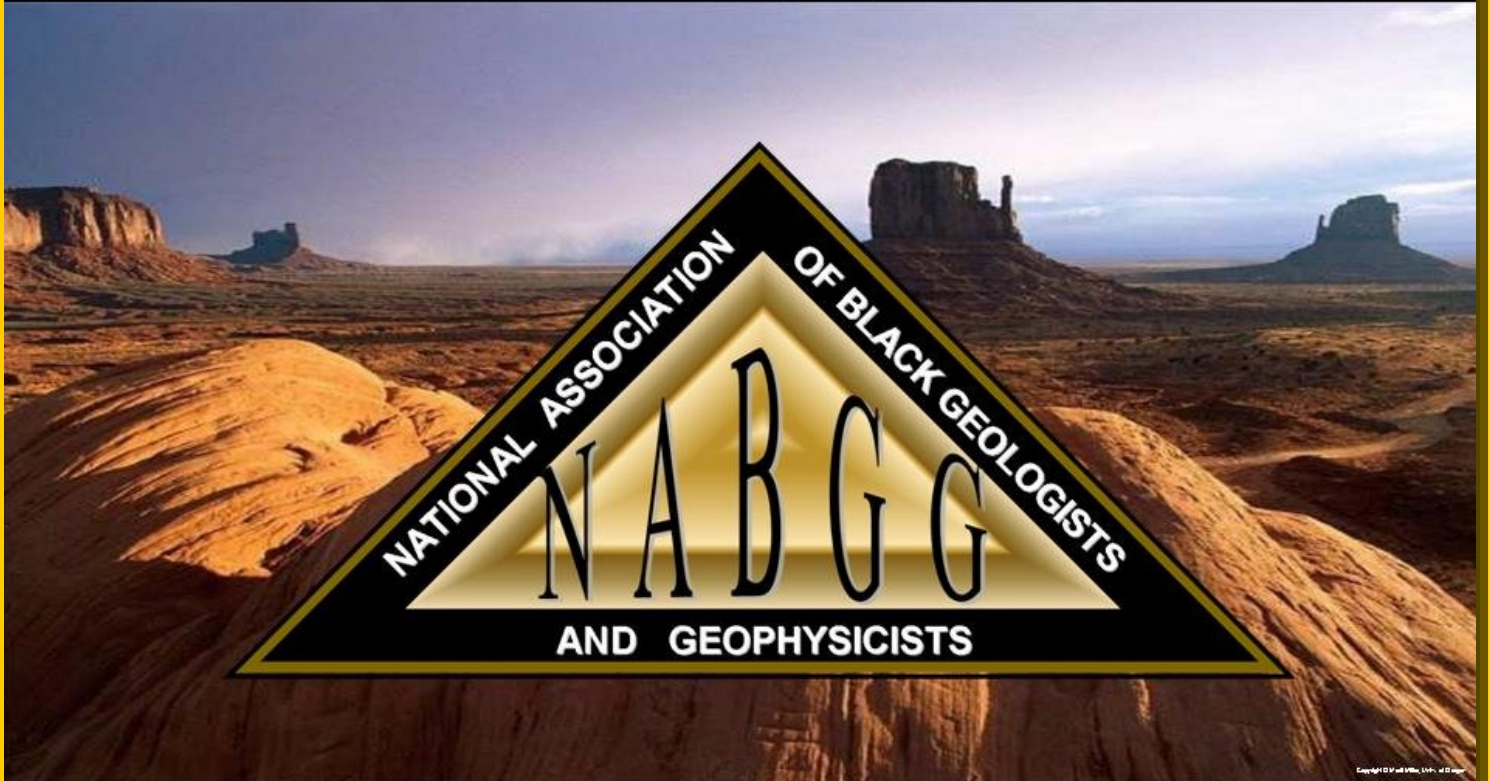


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## NABGG Conference 2007 Opening Keynote Speaker Dr. Joachim Ruiz Dean, College of Science, University of Arizona

The Honorable, Dr. Joachim Ruiz, Dean of the College of Science, University of Arizona will give the opening keynote address at the NABGG (National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists) 2007 Technology Conference that will be held on September 19-22, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Hotel – Chandler, Arizona.

Joaquin Ruiz was named Dean of the College of Science at the University of Arizona in July 2000, after heading one of the most highly ranked geosciences departments in the nation for five years. He earned his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1983, joining the faculty at the University of Arizona that same year. His training and academic career have been interdisciplinary, making him well suited to the culture on the Arizona campus. As a scientist with equal abilities in chemistry and in geology, Joaquin Ruiz has been able to address many first-order problems in the Earth Sciences, such as the development of new isotope systems for studying ore deposits and the tectonic processes involved in the growth and evolution of Mexico. In addition to his administrative post at the university, he now also manages The Biosphere 2 Project which was built by Space Biosphere Ventures in Oracle, Arizona at a cost of about \$200 million.

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