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Education

University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Ph.D., Earth and Space Sciences, 2004. M.S., Applied Mathematics, 2004. Quaternary and glacial geology, surface processes, cosmogenic-nuclide geochemistry, quantitative geomorphology, GIS applications in geology. Main field areas included Antarctica and glaciated regions of North America. Advisor, Dr. John Stone.

University of Maine, Orono, ME. M.S., Geological Sciences, 1997. Coastal sedimentology, sea-level change, Quaternary and glacial geology, palaeoenvironmental reconstruction. Advisor, Dr. Dan Belknap.

Williams College, Williamstown, MA. Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, 1992. Advisor, Dr. David Dethier.

Princeton-YBRA Geology Field Camp, Red Lodge, MT. Summer 1991.

Awards and fellowships

National Science Foundation Polar Programs research fellowship, 2005. Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellow, 1999-2003. Geological Society of America, J. Hoover Mackin Award, 2002. DOSECC Graduate Internship, 2002. American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Graduate Fellowship, 2000-2001. ARCS Fellow, University of Washington, 1998-1999. Dean John A. Knauss Sea Grant Marine Policy Fellow, 1997-1998. Geochron Laboratories Research Award, 1996. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 1995-1999. Freeman Foote Prize in Geology, Williams College, 1992. Bruce Sanderson, Class of 1956, Prize in Architecture, Williams College, 1992. Class of 1960 Geology Scholar, Williams College, 1991-1992. Conoco Corporation Field Course Scholarship, Princeton-YBRA Field Camp, 1991. American Mineralogical Society Undergraduate Award, Williams College, 1991. Phi Beta Kappa Society. Sigma Xi Society.

Academic appointments and related experience

2005-present. NSF Polar Programs research fellow, University of Washington. Glacial geology and geochronology of Antarctic ice sheets; rates of Antarctic landscape evolution.

2004-present. Research Associate, University of Washington. Cosmogenic-nuclide systematics and applications to geochronology and erosion-rate measurement.

2004-05 and 2005-06 field seasons. U.S. Antarctic Program. Remote field camp in McMurdo Dry Valleys.

2000-01 field season. U.S. Antarctic Program. Deep field deployment in Ford Ranges, West Antarctica.

2001. Graduate teaching assistant, University of Washington. Introductory geology courses.

1994-95. Graduate teaching assistant, University of Maine. Introductory geology courses.

Summer 1992. Teaching assistant, Keck Geology Consortium field project, Gaspé, Quebec.

1991-92. Undergraduate teaching assistant, Williams College. Environmental science, geomorphology, and mineralogy.

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Other professional experience

1998. Carpenter, Otis Burt Construction, West Tisbury, MA. Built expensive houses.

1997-1998. Legislative staff (1998); Knauss-Sea Grant Marine Policy Fellow (1997), House Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, Washington, DC. Researched and disseminated information for Members of Congress and their staff, produced press releases and articles, wrote speeches, organized hearings, and drafted legislation on fisheries, wildlife, oceanography, and marine policy.

1993-1994. Staff geologist, JME Companies, Lakewood, CO. Clients included:

Runge Mining Inc., Brisbane, Australia. Created a hydrologic model of overburden from geophysical well logs at an open pit coal mine in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming.

Sunnyside Coal Company, Sunnyside, Utah. Modeling of surface water hydrology and sediment transport for use in engineering and environmental design at an underground coal mine and processing plant.

Robinson Brick Company, Denver, CO. Worked with ROBCO production staff to develop data generation and handling system for exploration and production drilling data, for use in reserve calculation and mine planning at 12 open-pit clay mines.

Teberebie Goldfields Ltd., Tarkwa, Ghana. Maintained block model of gold deposit, and used it for reserves evaluation and mine planning at a large open-pit mine. Trained Ghanaian engineering personnel in using mine modeling and planning system.

Other

Extensive training in emergency medicine and wilderness rescue (lapsed NREMT-B, WEMT; current OEC, BLS). Professional ski patrol, Solvista Ski Ranch, Granby, CO, 1993-present. Avalanche and winter backcountry travel instructor, Washington Alpine Club, Seattle, WA, 2001-present. Skilled carpenter, photographer, draftsman, and ski mountaineer.

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Online geochronology tools

[1] The CRONUS-Earth online exposure-age and erosion-rate calculators: <http://hess.ess.washington.edu/math>

In press, in review, recently submitted, and nearly submitted

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