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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute congratulates Mary Schultz on her recent selection as the 2017-2018 William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellow. Schultz will begin her Fellowship in Washington, D.C., on September 1, 2017, after receiving her Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., on June 14, 2017.

Schultz's doctoral research focuses on understanding the past 20-million-year climatic and tectonic evolution of the Mount Everest region in the central Himalayan Mountains using a combination of fieldwork, thermochronological dating of minerals, and numerical modeling methods. With an avid passion for public engagement and teaching, she has participated in various science outreach events offered at Arizona State University and recently embraced the opportunity to co-teach an introductory geology course for high school students in the Phoenix area.

According to AGI Executive Director Allyson Anderson Book, Schultz's application stood out in a field of exceptional candidates: "Beyond her demonstrated scientific expertise, Mary showed a genuine concern for American workers who are navigating an unfamiliar energy landscape. Her brand of compassionate, societally-relevant science is the foundation of good policy-making."

The William L. Fisher Congressional Geoscience Fellowship offers geoscientists the unique opportunity to spend 12 months in Washington, D.C., working as a staff member in the office of a member of Congress or with a congressional committee. Every year, the AGI Fellow joins more than two dozen other scientists and engineers for an intensive orientation program on the legislative and executive branches, organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), which also guides the placement process and provides educational and collegial programs throughout the year. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/AGI-CSF>.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment. Learn more at www.americangeosciences.org.

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