

# Timothy Connors

**B.S. in Geology 1991**

**M.S. in Geology 1996**

Tim first came to UT as an undergraduate in 1987 and found his true love in geology in the Spring of 1989 after taking a course taught by Dr. Lon Ruedisili . He never looked back after that. After obtaining his Bachelor's degree in 1991 he worked with Dr. James Harrell to



pursue a Master's degree in Geology. His completed master's thesis research centered on the "Phanerozoic history of the northern Black Hills, South Dakota, as revealed by sandstone petrography." He thanks Dr. Harrell to this day for his perseverance in helping the project to full completion and Dr. Max Brown for all of the opportunities afforded in the Black Hills journeys.

Since obtaining his geology degrees from UT, Tim has been very fortunate working as a geologist with the National Park Service Geologic Resources Division in Lakewood, Colorado. He has spent the last 18 years on a project creating GIS-based geologic maps for National Park Service areas in the lower 48 states, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Virgin Islands. His primary goals are to create complete GIS maps for each National Park and property (today there are 400 plus NPS areas). He also enjoys teaching geology at the college level in the Denver area.

He loves to tell people, *"Where you go for vacation, I go for work. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it."* And boasts *"If anyone at UT is in the Denver area, look me up. I'm happy to give tours of the local geology to anyone interested!"*

Tim has proposed, organized, and conducted field trips for academics, lay persons, societies, professional geologists and engineers, and school children for the past 18 years. His position has allowed him to lead trips in Colorado, Ohio, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Arizona, and visit more than 200 National Park areas. His field trips emphasize the important role of stratigraphy, sedimentology, paleontology, and overall ecological interpretation.

Tim currently resides in Littleton, Colorado with his wife Suzie and four children (Aubree, Carly, Blake and Conner) who are subjected to looking at rocks all over the western states.