Three Interns on Capitol Hill

AIPG/AGI Government Affairs Summer 2011 Interns
Who we are!

Vicki
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
  - Geological Engineering major, Geospatial Technology minor

Lauren
- The Pennsylvania State University
  - Geosciences and Geography double major

Erica
- Grand Valley State University
  - Geology major, International Business minor
Past Interns: Where are they now?

- AIPG Summer Interns began in 1996

- 46 Total, after Summer 2011
- 17 went on to begin/complete a master’s
- 6 continued working in policy
- 5 are beginning/have completed a PhD
- 4 went in to consulting work
- 3 are working in academia/education
- 1 is working in petroleum (Chevron Nigeria)
- 1 is working in public health
Capitol Hill

- Attend Congressional Hearings
- Briefings
  - Severe weather, energy development, landslides, tornadoes, Fukushima report
- Conferences/Meetings
  - Capitol Hill Ocean Week, Law of the Sea Convention, AAAS Human Rights Coalition, USGS Coalition
- Visit Congressional Delegation
Life Outside Capitol Hill

- Agency visits: NSF, USGS, DOE, NASA, Carnegie Institution, Smithsonian
- The Professional Geologist
- Factsheets
  - White-nose syndrome, carbon capture sequestration, NSF state sheets
- Contribute to AGI GAP Monthly Review
  - Track legislation, current events
EARTHTHQUAKE!!

- 5.8 M
- Epicenter: Mineral, VA
- 84 miles from Washington, D.C.
What I learned

- Capitol Hill is a Busy, yet Slow Place!
  - Ursula Rick, William L. Fisher Geosciences Congressional Fellow

- Legislative Process
  - Committee Hearings

- Critical Role for the Geoscience Community to Inform Policy

- Wide Range of Career Paths Available
  - Meeting with Various Geoscientists
Thank you!

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