

About our Guest Speaker Rob Thomas



Rob Thomas is a first-generation college graduate who was inspired to become a geologist during family trips to national parks. He earned degrees in geology from Humboldt State University (B.S., 1985), the University of Montana (M.S., 1987) and the University of Washington (Ph.D., 1993). He is currently a professor of geology at the University of Montana Western in Dillon, Montana.

During his tenure at UMW, Rob helped the campus evolve into a nationally ranked, experiential learning university. In 2009, Rob received the Carnegie Foundation (CASE) “U.S. Professor of the Year” award for his efforts.

Rob’s passion is public outreach. He has co-authored 25 geologic road signs placed along the Lewis and Clark Trail in Montana and is the co-author of the second edition of the layperson book, *Roadside Geology of the Yellowstone Country*. For over a decade, he led educational field trips for the Geological Society of America, for which he was awarded the Society’s Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

He is the recipient of the Humboldt State University Distinguished Alumni Award and the University of Montana Distinguished Geoscience Alumnus Award. In 2008, he was elected to Fellowship in the Geological Society of America.

His most important contributions are his two daughters, Abbey (12) and Haley (7), and his 22-year marriage to Anneliese Ripley.

The University of Washington

*Department of
Earth and Space Sciences*



*Graduation Celebration
June 12, 2010
Johnson Hall, Room 102
10:00 a.m.*

Program

*Welcome – Professor Dennis Hartmann
Interim Dean, College of the Environment*

Introduction – Professor Robert Winglee

Guest Speaker – Professor Rob Thomas, Alumnus

A Faculty Perspective – Professor Jody Bourgeois

*Presentation of Graduate Certificates
Professor Robert Winglee*

A Student Perspective – Douglas Gibbons

*Presentation of Undergraduate Certificates
Professor Darrel Cowan*

Doctor of Philosophy

*Jelte Harnmeijer
Amanda Henck
Joshua Jones
Michelle Koutnik*

*Shelley Kunasek
Ruth Martin
Kevin Wood*

Master of Science

*Thomas Carpenter
Lars Gilmour*

*Maisie Nichols
Alecia Spooner*

Bachelor of Science

<i>Dylan Baldwin</i>	<i>Matthew Lewis</i>
<i>Scott Becker (Environmental)</i>	<i>Matthew O'Hare (Environmental)</i>
<i>Luke Bergman (Biology)★</i>	<i>Katherine Ou ★</i>
<i>Kaelen Burton</i>	<i>Seonghun Park</i>
<i>Will Camarda (Environmental)</i>	<i>Daniel Pelikan</i>
<i>Bart-Jan Caron</i>	<i>Nathan Peters (Environmental)★</i>
<i>Eric Christensen</i>	<i>Peter Polivka</i>
<i>Joshua Creamer (Biology)</i>	<i>Erika Salamonsen (Environmental)</i>
<i>Shelly Donohue (Biology)★</i>	<i>Kyle Samek (Biology)</i>
<i>Douglas Gibbons (Environmental)</i>	<i>Victoria Scott (Environmental)</i>
<i>Gregory Hammond</i>	<i>Kathryn Smith (Physics)</i>
<i>Melissa Hooper (Biology)</i>	<i>Michelle Sybouts</i>
<i>Gregory Horne</i>	<i>Cho Man Tsang (Physics)</i>
<i>Mackensie Hotz (Environmental)</i>	<i>Lucy Walsh</i>
<i>Lynna Kvistad (Environmental)★</i>	<i>Sydney Ware (Environmental)</i>
<i>SeanPaul La Selle ★</i>	<i>Katherine Wayland (Biology)</i>
<i>Sarah Lafley (Environmental)</i>	<i>Taylor Westphal (Environmental)</i>
<i>Stevn Larry (Environmental)</i>	<i>Jeffrey Whitman ★</i>

Bachelor of Arts

<i>Cameron Beeder</i>	<i>Michael Perry</i>
<i>Russell Cannady</i>	<i>Curtis Robinson</i>
<i>Michael Cibicki</i>	<i>Kristina Shoemake</i>
<i>Federico Martinez</i>	<i>Christopher Silvermale</i>

The Department would like to thank the following students for helping to make this a very special event: Natalie Baker and Kaelen Burton for the slide show, and Natalie Baker for assisting with decorations and set-up.

★ Graduating With Distinction

*Reception to follow in the foyer of Room 102
🌀 Johnson Hall Courtyard if weather permits 🌀*