

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Black Lab Pub, Churchill Room • 4100 Montrose Blvd.
Social Hour 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 Preregistered members; \$35 non-members/walk-ups

To guarantee a seat, pre-register on the HGS website & pre-pay by credit card.

Pre-registration without payment will not be accepted.

Walk-ups may pay at the door if extra seats are available.

If you are an Active or Associate Member who is unemployed and would like to attend this meeting, please call the HGS office for a discounted registration cost. We are also seeking members to volunteer at the registration desk for this and other events.

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ETHICS MOMENT

We will dedicate 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to ethics to apply towards 0.25 hours of ethics credit.

Amber Mining and Paleontological Preservation of Fossils

The Mexican state of Chiapas is rich in deposits of 23-33 million year amber. This deposit is valued for its well preserved inclusions and for its popularity in jewelry and carvings. Chase Jennings will give a presentation about his mining operations in Chiapas, the properties that make this Amber unique (for instance, phosphorescence), rare inclusions found at the mines (see a butterfly, dragonfly, and other museum grade specimens), and general information over the region and its indigenous people. Attendees will see videos and photos from the mines, raw amber, amber in-situ, and a vast array of rare specimens at this special presentation. ■

Biographical Sketch

CHASE JENNINGS graduated Texas A&M University in 2014 with a Masters of Geoscience. He currently works as an Environmental Scientist. His areas of specialization are microfossils, amber, and petrified wood of the species *Mennegoxylon Jonesii*. Chase also operates an amber mine in the Chiapas province of Mexico, from which he has derived a large number of rare specimens. Chase is the only American to have visited these mines and is one of only three major importers of Chiapas Amber in the U.S.

