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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research primarily focuses on obtaining a quantitative understanding of morphodynamics, geomorphology, stratigraphy, marine geophysics, and halokinesis. Through the course of my research, I seek to derive fundamental relationships in sediment transport using my knowledge of mathematics to study, through experiments and observations, the geomorphological processes of our world and others, with a special emphasis on applying my knowledge of surface processes to Titan and comets via remote sensing, spectral mineralogy, and machine & deep learning. I love teaching and am also heavily involved in outreach and STEM education, and am always looking for new and exciting opportunities.

Keywords: Planetary Geology, Titanian & Cometary Geomorphology, Experimental Morphodynamics, Remote Sensing, Marine Geophysics, Geomorphometrics, Stratigraphy, Halokinesis.

EDUCATION

2028 (Anticipated)

PhD in Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences

Brown University, USA

Adviser: Samuel Birch

2025 (Anticipated)

MS in Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences

Brown University, USA

Adviser: Samuel Birch

2022 MS in Earth System Sciences

YONSEI UNIVERSITY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Dissertation: Elucidating geomorphometric controls on Gulf of Mexico minibasin morphology

Adviser: Wonsuck Kim

Committee Members: Nam Chil Woo, Woong Mo Koo

GPA: 3.94/4.00

BS in Geological Sciences

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, USA

Major: Geosciences/Geology (Formerly: Petroleum Engineering & Geophysics)

Minor: Mathematics¹ Adviser: Cornel Olariu

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2023 - Present

Doctoral Researcher

Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences (DEEPS)

Brown University Adviser: Samuel Birch

¹The Jackson School of Geosciences did not recognise minors on transcripts for the 2016-2018 degree catalogue, but all of the requirements for a mathematics minor were completed per the University of Texas' regulations.

Jul. 2022 – Sep. 2023 Researcher

GOM/Chicxulub Research Group Dynamic Stratigraphy Research Group Institute for Geophysics (UTIG) The University of Texas at Austin

Advisers: John Goff, Eric Prokocki, David Mohrig, Dan Duncan, Marcy Davis

Jun. 2020 - Sep. 2020

Postgraduate Research Scientist (Intern)

Atmosphere, Climate, and Ecosystem Science Team (ACES)

Earth System Observations Group (EES-14)
Earth and Environmental Sciences Division (EES)

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Triad National Security

National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) United States Department of Energy (DOE)

Advisers: Anastasia Piliouras, Jon Schwenk, Joel Rowland

Feb. 2020 - Jul. 2022

Researcher

Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group

Department of Earth System Sciences

Institute of Natural Science

Yonsei University Adviser: Wonsuck Kim

Students: Maria Paula Borja Tibaduiza, Esoo Yun

Aug. 2019 - Jun. 2020

Researcher

GOM/Chicxulub Research Group

Quantitative Sedimentology Research Group

Institute for Geophysics (UTIG) The University of Texas at Austin

Advisers: John Goff, David Mohrig, Eric Prokocki, Dan Duncan, Marcy Davis

Jun. 2019 – Jun. 2020

Researcher

Dynamic Stratigraphy Research Group Department of Geological Sciences (DGS) The University of Texas at Austin

Advisers: Cornel Olariu, Mark Helper, Ron Steel

Jun. 2019 - Aug. 2019

GIS Programmer & Software Engineer (Intern)

Groundwater Advisory Unit (GAU) Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Supervisors: Norman Gearhart, James Harcourt, Royce Massey

May 2019 – Jun. 2019

Expedition Geophysicist/Crew Member & Team 3 Leader

Team 3

Marine Geology and Geophysics Expedition

GOM/Chicxulub Research Group Institute for Geophysics (UTIG) The University of Texas at Austin

Expedition Leaders: Sean Gulick, John Goff, Chris Lowery, Dan Duncan, Marcy Davis, Steffen Saustrup

Team 3 Crewmates: Chujie Liu, Tharit Tangkijwanichakul

Jan. 2017 - Jun. 2019

Undergraduate Researcher

Dynamic Stratigraphy Research Group

Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group

Department of Geological Sciences (DGS)

