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**PALEOZOIC PALEOENVIRONMENTAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GOBI-  
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**CHEMOSTRATIGRAPHY OF THE LOWER SILURIAN SCHARCHULUUT  
FORMATION, YAMAAN-US, SHINE JINST REGION, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE,  
MONGOLIA**

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**GEOLOGIC MAP AND PALEOECOLOGY OF THE LOWER SILURIAN  
SCHARCHULUUT FORMATION AT “WENLOCK HILL”, SHINE JINST  
REGION, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, MONGOLIA**

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**SEDIMENTOLOGY, DEPOSITIONAL HISTORY AND DETRITAL ZIRCON  
GEOCHRONOLOGY OF THE LOWER DEVONIAN TSAKHIR FORMATION,  
SHINE JINST REGION, MONGOLIA**

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**BRACHIOPODS FROM THE LOWER SILURIAN SCHARCHULUUT  
FORMATION, YAMAAN-US, SHINE JINST REGION, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE,  
MONGOLIA**

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**CHEMOSTRATIGRAPHY AND MAGNETIC STRATIGRAPHY OF THE UPPER ORDOVICIAN DARAVGAI AND GASHUUNOVOO FORMATIONS, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, SHINE JINST AREA, SOUTHERN MONGOLIA**

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**SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY AND PALEONTOLOGY OF THE UPPER ORDOVICIAN DARAVGAI AND GASHUUNOVOO FORMATIONS, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, SHINE JINST, MONGOLIA**

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**PALEOECOLOGY OF LOWER DEVONIAN (EMSIAN) SHELF DEPOSITS IN THE CHULUUN FORMATION, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, MONGOLIA**

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**TRILOBITE PALEOECOLOGY OF THE MIDDLE DEVONIAN TSAGAANKHAALGA FORMATION NEAR TSAKHIR WELL, SHINE JINST, MONGOLIA**

**JENNIFER A. PETEYA:** Mount Union College  
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**GEOLOGIC MAP SHOWING EAST-TO-WEST FACIES TRANSITIONS IN THE LOWER SILURIAN SCHARCHULUUT FORMATION, SCHARCHULUUT, SHINE JINST REGION, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, MONGOLIA**

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**PALEOECOLOGY AND CHEMOSTRATIGRAPHY OF THE AMANSAIR AND TSAGAANBULAG FORMATIONS, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, MONGOLIA**

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**THE EIFELIAN GIVETIAN BOUNDARY (MIDDLE DEVONIAN) AT TSAKHIR,  
GOVI ALTAI REGION, SOUTHERN MONGOLIA**

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**PALEOENVIRONMENTS AND DEPOSITIONAL HISTORY OF UPPER  
SILURIAN-LOWER DEVONIAN LIMESTONE IN THE AMANSAIR AND  
TSAGAANBULAG FORMATIONS AT ULAANSHAND AND TSAKHIR, GOBI-  
ALTAI TERRANE, MONGOLIA**

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# BRACHIOPODS FROM THE LOWER SILURIAN SCHARCHULUUT FORMATION, YAMAAN-US, SHINE JINST REGION, GOBI-ALTAI TERRANE, MONGOLIA

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**BADRAL KHURELBAATAR:** Mongolian University of Science and Technology  
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I participated in geological field work in the Shine Jinst region of the Bayankhongor province in Mongolia for 20 days in July and August 2009. This region is one of the few areas in Asia that has good rock exposures with abundant fossils, which may be related to Siberia in origin.

After our professors introduced us to the different formations and the overall geologic setting, students chose their individual projects. The area I chose at Yamaan-Uus has exposures of the Scharchuluut Formation. It consists of interbedded sandstone and red shale that formed as turbidites. The area is quite tectonized, but I was able to collect Lower Silurian brachiopods to study.

As a first-year student in geology, I learned many important things from both Mongolian and U.S. professors. As the result of the Keck-Mongolia project 2009, I learned to collect samples, make stratigraphic sections, and collect paleontological specimens, which interested me a lot and made me want to become a geologist even more (Fig. 1). I would like to express my gratitude to Prof. Minjin, Prof. Constance Soja and other U.S. professors and students for allowing me to participate in this valuable field work.

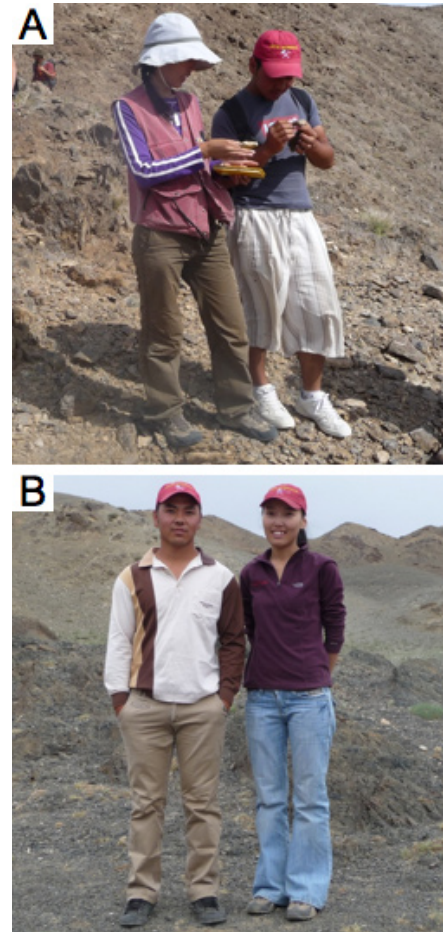


Figure 1. Badral Khurelbaatar (A-right, B-left) doing field work with Uyanga Bold near Shine Jinst.