

# Fourth Annual Slemmons Lecture

Dr. Christopher H. Scholz

UNR-Mackay-Class of '64  
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Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory  
Columbia University  
City of New York

Date: Thurs, Nov 10, 2011

Title: Large earthquake triggering, clustering, and the  
synchronization of faults.

Time: 10:30 am

Place: 402 Joe Crowley Student Union



Back in 60's Burt Slemmons was a young professor here at UNR in the Mackay School of Mines. At that time there was a yet younger undergraduate student under his advisement. That student finished his degree in 1964, was admitted to the Ph.D. program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, finished that degree program in 3 years, moved on to the California Institute of Technology for a brief stint, and then took his position leading to full professorship at Columbia University and the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory. There he has ever since been a leader in the science of earthquakes and rock mechanics, guided more than a dozen students to their Ph.D.'s and positions on university faculty and research laboratories around the globe, written no less than 200 papers in the peer-review literature, garnered sufficient citations to his work to be recognized by ISI as one of its original Highly Cited Researchers, and written books, among them 'The Mechanics of Earthquakes and Faulting' that is now a staple on the shelves and in the classrooms of earthquake scientists around the world. That students name is Dr. Chris Scholz.

Back in the late 70's and early 80's Steve Wesnousky was a graduate student at Lamont Doherty Geological University and received his Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr. Scholz. Shortly thereafter it was he that stepped into Burt's shoes to direct the Center for Neotectonic Studies. So having both been influenced by as well as an influence to UNR and the Mackay School of Mines, it is both fitting and special that we will be able to honor both Chris and Burt at this years Slemmons Lecture.

The Slemmons Lecture Series Website

[http://neotectonics.seismo.unr.edu/0\\_SLEMMONS/SlemmonsLecture.html](http://neotectonics.seismo.unr.edu/0_SLEMMONS/SlemmonsLecture.html)