Workshop – Technical Writing

Tuesday, May 20th

The day will comprise the following:

9 a.m. start - introductions, goals of workshop

9:30 a.m. - first evaluation of writing sample (students will be asked to submit a sample of writing before the meeting)

10:15 a.m. - Lecture 1 - The scope of geoscience technical writing in government, academia and industry

10:45 a.m. - Lab 1 - Writing and researching critically: what must be present, and what shouldn't be

11:30 a.m. - Lecture 2 - Peer-review, grant writing, and writing as a professional geoscientist

12:00 - lunch break (45 minutes)

12:45 p.m. - Lab 2 - Slash and burn: revising your draft and anticipating everything

1:45 p.m. - Lecture 3 - Styles of writing science: the good, the bad, the ugly

2:20 p.m. - Lab 3 - Online tools, rapid resourcing and citing, getting better organized, tracking your progress

3:20 p.m. - Lecture 4 - Integrating technical writing with data presentation

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - second evaluation of writing sample (students asked to revise their work over the day, during lab periods and a critical comparison of what has changed will be self-evaluated and presented to the group)