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## EDUCATION

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| 1997–2002 | Harvard University, *Ph. D. in Geophysics* | Cambridge, MA |
| 1992–1997 | Goethe University, *Diplom in Physics* | Frankfurt, Germany |

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2016– | *Shell Foundation Distinguished Chair in Geophysics and Professor* | |
| | Jackson School of Geosciences | Austin, TX |
| 2021– | *Faculty Affiliate*, Oden Institute for Computational Engineering & Sciences | |
| | The University of Texas at Austin | Austin, TX |
| 2004–2016 | *Assistant* (–2009), *Associate* (–2012), *Professor of Earth Sciences* | |
| | University of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA |
| 2002–2004 | *Cecil H. and Ida M. Green Postdoctoral Scholar* | |
| | Scripps Institution of Oceanography, U.C. San Diego | La Jolla, CA |

### VISITING APPOINTMENTS

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| Spring 2014 | Oxford University, *Astor Visiting Professor* | Oxford, UK |
| Summer 2012 | Universitá di Roma TRE, *Visiting Professor* | Rome, Italy |
| Fall 2010 | University of Tokyo, *Visiting Associate Professor* | Tokyo, Japan |
| Spring 2008 | Princeton University, *Visiting Fellow* | Princeton, NJ |

## ACADEMIC HONORS

- Member, *Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina*, 2026.
- *Knebel Award for Teaching Innovation*, The University of Texas at Austin, 2025.
- *Augustus Love Medal*, European Geoscience Union, 2023.
- *UTIG Outstanding Researcher Award*, The University of Texas at Austin, 2023
- Member, *Academia Europaea*, 2021.
- *Evgueni Burov Medal*, ILP, International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, 2021.
- Fellow, *American Geophysical Union*, 2015.
- *Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award*, Humboldt Foundation, 2013.
- *Carl F. Gauß Lecturer*, German Geophysical Society, 2008.
- *Frontiers of Science Fellow*, Kavli Foundation, 2007.
- *Editor's Citation for Excellence in Refereeing* for *Tectonics*, 2007.
- *CAREER Award*, National Science Foundation, 2007.
- *Cecil H. and Ida M. Green Scholarship*, SIO, UC San Diego, 2002 – 2004.
- *Certificate of Excellence in Teaching*, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University, 2001.
- Ph. D. Scholarship, *German Academic Exchange Service* (DAAD), 1998 – 2001.
- *Phillipp Siedler* Science Award for Physics MSc theses, Frankfurt University, 1997.
- *Haereus Award* for Physics MSc students, 1997.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

As a solid Earth scientist, I focus on the co-evolution of planets' interior and surface systems. Our team integrates field, laboratory, and numerical approaches into geodynamic and structural models, focusing on the physics of plate tectonics, from grain-scale deformation to earthquakes and global mantle convection. This work was recognized by a Humboldt Foundation *Bessel Award*, IUGG's *Evgueni Burov Medal*, and EGU's *Augustus Love Medal*. I am an elected Fellow of the American Geophysical Union as well as elected member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and the Academia Europaea.

My teaching interests include *Tectonic Geodynamics*, *Lab to Planet*, Geophysics, and *Numerical Modeling of Earth Systems*. I chaired the *Standing Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics*, and was a member of the *Board of Earth Sciences and Resources*, both at the U.S. National Academies. Other commitments include serving as Editor in Chief of *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems* for nearly a decade and current editorship at *AGU Advances*. I also served on the Planning Committee of the *Southern California Earthquake Center*, led the *Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction* RCN, have organizied CIDER and other summer schools, and am currently vice chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND REFEREED CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

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## Invited Presentations and Keynotes During the Last Four Years

- Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, September 2026.
- Baylor University, Waco TX, September 2026.
- 3rd *Joint International Earthquake Science Symposium*, GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany, April 2026.
- California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, April 2026.
- Workshop on High-Pressure Mineral Physics and Geophysics Applications, ICTP-SAIFR, São Paulo, Brazil, February 2026. (recording).
- Geological Society of America Meeting, San Antonio TX, October 2025.
- GEOMAR Helmholtz-Zentrum für Ozeanforschung Kiel, Germany, July 2025.
- JAMSTEC, Yokohama, Japan, May 2025.
- Stanford University, Stanford CA, April 2025.
- Universidad di Chile, Santiago, Chile, March 2025.
- *AI LIVE - Explore the Future: AI to the Rescue*, panelist at UT Austin, November 2024.
- University of São Paulo, Brazil, November 2024.
- UT Tower Fellows Seminar, Austin, October 2024.
- Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, June 2024.
- Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, June 2024.
- IUGG 34th Conference on Mathematical Geophysics, Mumbai, India, June 2024.
- JAMSTEC, Yokohama, Japan, January 2024.
- 178 invited presentations and keynotes between 1998 and 2023.

