



News Item

In May of 2008, Mel Strong, Graduate Fellow, Earth and Planetary Science, University of New Mexico and Theresa Apodaca, Sarracino Middle School, Socorro, NM were invited to attend the annual conference for the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, 'Recruiting Science and Mathematics Teachers for the 21st Century,' held at the Grand Hyatt Washington hotel in Washington, DC June 26 -27 and to give a presentation on their GK-12 activities. They gave a presentation on the theme of 'Show, don't tell: general strategies for engaging students of all abilities with low-cost, hands-on activities using freely available data and images'. The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage science, mathematics, and engineering majors and STEM professionals to become K12 teachers. The annual conference boasted approximately 180 attendees, including prospective and new science and mathematics teachers, faculty and administrators from the Noyce Scholarship Program Awardee institutions, representatives from professional societies, and NSF staff. Mel and Theresa greatly enjoyed the experience, and the opportunity to highlight some of their jointly-developed middle school curricula.



E-MRGE Fellow Mel Strong recording weather reports from Sarracino 6th Grade students; teacher Theresa Apodaca.