

Dinosaurs, Monsters and Myths

From dinosaurs to volcanoes, public audiences have been fascinated by geology since its early days. But communicating geology also involves particular challenges – concepts such as vast timescales, the deep subsurface and past geological eras require leaps of the imagination. These challenges have existed ever since geology first captured the public imagination in the mid eighteenth century. In this talk, I'll look at some of the ways early geologists communicated their subject, and how they compare with modern day geological communication.