The University of Texas at Austin

Advisers: Cornel Olariu, Mark Helper, Wonsuck Kim, Ron Steel

Jan. 2017 – Mar. 2017

Undergraduate Research Collaborator

Dynamic Stratigraphy Research Group

Department of Geological Sciences (DGS)

The University of Texas at Austin

Advisers: Austin Clayton, Cornel Olariu, Logan West

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Publications [N = 1]

Published:

[1] Wu, C., Kim, W., Herring, R., Cardenas, B., Dong, T., Ma, H., Moodie, A., Tsai, F., Li, A., Nittrouer, J., 2023. Pace of meandering and avulsion set river sinuosity near coast on Earth and Mars, *Nature Geoscience*, doi: 10.1038/s41561-023-01231-1.

Theses [N = 1]

[1] **Herring, R.,** 2022. Elucidating geomorphometric controls on Gulf of Mexico minibasin morphology [MS thesis]: *Yonsei University*.

Classified Reports [N = 1]

Unclassified Reports [N = 1]

Published:

[1] Herring, R., Piliouras, A., Schwenk, J., Rowland, J., 2020. Autonomous Machine Learning Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 C-SAR, *United States Department of Energy SULI*, LA-UR-20-28771.

STUDENTS' PUBLICATIONS [N=2]

Research group members: [†]Postdoctoral researcher, [‡]Postgraduate student, [§]Undergraduate student.

Published:

- [2] § Yun, E., Herring, R., Kim, W., 2022. Origin of the roughness transition in Gulf of Mexico minibasin bathymetry [BS thesis]: *Yonsei University*.
- [1] § <u>Borja, M.</u>, Herring, R., Kim, W., 2021. Morphometric analysis and dimensional trends in Gulf of Mexico minibasin geometries [BS thesis]: *Yonsei University*.

FIRST-AUTHORED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS [N = 14]

Research group members: [†]Postdoctoral researcher, [‡]Postgraduate student, [§]Undergraduate student.

Published.

[14] Herring, R., Kim, W., § Borja, M., § Yun, E., 2022. Elucidating geomorphometric controls on Gulf of Mexico minibasin morphology, 2022 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Abstract EP22E-1386.

^{*}Oral presentation

- [13] *Herring, R., Kim, W., §Borja, M., §Yun, E., 2022. Elucidating Linkages in Variations of the First Eccentricity and Rim Rugosity of Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometries via Geomorphometric and K-Function Cluster Analysis in Concert with Viscous Substrate Flume Experimentation, 2022 Gilbert Club Annual Meeting.
- [12] Herring, R., Kim, W., §Borja, M., §Yun, E., 2021. Elucidating linkages in variations of the first eccentricity and rim rugosity of Gulf of Mexico minibasin geometries via geomorphometric analysis of bathymetric data, 2021 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Abstract EP45C-1539.
- [11] Herring, R., Kim, W., §Borja, M., 2021. Morphometric analysis and basinal dimensional trends in Gulf of Mexico minibasin geometry, 2021 Korean Society of Economic and Environmental Geology Spring Geological Science and Technology Joint Conference, Abstract PL-6.
- [10] *Herring, R., §Borja, M., Kim, W., 2020. Basinal dimensional trends in Gulf of Mexico minibasin geometry, 2020 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Abstract EP065-02.
- [9] *Herring, R., Piliouras, A., 2020. Autonomous Machine Learning Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 SAR, 20th Annual Los Alamos National Laboratory Student Symposium.
- [8] *Herring, R., Piliouras, A., 2020. Autonomous Machine Learning Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 SAR, *United States Department of Energy SULI*.
- [7] Herring, R., Olariu, C., Helper, M., 2020. Deducing the Timing and Magnitude of Late Quaternary Mississippi River Deltaic Progradation and Retrogradation Coeval with the Waning Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle by Modelling Volumetric Flooding Rate and Sediment Discharge Since the Cessation of the Late Wisconsin Glacial Stage, 9th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium, Abstract U-9.
- [6] *Herring, R., Olariu, C., Helper, M., 2019. The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment Amidst the Waning Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle: A Volumetric Quantification and Modelling of Late Quaternary Deposition Coeval with the Cessation of the Late Wisconsin Glacial Stage, 2019 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Abstract EP32A-07.
- [5] Herring, R., Olariu, C., Helper, M., 2019. The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment Amidst the Waning Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle: A Volumetric Quantification and Modelling of Late Quaternary Deposition Coeval with the Cessation of the Late Wisconsin Glacial Stage, 2019 RioMAR Annual Meeting.
- [4] Herring, R., Olariu, C., Helper, M., 2019. The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment During the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle: A Volumetric Quantification, 2019 American Association of Petroleum Geologists SWS Annual Meeting, Abstract 90343.
- [3] **Herring, R.**, Olariu, C., Helper, M., 2019. The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment During the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle: A Volumetric Quantification, 8th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium, Abstract U-9.
- [2] Herring, R., Olariu, C., 2018. The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment During the Last Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle: A Volumetric Quantification, 2018 RioMAR Annual Meeting, Abstract P-1.
- [1] **Herring, R.**, Olariu, C., 2018. Calculation of the Volume of Late Quaternary Mississippi River Off Shelf Deposits, 7th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium, Abstract SHP-U.