## Conference Contributions

- 14 in 2026 so far, 23 in 2025, and 18 in 2024.
- 563 conference contributions between 1996 and 2023.

## Professional Affiliations

- American Geophysical Union, Fellow
- Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina, Elected Member
- Academia Europaea, Elected Member
- Deutsche Geophysikalische Gesellschaft, Member

- Summer undergraduate interns:
  - At UT Austin: Violeta Andrade (2024, 2025; UC Berkeley), Jorge Garcia (2023; UT Austin), Dorothy Linnemann (2017; Scripps College, with Lavier).
  - At USC: Fabienne Stockmann (2014, Münster University), Simon Schneider (2013, Münster University), Kevin Milner[35] (2008, USC), Jared Sain[35] (2008, USC), Hannah Waterhouse[35] (2008, Bryn Mawr College), and Katrin Plenkers (2005, Karlsruhe).

- Undergraduate advisees:
  - At UT Austin: Olivia Dittrich (2025 –), Alan Stone (2025 –), Dhary Alrushaid (thesis committee member, 2024 – 2025), Miles Mackenzie (research advisor, Physics, 2022–2023), Jake Goins (research committee member, 2020–2021), Zel Hurewitz (BSc 2019, Physics; grad school UCSD)
  - At USC: Bradford Foley[41] (BSc 2008; Associate Professor, Penn State)

- MSc students:
  - At UT Austin:
    - Antoine Demont (visiting from ENS Paris, 2020)
    - Kunpeng Liao (MSc 2018; Lead Seismic Specialist, Viridien)
  - At USC:
    - Zi-Yu Wu (MSc 2010; Guosen Securities)
    - Claire Steedman[32] (MSc 2006; Principal Geologist, Terraphase Engineering).

- PhD students:
  - At UT Austin:
    - Rabia Oguz (2026 –)
    - Gavin Blanchard (2025 –)
    - Xiang He[176] (2024 –)
    - Huiwen Sun[175] (2022 –)
    - Edward Clennett[151] (PhD 2024, Associate Lecturer at Birkbeck College)
    - Ethan M. Conrad[152,159] (PhD 2024, Mineral Exploration Geologist, Aramco)
    - Simone Puel[128,144,153,156,161] (PhD 2023; Catastrophe Risk Modeler, Moody's)
    - Erin Heilman[146,158] (PhD 2023; Staff Scientist, LANL)
    - Wanying Wang[125] (PhD 2021; Senior Research Scientist, NVIDIA)
  - At USC:
    - Adam Holt[87,89,90,92,105-107,113] (PhD 2016; Associate Professor, University of Miami)
    - Michael Kaplan (PhD 2015; MD 2021, Acting Assistant Professor, University of Washington Harborview Medical Center)
    - Mélanie Gérault[62,121] (PhD 2014; Marine Weather Consultant)
    - Thomas Goebel[61, 69, 75, 77, 80, 111] (PhD 2013; Associate Professor, University of Memphis)
    - Lisa Alpert[51,63,73] (PhD 2012; Lecturer, Cal State Bakersfield; Senior Geologist, Aera Energy Llc.)
    - Iain Bailey[38,47,51,63] (PhD 2009; Exposure Management Lead, Aviva)

