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Academic Career

Scientist, Paleomagnetic Research Group, University of Rochester
Research Associate, Paleomagnetic Research Group, University of Rochester
Adjunct Instructor, University of Rochester
Postdoctoral Fellow, Paleomagnetic Research Group, University of Rochester
Shipboard Paleomagnetist, Ocean Drilling Program Leg 197 (co-proponent)
Laboratory Instructor, University of Rochester
Adjunct Instructor, University of Rochester
Ph.D. (Geological Sciences) University of Rochester, May 2000
Adjunct Instructor, State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY
M.S. (Geological Sciences) University of Rochester
B.A. (Geophysics) State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY

Selected Field Experience

2001	Shipboard Paleomagnetist, Ocean Drilling Program Leg 197, Motion of the
	Hawaiian Hotspot
2000	Field Assistant, Expedition to the High Canadian Arctic (Axel Heiberg Island,
	Ellesmere Island) UR Paleomagnetic Research Group
1997	Gulf Coast Cretaceous Chalk sample collection
1996	Field Assistant, Expedition to the High Canadian Arctic (Axel Heiberg Island) UR
	Paleomagnetic Research Group
1994 – present	Class-related field trips around New York State

Research Interests

Paleointensity, Cretaceous paleomagnetism, plate motion and tectonics, hotspot motion, rock magnetism and environmental magnetism, experimental design for magnetic measurements

Synergistic Activities

- Referee for Journal of Geophysical Research; Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems; Earth and Planetary Science Letters; Earth, Planets and Space; Journal of Earth System Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science; Journal of Asian Earth Sciences, National Science Foundation, NASA Research and Education Support Service, The Dutch Research Council
- Chapter/multi-media reviewer for Prentice Hall Publications, W. H. Freeman and Company, and Wiley Publications, Cambridge University Press (historical, physical geology and geophysics textbooks)

- Organizer/Instructor for local K-12 programs, including Science Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Exploration Days at St. John Fisher, Festival of Ideas (Brighton School District), Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Rochester Museum and Science Center
- Consultant, Center for Professional Development and Education Reform, Warner School, University of Rochester, for a series of seminars related to Next Generation Science Standards, including expanding knowledge of disciplinary core ideas, the practices of science, and the nature of science, with a focus on Earth's magnetic field and planetary differentiation
- Mentor for high school students interested in summer internship opportunities in geology through local school districts (Rochester, NY)
 Mentor for high school students interested in paleomagnetism and data science in the New York area (Regeneron Science Talent Search, placed in top 40, Spring 2023)
- Staff advisor for undergraduate geology club (Society of Earth and Environmental Science Students) and National Honor Society for Earth Scientists (Zeta Phi chapter of Sigma Gamma Epsilon)
- Local field trip leader for small interest groups through Mt Hope Cemetery (Glacial geology of Rochester, NY), Rochester and Letchworth Gorges (Paleozoic geology of New York).
- Guest Expert for Discovery Kids Mystery Hunters
- Geologist tour guide for Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery

Professional Societies

- Geological Society of America, member since 1994
- American Geophysical Union, member since 1995
- Sigma Gamma Epsilon, member since 1995
- Sigma Pi Sigma, member since 1993

Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Student Paper Award, Geomagnetism/Paleomagnetism Section, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 1998
- Magna Cum Laude, SUNY Geneseo, 1994
- Outstanding Student in Geological Sciences, SUNY Geneseo, 1994
- Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Nominee for SUNY Geneseo, 1993

Course Work:

2003 – present, Spring Semester, taught 22 times EES(C) 201 – Evolution of the Earth (Cross-listed with SUSC 201), Primary Instructor

This course is intended for students interested in the evolution of the Earth in terms of tectonics, biology, and climate. Historical geology encompasses the 1) dynamic history of the physical Earth: the development of landforms, the rise and fall of ancient seas, movements of

continents, and 2) the evolution of life on this planet in response to a changing Earth. In addition, this class focuses on a chronological survey of Earth and life history, emphasizing the evolution as seen in North America.

2008 – 2019, Fall Semester, taught 12 times

EES(C) 255/455 – Planetary Science: Geologic Evolution and Planetary Habitability, Secondary Instructor

This course will focus on geologic and geophysical studies of planets (interiors and surfaces), and the conditions that led to the origin of life. We will start with initial conditions, defined here as the formation of Earth and the Moon-forming event, and trace development of the planet from cooling of the magma ocean onwards. We next consider how our planetary neighbors (Venus and Mars) evolved, as well as key satellites in the solar system that may harbor life, or provide insight into early conditions on Earth.

Responsible for creating and teaching in class laboratory assignments related to planetary geology, student presentations,

2008 – present, Fall Semester, Even Years, taught 7 times

EES(C) 256/456 – Paleomagnetism and Global Plate Tectonics, Primary Instructor

The basic paleomagnetic methods used to determine absolute plate motions are reviewed. Applications include the potential cause and effect relationship between changes in absolute plate motions, mantle plume volcanism, orogeny, and climate change.

2009 – present, Fall Semester, Odd Years, taught 6 times EES(C) 205 – Solid Earth Geophysics, Primary Instructor

This course is intended for motivated students that are interested in an introduction to geophysics. Material covered will focus on deep Earth processes: an introduction to potential fields, gravity, heat flow, magnetic fields, propagation of seismic waves, and a bottom-up approach to core processes, mantle flow and plate tectonics.

2000 - 2006, taught 7 times

EES 101 – Introduction to Physical Geology (Laboratory Instructor)

This introductory geology class provides a broad overview of the Earth Sciences, from planetary evolution to the interplay of geology and climate. The course is a prerequisite for all undergraduate majors who are considering careers in the Earth and Environmental Sciences, while also satisfying science requirements for other undergraduate majors. A basic introduction to geological processes is supplemented with an emphasis on marine geology and plate tectonics. The course also aims to provide students with a geological background with which they can better evaluate current environmental issues, including potential global warming. The lecture material is supplemented with laboratory exercises that enhance the students'

understanding of Earth processes, including mineral and rock identification, river, glacial, desert and coastal landscapes, earthquakes, lunar geology, geologic time, deformation of the Earth's crust and climate change through geologic history.

2000, Spring Semester EES 205 – Solid Earth Geophysics (Sabbatical Position)

1999, Spring Semester

GSci 101 – Geologic History of Life (State University of New York at Geneseo; Sabbatical Position)

An introduction to the evolution and development of life on Earth. Topics include the origin of life, development of multicellular organisms, evolution of land plants and animals, dinosaurs, mammals, and the use of paleontology in the interpretation of earth history. (Directed at non-science majors or those desiring a general background in Earth history. Credit may not be applied toward either the Geological Sciences major or the B.S. in Natural Science with PreK-6 provisional certification.)

1999, Summer Semester

GSci 100 – Our Geologic Environment (State University of New York at Geneseo; Primary Instructor)

This course is intended for non-science majors who have an interest in their physical environment. The course is designed to develop an understanding of the interaction of Earth processes, the environment, and the human population. Topics include Earth materials, natural resources, geologic hazards, environmental change, and global environmental issues.

Publications

J.A. Tarduno, **R.D. Cottrell** and S.L. Wilkison, Magnetostratigraphy of the Late Cretaceous to Eocene Sverdrup Basin: Implications for heterochroneity, deformation and rotations in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, Journal of Geophysical Research, 102, 723-746, 1997.

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