## **Cosmic Catastrophe in the Gulf of Carpentaria**

Subt, Cristina (1)(2). Abbott, Dallas (2).
(1) University of Texas at El Paso
(2) Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University

- •Geophysical evidence and historical events point toward an impact event in the Gulf of Carpentaria circa 536 AD.
- ■We used samples from cores taken in the Gulf to find evidence of this impact and thus prove that it happened.



- Found impact ejecta of many types:
  - Impact Spherules
  - Shocked Corrundum
  - Shocked Ilmenite
  - Vesicular Quartz
  - Carbon Fibers
- ■The presence of high quantities of impact ejecta leads us to conclude the impact did occur.
- ■Future research will search for impact ejecta and date the event.