a guide to ancient Martian habitability	Doug LaRowe
March 20, 2026	Spring Break	No Seminar	
March 27, 2026	Geoff Abers Cornell University	Possible topics: Volcanoes, magma or thrust zones	Beatrice Magnani
April 3, 2026	Good Friday	University Holiday - No Seminar	
April 10, 2026	Ali Dogru SMU Mechanical Engineering	Topic: Porous Media Transport Mechanisms	Heather DeShon
April 17, 2026	Richard Kettler University of Nebraska, Lincoln		Neil Tabor
April 24, 2026	Kristina Butler University of Texas, Dallas	Topic: Sediments - Geochemistry of Earth surface processes for critical minerals	
May 1, 2026	Elie Menkem University of Buea, Cameroon   Exxon Mobil	Cameroon's Half-Graben Basins: Tectonic Controls, Dinosaur Trackways, and Cretaceous Dispersal	Diana Vineyard
<b>SMU Department of Earth Sciences</b>			
<b>Zoom Presentations ID: 988 6505 4035      Friday from Noon to 1 pm in Heroy 153 (unless otherwise noted)</b>			
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