Co-Authored Conference Presentations [N = 3]

<u>Research group members:</u> [†]Postdoctoral researcher, [‡]Postgraduate student, [§]Undergraduate student. Published:

[3] Wu, C., Kim, W., Moodie, A., Cardenas, B., **Herring, R.**, Dong, T., Ma, H., Tsai, F., Li, A., Nittrouer, J., 2021. Pace of Meandering and Avulsion Set River Sinuosity near Coast on Earth and Mars, 2021 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Abstract EP31A-07.

- [2] §Yun, E., Herring, R., Kim, W., 2021. Origin of the roughness transition in Gulf of Mexico minibasin bathymetry, Yonsei University Department of Earth System Sciences Undergraduate Research Festival.
- [1] <u>Borja, M.</u>, Herring, R., Kim, W., 2021. Morphometric analysis and dimensional trends in Gulf of Mexico minibasin geometries, Yonsei University Department of Earth System Sciences Undergraduate Research Festival.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

EXTERNAL TALKS

16 Dec. 2020

12 Aug. 2020

05 Aug. 2020

08 Jun. 2022

06 Apr. 2022

11 Mar. 2022

25 Feb. 2022

02 Nov. 2021

25 Oct. 2021

01 Oct. 2021

23 Sep. 2021

Gilbert Club Annual Meeting, Berkeley, USA

"Elucidating Linkages in Variations of the First Eccentricity and Rim Rugosity of Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometries via Geomorphometric and K-Function Cluster Analysis in Concert with Viscous Substrate Flume Experimentation"

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA

"Basinal Dimensional Trends in Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometry"

14 Aug. 2020 Los Alamos National Laboratory Student Symposium, Los Alamos, USA

"Autonomous Machine Learning Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 SAR"

United States Department of Energy SULI, Los Alamos, USA

"Autonomous Machine Learning Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 SAR"

Non-group, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, USA

"Automated Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 SAR"

12 Dec. 2019 American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA

"The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment Amidst the Waning Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle"

University Talks

₀₂ Nov. ₂₀₂₂ Dynamic Stratigraphy Research Group, Austin, USA

"Geomorphometric Controls on Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Morphology"

10 Jun. 2022 MS Final Thesis Defence, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Elucidating Geomorphometric Controls on Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Morphology"

Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Elucidating the Geomorphometric Controls of Eccentricity, Rugosity, and Divergence Upon Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Morphology"

25 Apr. 2022 MS Pre-Defence, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Positive Correlation Between the Eccentricity and Rugosity of Gulf of Mexico Minibasins"

Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Linking Eccentricity and Rugosity Variations of Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometries"

Yonsei University Frontier Seminar, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Elucidating Linkages in Variations of the First Eccentricity and Rim Rugosity of Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometries via Geomorphometric and K-Function Cluster Analysis"

Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Weighted K-Function Cluster Analysis of Geomorphometrical Parameters of Gulf of Mexico Minibasins"

Modelling of Depositional Mechanics Course, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Quantifying the First Eccentricity and Rugosity of Experimental Minibasins"

Environmental Hydrodynamics Laboratory, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Deducing Subsurface Minibasin Halokinetic Architecture via Geomorphometric Analysis of Bathymetric Data"

Yonsei University Frontier Seminar, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Elucidating Linkages in Variations of the First Eccentricity and Rim Rugosity of Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometries via Geomorphometric Analysis of Bathymetric Data"

Modelling of Depositional Mechanics Course, Seoul, Republic of Korea

"Deriving Centroidal Density Controls Upon Minibasin Rim Rugosity via Flume Experimentation"

Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea 29 Jul. 2021 "Morphometric Analysis and Basinal Dimensional Trends in Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometry" Yonsei University Frontier Seminar, Seoul, Republic of Korea 16 Apr. 2021 "Morphometric Analysis and Basinal Dimensional Trends in Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometry" Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea 08 Apr. 2021 "Morphometric Analysis and Basinal Dimensional Trends in Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometry" 03 Apr. 2021 Yonsei University Department of Earth System Sciences, Seoul, Republic of Korea "Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Laboratory: Research and Opportunities" Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea 04 Nov. 2020 "Autonomous Machine Learning Identification of Arctic River Ice via Sentinel-1 C-SAR" 08 Jun. 2020 Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea "Basinal Dimensional Variations in Gulf of Mexico Minibasin Geometry" Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group, Seoul, Republic of Korea 30 Mar. 2020 "The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment Amidst the Waning Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle" Dynamic Stratigraphy Research Group, Austin, USA 04 Dec. 2019 "The Fate of the Mississippi River Sediment Amidst the Waning Phase of the Last Glacio-eustatic Cycle" University of Texas Institute for Geophysics (UTIG), Austin, USA 10 Jun. 2019 "Stratigraphic Interpretation of Corpus Christi Bay Area via MCS Seismic/CHIRP Data and Divulging the Geomorphological Impacts of Hurricane Harvey to the Coastal Environment" Conferences 103rd American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting (Presenter & Volunteer) Dec. 2022 38th Gilbert Club Annual Meeting (Speaker) Mar. 2022 102nd American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting (Presenter) Dec. 2021 Jun. 2021 Korean Society of Economic and Environmental Geology Conference (Presenter) SEPM International Sedimentary Geosciences Congress (ISGC) Jun. 2021 37th Gilbert Club Annual Meeting Mar. 2021 101st American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting (Speaker & Presenter) Dec. 2020 20th Annual Los Alamos National Laboratory Student Symposium (Speaker) Aug. 2020 United States Department of Energy SULI (Speaker) Aug. 2020 9th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium (Presenter) Feb. 2020 100th American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting (Speaker) Dec. 2019 RioMAR Annual Meeting (Presenter) Dec. 2019 American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) SWS (Presenter) Apr. 2019 University of Texas Institute for Geophysics (UTIG) PLATES Symposium Mar. 2019 50th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC) Mar. 2019 8th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium (Presenter) Feb. 2019 RioMAR Annual Meeting (Presenter) Dec. 2018 Applied Geodynamics Laboratory (AGL) Annual Meeting Nov. 2018 University of Texas Planetary Habitability Pop-Up Institute Jun. - Jul. 2018 7th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium (Presenter) Feb. 2018 6th Annual Jackson School Student Research Symposium Feb. 2017 Workshops ArcGIS for Planetary Science Mar. 2023 Machine Learning and Deep Learning for the Environmental and Geosciences Dec. 2020

Python for Remote Sensing: Analysis, Visualisation, and Workflow for Earth Scientists

EU-In-Time-Rise Workshop on Geochronology and Mars Exploration (Session Chair)

Dec. 2020

Apr. 2019

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FIELD EXPERIENCE

May – Jun. 2019 Marine Geology and Geophysics Expedition in the Gulf of Mexico UT INSTITUTE FOR GEOPHYSICS

Collected, processed, and interpreted multibeam echosounder (MBES) sonar, side-scan sonar, multichannel seismic (MCS), and CHIRP data, in addition to collecting and performing sedimentological analyses on piston/push/box cores and grab samples over the course of 3 weeks aboard the R/V Brooks McCall and the R/V Scott Petty. Combined these in order to investigate the geomorphological effects of Hurricane Harvey in and offshore of the Corpus Christi Bay and map the lowstand Nueces River

valley from the Last Glacial Maxima. Presented findings as team to sponsors.

