

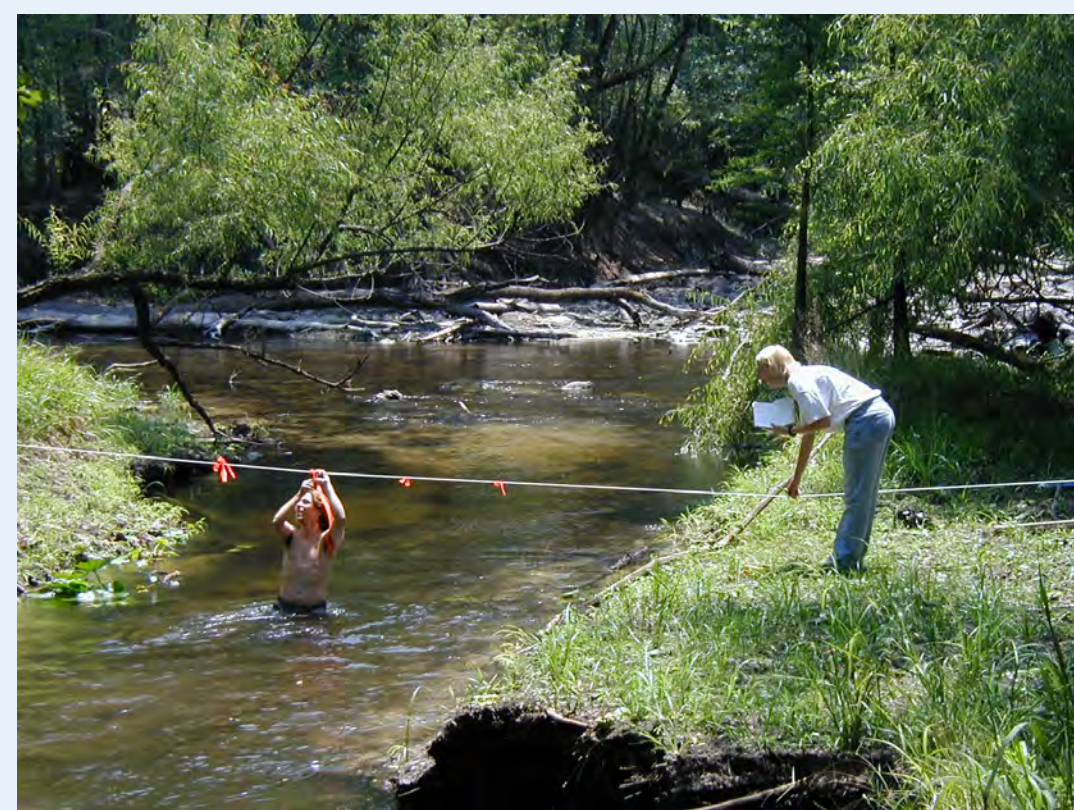
Congratulations
Jonathan Martin, Ph. D.
University of Florida, Geological Sciences



2014 UF Water Institute Faculty Fellow

The UF Water Institute Faculty Fellow Award program recognizes UF faculty who are making outstanding contributions to interdisciplinary water research, extension, or education programs as well as substantial contributions to the goals of the UF Water Institute.

Dr. Martin is a geochemist who studies groundwater and surface water interactions. His field work takes him from submarine cold seeps in the Aleutian Islands to estuaries in the Bahamas, Korea, Japan, and here in Florida. Dr. Martin has been an integral member of the UF Water Institute. According to Martin, "Working with the Water Institute has provided benefits in many different ways, but two in particular stand out. First, it has allowed me to interact with faculty and staff across campus who I otherwise may have never met. Second, the faculty and staff with whom I have interacted commonly have expertise that differ from my own, allowing me to expand my work in many new and exciting ways."



He is involved in many interdisciplinary projects with the UF Water Institute.

"Interdisciplinary research is fun because of its challenges," Dr. Martin wrote in an email interview. "It requires not only learning about new natural systems, it also requires learning new techniques and often a new vocabulary. Being able to apply those new skills within my discipline is a great way to expand my understanding of the systems in which I work."

Besides doing research, Dr. Martin teaches courses in mineralogy, physical geology, hydrologic processes, and hydrogeochemistry, among others, and currently serves as the major advisor for 5 graduate students. Here's what students have to say about Dr. Martin:



"Dr. Martin's greatest strength in mentoring grad students is his dedication and patience. He puts extensive hours into helping each grad student on top of his already full schedule. He constantly has an open door and is willing to help anytime he can. He has a relaxed demeanor which makes working with him easy."

-Graduate Student



"Jon is a great advisor... Despite his busy schedule, he is always there to help us with any unusual and difficult situations. He has done a very good job of closely supervising our lab group, steering us in the right direction and helping us to achieve our goals. He treats us as peers rather than graduate students. He respects our ideas and gives ample spaces for our autonomy and creativity. He is a fun loving guy. I enjoy working with him."

-Graduate Student



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