

Dear PRF2022 Applicant,

We are happy to inform you that your application to attend *PRF2022* has been accepted and all submitted presentations are also accepted. This GSA Penrose Conference will be held in Flat Rock, NC from June 20-24, 2022. We're excited to see you there and looking forward to exploring all aspects of progressive failure in brittle rocks with you!

We request confirmation of your planned attendance by March 15, 2022 – This includes payment, registration with GSA, transport requirements, and (if applicable) your extended abstract (all details below).

If you lose this important email that contains all the above information and more, **we added an "all info" button to www.prf2022.org where you can download a copy!**

PRF2022 will be in-person only. Proof of vaccinations will be required to participate. If widespread in-person attendance is not an option due to Covid, we will reschedule to a later date.

For those who applied for financial assistance, **if you cannot attend PRF2022 without financial support, please email us ASAP at prf-conference@uncc.edu**. We want everyone who wants to attend to be able to do so. We will be sending notifications of aid-availability by late February, in time to make the March 15 deadline.

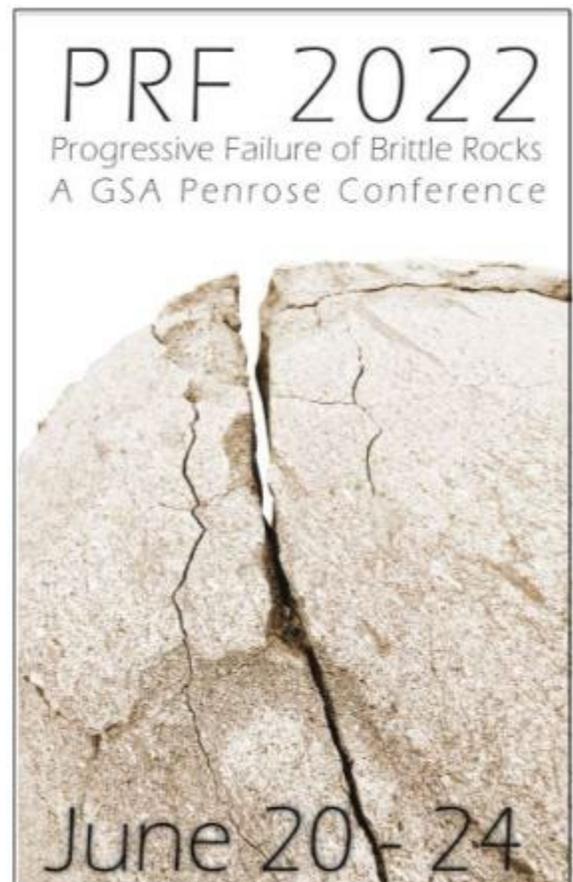
Looking forward to seeing y'all in North Carolina!

Missy, Alex, Kerry and Matt
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PRF2022 – SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

10 March	Last date to receive full conference refund , if payment has been made prior to this date.
15 March	Payment and registration deadline Extended abstract deadline - (use link provided in an email from GSA Confex).
3 June	Deadline to receive Group Rate discount for Airport Hotel (June 18 th or June 24 th)
15 June	Optional deadline to email presentation slides to prf-conference@uncc.edu for pre-loading onto conference system
19 June	Transport provided from CLT to conference venue (Flat Rock, NC), departing 2 pm. Conference Welcome Dinner 6:30 pm
20 – 24 June	PRF2022 Conference!
24 June	Transport departing conference venue 3 pm arriving Charlotte NC (CLT Airport) ~5 PM



Information for ALL Attendees

(presenter information can be found at the end)

1. Where to send Questions

Registration, Payment and Covid Vaccine Validation:

Becky Sundeen bsundeen@geosociety.org

GSA Confex System for abstracts:

Nancy Wright nwright@geosociety.org

Accessibility, DEI and mentoring:

Matt Brain matthew.brain@durham.ac.uk

Extended abstract formatting and content:

Alex Rinehart Alex.Rinehart@nmt.edu

Scientific subject matter related to the conference:

Relevant [International Advisory Board](#) Member

prf-conference@uncc.edu subject: Q for LastName ex: Q for Viles.

General conference and logistics:

Missy Eppes meppes@uncc.edu

2. Conference Cost and Lodging

Conference cost is \$1200 with Double Occupancy lodging.

An additional charge of \$400 for Single Occupancy (\$1600 total)

Meals, lodging and transportation included with all registrations. See [PRF2022 website](#) for details.