Oct. 2018 Bastrop (USA) The University of Texas

Utilised GIS to accurately map contacts between Tertiary terrigenous clastic units, and map the location and orientation of

morphological changes within the units.

May 2018 Pedernales Falls State Park (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mapped/described sedimentary structures within Pennsylvanian limestone and sandstone units, and mapped the geometry of

a carbonate buildup within the limestone unit.

Apr. 2018 Austin (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Measured sections of a Cretaceous limestone unit at multiple localities, and determined lithofacies and correlations between

sections.

Mar. 2018 Bastrop (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mapped/described Tertiary terrigenous clastic units and identified river pebbles from outcrops for provenance determination.

Llano & Inks Lake State Park (USA)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mar. 2018 Llano & Inks Lake State Park (USA)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mapped/described folded Precambrian marbles and the geometry of a Cambrian/Precambrian nonconformity within the Llano Uplift.

Feb. 2018 Marble Falls (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mapped/described Pennsylvanian and Quaternary turbidite units.

Jan. 2018 Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mapped the geometry of a Cretaceous/Precambrian nonconformity within the Llano Uplift.

May 2017 Austin (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

 $Identified\ invertebrate\ marine\ fossils\ within\ a\ Cretaceous\ chalk\ unit\ at\ multiple\ localities,\ including\ Ammonoidea,\ Heteraster$

texanus, Inoceramidae, Exogyra ponderosa, Exogyra tigrina, Lispodethes texana, serpulid worm tubes, etc.

Oct. 2015 Llano Uplift (USA) THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Feb. 2023 – Present Instructor of Mathematics Lone Star College – University Park

Taught vector/multivariable/differential/integral calculus, pre-calculus, trigonometry, algebra, computer programming with Python, etc. Held seminars to help students prepare for the mathematics portion of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) examination, which distance their placement in university level mathematics courses.

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Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023 Lead Instructor of Mathematics MATHNASIUM

Taught differential and integral calculus, pre-calculus, geometry, algebra, etc.

Jan. 2016 – Feb. 2020 Volunteer Sedimentary Geology Tutor THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Hosted informal weekly review lectures for engineering classmates in sedimentary geology course covering the material learned during the official lecture time due to popular request after helping classmates understand course concepts. Prepared notes over course lectures and study guides to help students prepare for exams.

MENTORED STUDENTS

Undergraduate Students

Spring 2020 - Present María Paula Borja Tibaduiza, BS in Earth System Sciences, Yonsei University.

Spring 2020 - Spring 2022 Esoo Yun, BS in Earth System Sciences, Yonsei University.

ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

rozo **Fellow (FRAS)** ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

2020 – 2021 BK21 Fellowship for Leading Universities & Students (4x)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Research fellowship awarded by the Korean Ministry of Education & the National Research Foundation of Korea "to produce the next generation of world class leaders in their fields." Initially provided with a \$\psi_500,000\$ per month stipend, but later received several raises up to \$\psi_800,000\$ per month.

Outstanding Undergraduate Poster, 2nd Place

UT JSG STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Awarded by The University of Texas Jackson School of Geosciences and ConocoPhillips for the best research poster of the undergraduate division.

2019 – 2022 Global Leader Fellowship

2020

2019

2019

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015

2015

2014

2014

Yonsei University

Most prestigious fellowship at Yonsei University, awarded to a maximum of 7 newly admitted postgraduate students per application period. Covers full entrance and tuition fees, and provides a \$700,000 per month stipend.

