

The NSF-STEP Program and the Science Club presents:

“Geothermal Energy is Bubbling in Texas”

A presentation by Professor Maria Richards
Southern Methodist University



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Eastfield College
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Professor Maria Richards



Professor Maria Richards received her BS degree in Environmental Geography at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, in 1986. She received the Masters of Science degree in Physical Geography, Watershed Management at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, in 1991.

She works as the Geothermal Laboratory Coordinator in the Department of Geological Sciences at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX (1995-present).

Richards works with SMU faculty, staff, & students (primarily in the Geothermal Lab). She oversees state and federal government contracts and grants. Currently the prime contracts are with the Texas State Energy and Conservation Office for geothermal outreach and a Texas geothermal resource assessment.

Through the outreach Maria works with numerous companies to research and disseminate information on Geothermal energy related projects.

Richards served as president For The Love Of The Lake (FTLOTL), a Non-Profit 501-3 (c) organization in 2003. For her work with FTLOTL she won the "SMU Volunteer of the Year" award for staff and faculty.

