Above is Phil with 3 of his former students at the retirement party held at the JSG Holland Center. Left to right; Franz Hiebert (MA, 1988; PhD, 1994), Phil, Katherine Romanak (PhD, 1997), and Todd Council (MA, 1993).

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Matt Rodell (PhD, 2000) sent this photo of the 1996 field methods class on their project at Balmorhea Springs. Left to right: the local guide (unidentified), James Rudnicki (MS, 1994), Matt Uliana (MS, 1995; PhD,2000), Christi (Weissmantel) Gell (BS, 1996), Sarah (Lindsay) Tsolfias (MS, 2000), Stefan Schuster (BS, 1992; MS, 1997), Matt Rodell, Mitch Zimmerman (MS, 1997), and Alisa Remington (1994-97).
Guest speakers in Marcus Gary’s (BS, 2001; PhD, 2009; EAA) karst class have included Rob Mace (PhD, 1998), Rebecca Nunu (BS, 2016; SWRI), Ron Green (SWRI), Brian Hunt (BS, 1996; MS, 2000; BEG), and Paul Bertetti (EAA).

Awards:

Matt Rodell (PhD, 2000) has been selected as a 2022 Fellow of the American Geophysical Union. Matt is with the Earth Sciences Division of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

Alumni and faculty news:

Stephen Bond (MS, 2015) is a Scientific Programmer at Texas Water Development Board.

Rachel Breunig (BS, 2020) successfully defended her M.S. thesis "Architecture of the shallow Critical Zone under stresses of evolving topography" at the University of Wisconsin- Madison this past Friday! She plans to continue down a similar line of investigation for PhD with the same advisors (Ken Ferrier and Mike Cardiff).

Amy Campbell (BS, 1997) is the founder and owner of Brilliant Imports.

Katherine Dlubac (BS, 2007) says, “Now is a really exciting time to be a hydrogeophysicist in California!”

She is with the California Department of Water Resources in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Office - the state department that regulates and provides technical support for the implementation of California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Katherine leads the Statewide Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Survey Project that collects airborne geophysical data that will be used to refine hydrogeologic conceptual and groundwater flow models.

Raquel Flinker (MS, 2014) is Senior Water Resources Engineer/ Project Manager at Colorado River District in Glenwood Springs, CO with a focus on the Gunnison River Basin.

Doug Hall (MA, 1974) runs the W D Hall Company, a business consultancy, which recently relocated to Topeka, Kansas.

Kaveh Khorzad (BS, 1988; MS, 2000) is President at Wet Rock Groundwater Services, LLC, in Austin.

Rob Mace (PhD, 1998) has a book coming out! It’s titled Groundwater Sustainability: Conception, Development, and Application by Palgrave MacMillan.

Felicia Moran McCullick (BS, 2015) is in the petroleum industry in Houston.

Kim Nguyen (BS, 2011) reports that she just went to her 20th school reunion. Kim is currently the Senior Research Program Manager for the UT Intelligence Studies Project and is also a Fellow at UT’s Global (Dis)Information Lab, where she is the faculty mentor for two teams in the Lab, both of which have intelligence community clients. Kim’s husband is a civilian at Army Futures Command in Austin and will be teaching a course on “Policymaking in the Global
Age” the LBJ School of Public Affairs. They have 2 children, Ly and Khoi.

Jack Sharp (emeritus faculty) and Ron Green (SWRI, San Antonio) recently had their eBook published! It is entitled The Edwards Aquifer and is part of the Groundwater Project. The book (see below) is free and can be downloaded along with other books of the Project at The Edwards Aquifer - The Groundwater Project (gw-project.org).

Merrie Smith (1991-94) is a PG and is the Manager of the VCP/Corrective Action Section, Remediation Division, of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin.

George Tsoflias (PhD, 1999) is a Professor at the University of Kansas, teaching geophysics.
Notes on newsletter distribution:

If you have news that you would like to share, please email them to jmsharp@jsg.utexas.edu.

If you would like to stop receiving these newsletters, please let me know, and I will strike your name off the email lists.

If you know a friend or alum who is not receiving these, but would like to, please let me know and will shoot a copy to them.

If you have email addresses for the following, I would appreciate receiving them and then I can put these alumni back on the newsletter mailing list.

Lost alumni:

Juan Acevado  
Jenna Connor  
Mike Dobbins  
Sarah Doyle  
Briana Ferrari  
Kim Gordon  
Leila Mendoza  
Deb Pfeiffer  
Dan Renouard  
Robin Sherrer

Note: As I am now emeritus, these newsletters come out more irregularly and not nearly monthly, barring my sabbatical and research leaves, as had been common since 1985. I plan to have another newsletter out in early November. Please send me any news items that might be, especially some “blasts from the past.”