Fellow (FGS)

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

William S. Flores Sr. Field Scholarship

The University of Texas at Austin

2nd Annual UGS Scholarship, 1st Place

Undergraduate Geological Society

For "embodying the values of the Jackson School of Geosciences" and for being "heavily involved in research, seminars, as well as connecting with fellow undergraduates and faculty of our department."

1st Annual UGS Scholarship, 1st Place

Undergraduate Geological Society

For "embodying the values of the Jackson School of Geosciences" and for being "heavily involved in research, seminars, as well as connecting with fellow undergraduates and faculty of our department."

University Honours

The University of Texas at Austin

University Honours

The University of Texas at Austin

Foresters Competitive Scholarship

Foresters Financial

West Point Bridge Design Competition, Top 50

THE US MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

National structural engineering competition with several thousand competitors. Awarded by The US Military Academy at

West Point, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Engineering 12EE Energy Contest, 1st Place

Texas A&M University

Led team in designing the most efficient wind turbine which was more than twice as efficient as the 2nd place design through

proper application of Betz's law.

Eagle Scout Boy Scouts of America, Troop 440

PUBLIC OUTREACH, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP

Sep. 2023 Host & Visiting Planetary Scientist for NASA Downlink

Hosted NASA Downlink for a 5th grade science class at Sofia Academy, where students got to speak with astronauts aboard the International Space Station, as part of the Rhode Island Science Teachers Association (RISTA) Astronaut Lollapalooza. Spoke with students about the paths they can take to become involved in studying space, my personal path to studying planetary sciences, and answered all of their questions about space exploration and life aboard the International Space Station.

Jul. 2023 – Aug. 2023

Mathematics Lecturer & Host for Lone Star College TSI Mathematics Exam Preparation Seminars

Held seminars to help students prepare for the mathematics portion of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) examination, which dictates students' placement in university level mathematics courses.

Dec. 2022 American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting Poster Hall Evening Assistant

Worked with AGU staff to assist presenters with their presentations and prepare the poster hall for the next day's presentations.

Sep. 2022 - Present Ambassador for The University of Texas Center for Planetary Systems Habitability

Serving as an ambassador for The University of Texas Center for Planetary Systems Habitability in order to raise funds to enable graduate and undergraduate students to conduct exploratory research projects in planetary habitability as part of the 40 Hours for the Forty Acres giving campaign.

Mar. 2020 - Jul. 2022

Peer Reviewer for Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Laboratory

As the Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group at Yonsei University is located in Korea and composed of non-native English speakers, serving as a peer reviewer within the lab, helping fellow lab members develop their manuscripts before submission to journals for publication.

Mar. 2020 – Jul. 2022

Ambassador for Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Laboratory

Serving as an ambassador to the public and the wider scientific community for the Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group. Represented the research group at outreach events in order to recruit new students to the lab.

Updated: 2023-09-14

Oct. 2019 – Present

Ambassador for UT Institute for Geophysics Marine Geology and Geophysics Field Course

Serving as an ambassador to the public and the media for the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics Marine Geology and Geophysics Field Course in order to raise funds to support future expeditions, by shooting videos and publishing media about my experience, and working to educate the public about the importance of the expedition. Helped to raise \$12,308, surpassing the \$10,000 goal.

Sep. 2019 – Feb. 2020

Geoscience Ambassadors

As an ambassador, worked to develop my story on how I became a geoscientist to share with my home community in order to educate the members of my community on what the geosciences are and get people interested in studying geosciences.

May 2019

OnRamps

Gave presentations to high school students in the OnRamps programme about why they should pursue a university education in STEM and a degree in the geosciences.

Apr. 2019

Session Chair at EU-In-Time-Rise Workshop on Geochronology and Mars Exploration

Chaired session on Martian analogues.

Sep. 2018

GLOW Undergraduate Research Panel

Panellist for the Geoscience Leadership Organization for Women's undergraduate research panel. Spoke to undergraduate students about how to get involved in research, what doing research was like, and how to have good time management in order to properly balance their work life with their personal and school lives.