- PhD committee service at UT Austin:
  - Junpeng Li (2026 –), Emily Launderville (2025–), Sujith Swaminadhan, (2025–), Sohini Dasgupta (2023–), Chenyu Tian (2020–2025), Avigyan Chatterjee (2021–2024), Chujie Liu (2017–2023, PhD 2023), Keith Minor (2019–2022, PhD 2022), Juan Gutierrez (2021–2022), Eric Hiatt (2020–2021), Brandon Schuck (2018–2021, PhD 2021), Peter Nelson (2017–2020, PhD 2020), Alexandra Lachner (2019–2020), Yanyao Zhang (2018–2020), Kristina Butler (2018–2020), Chang Lu (2018–2020), Brooklyn Gose (2017–2020), and Lily R. Serach (2017–2019).
- Other PhD committee service:
  - At the University of Southern California, Los Angeles: Jessica Stellman (2014–2020), William Schmidt (2015–2016), Beth Paulson (2014–2016), Xinjiang Xiang (2015), Xin Song (2014–2015), Xin Liu (2014–2015), Chris Milliner (2013–2015), Haoran Xia (2013–2015), Francoix Cadieux (PhD 2015), Feng Wang (PhD 2013), Prabu Sellappan (PhD 2013), Whitney Behr (PhD 2011), Zheqiang Shi (PhD 2008), Adam Fischer (PhD 2008), and Jeremy Zechar (PhD 2008).
  - External PhD reviewer: Christopher Mathews (ANU, 2021), Angela Maria Gomez Garcia (U Medellin, 2020), Juliane Dannberg (GFZ Potsdam, 2016), Raquibul Hassan (U Sydney, 2016), Rene Gassmöller (GFZ Potsdam, 2014), and Sabin Zahirovic (U Sydney, 2014).
  - Member of the Board, International Graduate School, Department of Earth Sciences, Universita di Roma TRE, 2014–2022.
- Post-docs:
  - Xiaozhuo Wei (with Mao, 2025–)
  - Chao Song (2024–)
  - Kaixuan Kang[173,174] (2023–2025; Assistant Professor, Tongji University, Shanghai)
  - Chuanming Liu[162,172] (2023–2025; Assistant Professor, University of Missouri)
  - Junlin Hua[149,164,168] (2022–2024; Assistant Professor, USTC Hefei, China)
  - Antoniette Grima[157] (2020–2022; Assistant Professor, University of Glasgow)
  - Eivind Straume[155,165] (2021–2023; Post-doc, University of Oslo)
  - Silvia Brizzi[141] (2020–2022; Post-Doc, Università di Roma TRE)
  - Rob Porritt[88,100,124,140] (2017–2019; Research Geophysicist, Sandia).
  - Matt Weller[122] (2016–2019; Assistant Professor, Rennselaer Polytechnical Institute)
  - Lukas Fuchs[122,125,135,147,154] (2016–2018; Research Scientist, Frankfurt University)
  - Attreyee Ghosh[44, 68] (2008–2010; Associate Professor, IISc Bangalore)
  - Boris Kaus[20,31-33,40,62] (2005–2006; Professor, Mainz University)
  - Jules Browaeys[22] (2006; Applied Technology Lead, Petrobras)

- Scientific Editing:
  - Editor. *AGU Advances*, 2020–2029.
  - Editor. *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems ($G^3$)*, 2009–2020.
  - Editor in Chief. *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems ($G^3$)*, 2009–2017.
  - Advisor. *Earth and Space Science Open Archive*, 2018–2019.
  - Editor. *Geophysical Journal International*, 2004–2009.
- National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences
  - Chair, *Standing Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics*, 2019–2024.
  - Member, *Board on Earth Sciences and Resources*, 2019–2024.
  - Member, *Standing Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics*, 2015–2024.
- Advisory and Visiting Board Service
  - Vice-chair (2026–), member (2023–), Scientific Advisory Council, GFZ Potsdam.
  - Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, DFG Priority Program *DEFORM: Plate Deformation and Geohazards at the Eastern Margin of the Adriatic Plate*, 2026 –.
  - Member, Review Committee, *Earthquake Research Institute*, University of Tokyo, 2022.
  - Proposal Evaluation Committees:
    - German Science Foundation (DFG), 2017.
    - National Science Foundation, 2005, 2010–2012.
    - USGS, *National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program*, 2005–2007.
  - Southern California Earthquake Center:
    - Member, Planning Committee, 2009–2015.
    - Working group (co-)leader:
      - *Stress and Deformation Over Time*, 2012–2015.
      - *Lithospheric Architecture and Dynamics*, 2009–2011.
- *Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction* and *SZ4D* initiaves
  - Member, Operation & Planning Committee, *SZ4D*, 2022–2025.
  - Member, MCS Integrative Group, *SZ4D*, 2022–2025.
  - Principal Investigator, *Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction (MCS) Research Collaboration Network (RCN)*, 2018–2024.
  - Member, Steering Committee, *SZ4D RCN*, 2020–2021.
- Nominating and Award Committees:
  - Member, Fellows Committee, AGU Tectonophysics, 2025 –.
  - Chair, Canvassing Committee, AGU SEDI, 2025 –.
  - Member, Augustus Love Medal Committee, EGU, 2023–2026.
  - Member, Nomination Committee, CIG, 2012.
  - Member, Nomination Committee, AGU Tectonophysics, 2009–2010, 2014–2017.
- Contribution to community reports and white papers
  - Member, Writing Committee, *SZ4D Implementation Plan*, 2020–2022.
  - Member, Report Writing Committee, *Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction RCN Megathrust Modeling Workshop Report*, 2019–2020.

- Member, Report Writing Committee, *Modeling Earthquake Source Processes: from Tectonics to Dynamic Rupture*, 2018–2019.
- Member, Report Writing Committee, *Coupling of Tectonic and Surface Processes*, Boulder CO, 2018.
- Member, Report Writing Committee, *The Subduction Zone Observatory Workshop*, 2016–2017.
- Report Reviewer, *Challenges and Opportunities for Research in Earth Surface and Interior*, NASA, 2016.