NOTE: You will be given an option to request a particular roommate during the registration process.

NOTE: Due to limited availability, single occupancy will be assigned based on 'first come first serve' from your conference registration and payment (see below).

This policy is regardless of what you indicated on your initial application form.

Because of our contractual obligations, costs cannot be adjusted for participants who choose to stay off-site or drive themselves.

3. Payment and Registration

Payment and Registration is due 15 March, 2022

To pay and register, you will use GSA's Registration System. A link will be live on our [PRF2022 website](#) soon.

NOTE 1: If you don't already have one, you will need to create a GSA ID to use the GSA registration system.

NOTE 2: You will need to make your final transportation decision when you register (i.e. drive yourself vs. take provided transportation).

NOTE 3: If you have applied for financial aid, please do not register until you hear from us about the aid, at which time you will be given a 'coupon code' to use at the check-out at the end of the registration process.

4. Extended Stay at the Highland Lake Inn and Resort

If you wish to extend your stay before or after the conference, please make those arrangements directly with [the facility](#).

Make sure to indicate that you are with the PRF2022 Penrose Conference.
A 2-night minimum is required, and regular rates apply.

5. Transportation

June 19 – 2 pm departure

Please meet in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Charlotte-Airport by ~1:30 pm, 19 June.
2707 Little Rock Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214

When arranging flights, plan to land at CLT no later than about 1 pm particularly if you are planning to check bags.

This is a <5 minute cab-ride from CLT airport.
An airport shuttle is also available (details below)

For attendees driving themselves,

please arrive at the conference venue (86 Lily Pad Ln, Flat Rock, NC 28731)
in time to join us for the Conference Welcome Dinner at 6:30 pm, 19 June.
Free parking available for all drivers.

June 24 – ~5 pm arrival in Charlotte

We will depart the Highland Lake Inn and Resort at 3 pm.

We will make 2 stops: CLT Airport (arriving at ~5 pm) and
Holiday Inn Charlotte-Airport (arriving at ~5:15 pm)
2707 Little Rock Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214

Early Arrival or Late Stay in Charlotte

A block of rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn Charlotte-Airport under PRF2022 Penrose Conference

You will need to reserve and pay for your room(s) for yourself by June 3 to get the group rate.

Use [this link](#) for reserving June 18th - Block Code - PRF

Use [this link](#) for reserving June 24th. Block Code - PPC

\$99 + tax& fees. (after you enter the date in the reservation system, the price will show up).

Note: This airport-convenient hotel is located in quite an 'urban desert'.

If you want to site-see in Charlotte, you should look for [hotels in "Uptown"](#) within or near the inner loop I-285.

Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service:

You will need to call the Hotel directly after you land and retrieve your luggage for the shuttle to come and pick you up.

Call 704-394-4301 or use the Airport Board telephone for "Holiday Inn Charlotte-Airport".

To find the pick-up area, exit the baggage claim door and make an immediate left. This is known as Zone1. All of the hotel shuttles congregate here. The Shuttle is white with the Holiday Inn logo on it.

For guests departing to go back to the Airport they must speak with the Front Desk and "sign-up".
Guests should do this at check-in. The Shuttle departs every half hour (top and bottom of the hour).

6. Guest Attendance

Because a primary goal of Penrose Conferences - in general - is to maximize interactions between scientists in a close setting, GSA discourages families from participating in Penrose events and meals. However, we recognize that some attendees, particularly those traveling internationally, may need or desire to have family with them. We can help make arrangements to make this possible. If you require 'sitting' for small children, we will try to help.

Guest Lodging:

Conference attendees wishing to bring guests should select and pay for 'single occupancy' registration (\$1200 + \$400), there is no additional lodging costs for guests using available room beds in a 'single occupancy' room.

A \$20 one-time fee for roll-away bed or crib may be requested directly with the venue, and then paid on site.

Guest Meals:

There is a public restaurant on site for guests.

Alternatively, we are also providing a meal-only payment option if guests would like to eat with the conference (adults \$446; children aged 6-11 \$223; children <6 are free).

When registering for single occupancy, you will be given the option to add a guest meal plan.

Unfortunately, costs cannot be adjusted if guests opt-out for certain meals.

7. Cancellation and Refund Policy

No refunds are possible after March 10.

Full Refunds are available before March 10

If an unforeseen situation arises after March 10, please contact us and we may be able to provide a refund to you if we can fill your spot.