Oct. 2017

Palæontological Society of Austin's 27th Annual Fossil Fest

Ran the University of Texas' exhibit at the event and educated children and parents about dinosaur evolution into birds and why, phylogenetically, certain organisms are classified as dinosaurs while others are not.

May 2014 - Sep. 2015

Northwest Assistance Ministries

Office in Administration and Development, managed volunteer recruitment and coordination of volunteer activities related to poverty alleviation.

Aug. 2003 - Sep. 2015

Boy Scouts of America, Troop/Crew 440

Eagle Scout giving back to scouting as an Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 440. Held many leadership positions in both Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts teaching outdoor skills and lead thousands of hours of community service. Achieved rank of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, scouting's honour society. Backpacked 170 km in the Rocky Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch.

<u>Leadership positions held:</u> Assistant Scoutmaster, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Vice President of Programme, Vice President of Administration, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Secretary, Scribe, Denner, Assistant Denner.

TECHNICAL SKILL SET

Computer Software:

Remote Sensing: ENVI, Google Earth Engine, ESA SNAP.

<u>Geophysical Acquisition/Processing/Interpretation:</u> Fledermaus, Landmark, Teledyne CARIS (HIPS & SIPS), Paradigm, QINSy, VMT, EdgeTech Discover, Fugawi, WinRiver II, Okular, Omniviewer. **Lidar:** Agisoft Metashape, Leica Cyclone.

GIS: Esri ArcGIS (Pro, ArcMap, ArcScene, ArcCatalog, Collector), Global Mapper, QGIS.

Hydrological Modelling: HYDRUS.

Engineering CAD: Autodesk (AutoCAD, Inventor), Solidworks, PTC Creo, SketchUp.

Mathematics/Statistics: Mathematica, MATLAB, SPSS, Simulink.

Relational Database: Oracle, Access.

<u>IDE:</u> Spyder, Anaconda, JupyterLab, PyCharm (Professional), RStudio, TeXstudio, Texmaker, Overleaf.

Particle Analysis: GRADISTAT, Femto PSS.

<u>Miscellaneous:</u> Adobe (Photoshop, Illustrator), Schlumberger BlueView, Neuralog, Vernier Logger Pro.

Programming Languages:

Python, MATLAB, R, JavaScript, SPSS, SQL, IDL, VBA, Wolfram, Mathematica, LATEX.

Operating Systems:

Linux/UNIX.

Other Technical Skills:

- · Skilled in machine learning and deep learning of satellite derived data.
- Skilled in mathematics, including vector calculus and differential equations, as well as proof
 writing for higher dimensional non-Euclidean geometries.
- Skilled in collecting, processing, and interpreting multibeam echosounder (MBES), side-scan sonar, multichannel seismic (MCS), and CHIRP seismic data.
- Skilled in conducting flume experiments of 3D minibasins, 2D/3D deltas, 2D/3D alluvial fans, 3D meandering rivers, 2D/3D æolian bedforms, and 2D turbidity currents.
- · Skilled in numerical modelling and geomorphometric analysis.
- Skilled in analysis of multispectral and hyperspectral data from the Earth, the moon, Mars, and Titan from wavelengths across the electromagnetic spectrum, including VNIR, thermal infrared, ultraviolet, and radar.
- Skilled in deriving topography from Lidar and stereogrammetry, and in use of SAR and InSAR data.
- Skilled in interpretation of remote sensing data, including via spectral mineralogy, environmental metrics such as NDVI/EVI, and spectral mixture analysis.
- Skilled in optical mineralogy and petrographic microscope use.
- Skilled in collecting and performing sedimentological analyses on piston/push/box cores and grab samples.
- Skilled in processing and interpretation of data obtained via wireline logging, including gamma
 ray, neutron porosity, electrical resistivity, spontaneous potential, and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR).
- Skilled in various forms of engineering CAD software, 3D modelling software, and 3D printing, as well as machine shop work (mill, lathe, etc.).
- · Possesses strong knowledge of palæontology and skilled at identifying fossils.

Non-programming Languages:

English (native), Classical Latin (in progress), Русский (limited), Deutsch (limited), Français (limited), 한국 (very limited), 廣東話 (formerly fluent).

