Dr. Michael McGroder grew up in the Chicago, IL area and in 1980 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Sciences from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Mike took two years off before graduate school, working as a field technician acquiring magnetotelluric measurements for oil/gas and geothermal companies around the western U.S. He attended the University of Montana from 1982 to 1984, where he studied rocks of the Proterozoic Belt Supergroup and received a Master of Science degree in Geology. Between 1984 and 1988 Mike attended the University of Washington, receiving his Ph.D. degree for his work in the North Cascades. His dissertation was titled: “Structural evolution of the eastern Cascades foldbelt, Washington and British Columbia: Implications for Cretaceous accretionary tectonics in the Pacific Northwest”.

After graduating from the UW, Mike took a position in Houston, TX with Exxon Production Research Company. Among his early roles in the company were consulting with company affiliates around the world on their structural and seismic interpretation problems. Mike transferred to Calgary, Alberta in 1994, working there for nine years and becoming the lead geologist on the Foothills team which drilled many successful natural gas exploration and production wells at the leading edge of the Canadian Rockies. Mike transferred back to Houston in 2003 and after a short stint working in the Gulf of Mexico, became Coordinator of the Structure, Seal and Gravity-Magnetics skill group. In this role Mike was responsible for global deployment and career development of roughly 80 geoscientists in many parts the world. Mike’s last assignment with ExxonMobil before retiring in 2015 was as an executive-level global technical advisor. In this role, he assisted management and teams in Russia, South America, Papua New Guinea, California, Arctic Canada and elsewhere.

Since retiring, Mike has kept busy with several part-time activities including helping the University of Washington run their summer field camp in Dillon, Montana. Mike looks forward to spending his third summer with the UW students this coming July and early August. He and his wife Leslie have daughters living in San Francisco and New York City. They still live in Houston, but have recently bought a second home in Truckee, CA where he invites all of his UW friends and colleagues to visit during the summer or ski season.

The College of the Environment
Honors New Graduates

In appreciation of the 2018 College of the Environment graduating class, the College is partnering with the Campus Sustainability Fund to help fund a project to Pair UW Food Waste With Area Non-Profits in Need through a student-designed open source website and app. The app will facilitate the logistics and transportation of food waste from UW Food Services to local nonprofits, diverting left-over food that would have been composted to communities in need. Recognizing our students are the next generation of leaders in environmental science and decision-making, we believe this is a contribution that showcases our collective commitment to the sustainability and the well-being of our campus, our community and our planet.

The University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences

Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, June 9, 2018
Husky Union Building Lyceum (Room 160)
9:15 AM
Program

Dean’s Welcome
Professor Lisa Graumlich
Dean, College of the Environment

Chair’s Welcome
Professor Bruce Nelson
Chair, Earth and Space Sciences

Guest Speaker
Dr. Michael McGroder
Earth and Space Sciences Alum

A Graduate Student Perspective
Dr. Shelley Chestler
ESS Graduate Student

Conferral of Graduate Degrees
Professor Ken Creager &
ESS Faculty Members

An Undergraduate Student Perspective
Madeline Hille
ESS Undergraduate Student

Undergraduate Slide Show
Ellen Ng
ESS Undergraduate Student

Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees
Professor Gerard Roe
Professor, Earth and Space Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy
Jonathan N. Bapst
Chloe E. Hart
Perry E. Spector

Landon K. Burgener
Keith R. Hodson
Christopher “Max” Stevens

Shelley Chestler
Yan Hu
Matthew A. Tilley

Jiangang Han
Batbaatar Jigitdsuren
Carl Watkins Ulberg

Sarah Schanz

Master of Science
Halley Barnett
William Grimm
Seamus Charles McLaughlin

Kevin Cowell
Shawn Michael Harrington
Brittany Jane McManus

Mariah Lauren Danner
Ayla Heinze Fry
Matthew Porter

Elizabeth Jean Davis
Paul M. S. Kintner
Adrienne Sorenson

Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science

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The Department would like to thank the ESS faculty, staff, and students who have worked hard to make this special event a success!

Reception to Follow