We understand that times are uncertain and will accommodate you as best we can, but due to our lodging and facilities contracts, we only have so much leeway.

8. Mentoring

Many thanks to all attendees who have volunteered to act as mentors.

We will provide details of mentor-mentee allocations, expectations and guidance after registration closes on 15 March.

9. COVID

As per GSA Policy, all attendees will be required to be fully vaccinated and boosted (as appropriate) at the time of the Conference. If the overall COVID situation precludes in-person conferences for the week of June 19-24, we will reschedule the conference. We will not have a hybrid conference.

In early June, you will receive an email from our vendor – 42Chat Healthshield - with instructions for how to submit proof of vaccination. Exemptions for medical or religious reasons will be allowed, but we will require daily testing for those attendees. During the conference, we will follow all CDC guidelines vis-à-vis masking and social distancing.

We strongly encourage attendees to acquire and bring covid home-tests to the conference if possible so as to have on hand if symptoms arise, and to take at least one test on June 19th.

Take advantage and stockpile free tests when available!

10. Meet the folks behind the scenes.

PRF2022 leaders:

Missy Eppes (Charlotte NC), Alex Rinehart (Socorro, NM),
Kerry Leith (Wellington, New Zealand), and Matt Brain (Durham, UK)

Financial Administration:

PRF2022 is a Geological Society of America (GSA) Penrose Conference being financially administered by Becky Sundeen at GSA.

Abstracts and Publication:

The PRF2022 Penrose Abstracts are being published and permanently archived with doi and administered by GSA thanks to Nancy Wright

11. PRF2022 Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity and support of the following [sponsors](#) of the PRF2022 Penrose Conference.

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Information for Presenters

1. Oral vs. Poster

You will receive email notification directly from GSA Confex regarding if your abstract has been assigned to an oral or poster session.

If you haven't received notification from GSA by Feb 7, please email meppes@uncc.edu.

Note: For now, we are employing 'placeholder' sessions for all abstracts in the Confex system. The title of the session that your abstract is in will reflect if you have been assigned an oral or poster presentation.

Do not worry if the 'subject' of the session (or your abstract) doesn't seem to match your work.
We will be scheduling sessions after the March 15 deadline.

2. Editing and Adding Co-Authors to submitted ~250 word Abstract

Use the link you receive in the email from GSA Confex.
(you will need to provide your email for a GSA ID if you don't already have one).

To make edits, on the left of the Page after logging in, you will see a list of steps.
You may make edits to your Title (Step 2), Authors (Step 4) and Abstract Text (Step 6).

We ask that you please DO NOT MODIFY any other settings at any of the other Steps.

We also please request that you DO NOT CHANGE THE OVERALL TOPIC of your original submitted abstract in this editing process.

3. Extended Abstracts

Due March 15

All presenters are invited to submit a 2 to 4 page extended abstract as a of their presentation, inclusive of all figures and references.

We request that you follow the instructions in our template – found [here](#) on the PRF2022 website for formatting the extended abstract.

If formatting of your submitted PDF does not match the template, you will be asked to resubmit.

Please upload your extended abstract by March 15 on the GSA Confex system using the same email link found in your abstract notification email from GSA.

After logging in, on the left of your screen, you will see Speaker Corner
Click the link to upload your pdf once it is complete. You can modify through March 15

4. Oral Presentations

All non-keynote oral presentations should be no longer than 12 minutes

Each presentation will be followed by ~3 minutes for questions.

Please use ppt or pdf slide format 16:9

Please email your presentation as a ppt or pdf file to prf-conference@uncc.edu by June 15
or

Bring it with you on a portable hard drive to the conference.
Instructions for uploading during the conference will be provided at check-in.

4. Poster Presentations

Posters should be no larger than 42" (~107 cm) wide and 42" (~107 cm) tall.

Posters should be printed prior to arrival at the venue. No printers are available at the Resort.

NOTE: Posters will be affixed to the conference venue walls with painter's tape.

As such, please avoid the use of heavy-weight paper.

5. Publication & Embargo

GSA will publish each abstract with a citable doi through their Confex system prior to the Conference.

Abstract content will only be made available to conference attendees at that time.

After a 6 month embargo period, all PRF2022 Penrose Conference abstracts will be made publicly available permanently through www.geosociety.org

There are no restrictions on future publication in other outlets of work presented at PRF2022.