Relevant Coursework

*postgraduate-level coursework

Geology/Geophysics:

Marine Geology and Geophysics Field Course*, Planetary Geology/Tectonics*, Lunar Exploration*, Remote Sensing/SAR (2x)*, Morphodynamics/Quantitative Stratigraphy (2x)*, Geofluids Dynamics*, Stratodynamics (2x)*, Depositional Mechanics Modelling*, Geomorphology*, GIS/GPS*, Biogeochemisty*, Environmental Geology*, Structural Geology*, Field/Stratigraphic Methods, Sedimentary Geology (3x)*, Igneous/Metamorphic Petrology (2x), Palæontology (2x)*, Research Design/Data Analysis (9x)*, Ethics in Geosciences (2x)*.

Mathematics:

Structure of Modern Geometry* (Proof writing for higher dimensional non-Euclidean geometries), Vector Calculus*, Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations with Linear Algebra*, Differential Calculus, Integral Calculus, Multivariable Calculus.

Engineering/Physics:

Hydraulics/Open Channel Flow*, Engineering/Energy and the Environment*, Petroleum Engineering, Geosystems Engineering MATLAB*, Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Mechanics*, Engineering Physics I (Mechanics, Heat, Wave Phenomena) & Engineering Physics II (Electricity and Magnetism, Optics, Atomic Phenomena) with laboratories.

Biochemistry/Chemistry:

Astrobiology*, Chemistry I & II with laboratories.

Media Coverage

INTERVIEWS

1 Dec. 2019 The University of Texas Institute for Geophysics

Ryan Herring, Marine Geology & Geophysics Field Course Alumni 2019 <url>

RESEARCH GROUPS

Aug. 2019 – Jun. 2020 Quantitative Sedimentology Research Group

The University of Texas Department of Geological Sciences Research Group

Aug. 2019 – Sep. 2023 GOM/Chicxulub Research Group

The University of Texas Institute for Geophysics Research Group

Jun. 2018 - Present The University of Texas Centre for Planetary Systems Habitability (CPSH)

Successful interdisciplinary effort to establish a Centre for Planetary Systems Habitability at the University of Texas

Oct. 2017 – Aug. 2022 Morphodynamics and Quantitative Stratigraphy Research Group

The University of Texas and Yonsei University Research Group

Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2020 RioMAR Consortium

Research consortium between the Colorado School of Mines, The University of Texas, and Yonsei University

Jan. 2017 - Present Steel Research Group (Dynamic Stratigraphy Workgroup)

The University of Texas Department of Geological Sciences Research Group

Professional Affiliations and Student Organisations

Sep. 2023 - Present Brown University GeoClub

Jun. 2021 – Jul. 2022 The Korean Society of Economic and Environmental Geology (KSEEG)

Feb. 2021 – Present European Astronomical Society (EAS)
Oct. 2021 – Present Royal Astronomical Society (RAS)

Fellow (FRAS)

Sep. 2019 – Feb. 2020 The University of Texas Mathematics Club

Sep. 2019 – Feb. 2020 Geoscience Ambassadors

Ambassador

Nov. 2019 – Present American Geophysical Union (AGU)

Feb. 2019 - Feb. 2020 Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts University of Texas Student Chapter

Aug. 2018 – Feb. 2020 Texas Geophysical Society (TGS)

Aug. 2018 - Feb. 2020 American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) University of Texas Student Chapter

Aug. 2018 – Feb. 2020 Geoscience Leadership Organization for Women (GLOW)

Oct. 2017 - Present Geological Society of London

Fellow (FGS)

Jun. 2017 – Feb. 2020 Undergraduate Geological Society (UGS)

Jan. 2016 – Jan. 2017 Texas State Parks Club

Aug. 2015 – Jun. 2017 American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) University of Texas Student Chapter

Aug. 2015 – Jun. 2017 Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) University of Texas Student Chapter

Aug. 2015 - Jun. 2017 The University of Texas Polo Team

Club team member

Hobbies and Interests

Teaching, research, fieldwork, scouting, backpacking, polo, piano, flying, sailing, oil painting, opera.

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