

Professor explains climate change through the ages

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"Earth's climate is touchy, don't mess with it," warned the final slide of last Friday's *Prehistoric Life and Global Climate Change* Brown Bag. Geology Professor Paul Belasky spoke on the birth and evolution of the Earth as a planet and the growing pains it has gone through, emphasizing climate shifts throughout history.

"The earth's climate is volatile and can change on a relatively short notice," he stated. The significant global warming that took place 15,000 years ago, only yesterday in

planetary terms, was 10 years from beginning to completion; the shift that came 12,000 years ago, at the end of the last ice age, took about three years.

Coming on the heels of former vice-president Al Gore's film *An Inconvenient Truth*, shown at Ohlone earlier this semester, the implications of such statements and Belasky's underlining of the fact that global warming, if it continues, could melt all remaining glaciers and ice sheets on the Earth within decades or less, rather than centuries, is yet another push for those still skeptical of the reality of this problem.

The Math and Technology Department's Brown Bags take place Fridays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 3201. Paul Belasky convened the first ever Brown Bag at Ohlone.

The next presentation will take place April 6 and feature Biology Professor Gessica Johnston on *Stories from Real-Life ER: a Physician Talks about Her Career as an Emergency Room Doctor*. The March 30 *Pharmacy: a Promising Future* feature by Rebecca Tai and Shane Kong, from the UCSF School of Pharmacy and former Ohlone students has been cancelled due to Spring Break.



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Paul Belasky indicates the relative magnitude of volcano eruptions through history during last Friday's Brown Bag seminar.

Three levels of psychological education and jobs explained

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"Everybody in psychology has a specific interest," according to Dr. Ben Caldwell of Alliant University. Caldwell covered three levels of education when he discussed different careers in the field of psychology at his presentation in the Jackson Theater titled "Careers in Psychology" Wednesday.

Caldwell started with the associate's level of education including careers in psychology, as well

as caseworkers and residential counselors.

Caldwell described a psychology tech as someone who may do clinical research taking measurements such as intellectual tests or work with behavioral management. However, caseworkers are not involved with therapy but rather help families navigate through the system they are involved with.

The pay range listed for these jobs at the presentation was \$20,000 to \$40,000. "But take the pay with a grain of salt. If you go into a field

where a lot of people find it difficult (the work) you're likely to get paid more," said Caldwell. He brought up prison therapy as an example.

Indirectly related careers suggested were human resources and sales consultant. "Pay varies wildly because of differences in field," added Caldwell. To illustrate, Caldwell mentioned that a friend of his with a BA at Alliant landed a six-figure job in human resources.

In other words, when considering a career in psychology, one has many options to choose from.

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work on your leadership development. Each experience will build on itself and will finally lead you to your dream career path.

The panel said that once at an interview, know the company and the job you are interviewed for. Look presentable, give a strong handshake and drop a few key items.

The panel added that people usually summarize each other in 30 seconds, so that's the time you have to make the right impression. Once you show a willingness to engage yourself, ask questions about your position and establish an open relationship with your manager, you're likely to get the job.

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