UCSB Department of Geography 2018 – 2019 Awards Colloquium

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Sediment Supply and Channel Formation in the Actively Uplifting Coast Ranges of the Western U.S.

Abstract: River channels convey coarse sediment supplied from hill slopes through drainage networks. Due to the geologic and geomorphic diversity of the California and Oregon Coast Ranges, hill slopes supply a huge range of grain sizes, from sand to SUV-scale, to river channels. How does river channel morphology, which governs the ability of rivers to move coarse sediment, reflect this diversity of sediment supply? In this talk I will summarize field observations that illuminate the role of coarse sediment in shaping channel morphology both on land in and in submarine canyon networks.

Thursday, May 30, 2019, 3:30pm – 5:00pm Buchanan Hall, Room 1930 Cake will be served at 3:30pm Photos to follow ceremony