◦ Workshops and conference organization:

- Chair, *MTMOD Workshop on Cascadia Earthquake System Dynamics*, Austin TX, August 2026.
- Organizing Committee, *CIG TNG Geodynamics Workshop 2025*, Breckenridge CO, 2024–2025.
- Co-Chair, *NNW-MTMOD Workshop on Physics Based Seismic Hazard assessment and Fault Network Modeling Intercomparison*, St Arnaud, New Zealand, August 2025.
- Co-organizer, CIDER-2.0 pre AGU workshop, Washington DC, December 2024.
- Co-organizer, *Geophysical Consequences and Applications of Space Weather*, Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics, National Academy of Sciences, October 2024.
- Co-organizer, *Exploring System Dynamics in the Natural World with AI*, Oslo, Norway, October 2024.
- Co-organizer, MCS-RCN Modeling Collaboratory and Computational Geoscience Workshop, Boston College, July 2024.
- Co-organizer, *Glacial Isostatic Adjustment Within a Heterogeneous and Evolving Earth System*, Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics, National Academy of Sciences, May 2024.
- Co-organizer, *First Joint International Earthquake Science Symposium*, Austin TX, February 2024.
- Chair, *Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Geophysics – Are We Beyond the Black Box?* Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics, National Academy of Sciences, November 2023.
- Megathrust Modeling Framework (MTMOD) Allhands Meetings: Austin TX, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2026; co-organizer: San Diego CA, 2023.
- Organizer, MCS-SZ4D *Computational Solid Earth Science Initiative Coordination Meeting*, Boulder CO, June 2022.
- Co-chair, *Solid Earth Science and Sea Level Change*. Committee on Solid Earth Geophysics, National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC, November 2020.
- Member, Advisory Committee, *Computational Engineering and Science for Safety and Environmental Problems* (COMPSAFE), 2018–2020.
- Co-Chair, *The PLATES Symposium: 30 Years of PLATES*, Jackson School of Geosciences, Austin TX, April 2019.
- Co-Chair and Organizing Committee, Workshop on *Coupling of Tectonic and Surface Processes*, Boulder CO, April 2018.
- Co-chair, *Collaborative Graduate Training Initiatives in High-Performance Computing for the Solid Earth Sciences*. Committee on Seismology and Geodynamics, National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC, April 2016.

- Co-chair, *Southern California Earthquake Center* (SCEC) workshops:
  - *Community Stress Model*: Pomona, January 2019; Palm Springs CA, September 2015; Pomona CA, October 2014; Menlo Park CA, May 2013; Los Angeles CA, October 2012; Palm Springs CA, September 2011.
  - *Community Rheology Model*, Palm Springs CA, September 2015.
- Chair, CIDER *Dynamic Topography Working Group Meeting*, Boulder CO, April 2015.
- Program Committee Member, *Structure and Dynamics of the Oceanic Lithosphere/Asthenosphere System*, Miyagi, Japan, March 2015.
- Chair, *From Mantle to Crust: Continental Formation and Destruction*, CIDER summer school program, Berkeley CA, 2013.
- Chair and Organizer, *1st Southern California Deep Earth Dynamics Symposium*, Los Angeles CA, 2013.
- Program committee, *Chinese-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium*, National Academy of Sciences, 2007–2009.
- Chair, *12th Annual Chinese-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium*, National Academy of Sciences, Kunming, China, September 2009.
- Co-chair, *Advancing Numerical Modeling of Mantle Convection and Lithospheric Dynamics*, Davis CA, July 2008.
- Program Committee for Tectonophysics, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 2004–2005.
- Chair, *Numerical Modeling of Mantle Convection and Lithospheric Dynamics*, Erice, Italy, September 2005.
- Chair, *MYRES-I: Heat, Helium, Hotspots, and Whole Mantle Convection*, San Diego CA, August 2004.

◦ Convener for special sessions, webinars, and workshops:

- *CIG TNG Geodynamics Workshop 2025*.
- *AGU Fall Meeting*, December 2025.
- *Rebuilding the U.S. Geodesy Workforce: A Meeting of Experts*, NAS, Washington DC, December 2024.
- *AGU Fall Meeting*, December 2023.
- *Earthquake Physics and Applications of Machine Learning to Tectonic Faulting*, Rome, Italy, 2023.
- *11*th *ACES (APEC Cooperation for Earthquake Science) International Workshop*, Blenheim, New Zealand, February 2023.
- *MCS-RCN-CIG-CSDMS Computational Geoscience Webinar Series*, January 2021.
- Discussion leader, *SZ4D* SIG, SAGE/GAGE Meeting, August 2021.
- Discussion leader, *Rift2Ridge* Meeting, June 2021.
- *AGU Fall Meeting*, virtual, December 2020.
- *Tracking Environmental Changes Due to COVID-19 Through Remote Sensing*, COSEG, NAS, Washington DC, July 2020.
- 36 special sessions convened before 2020.

◦ Conference student presentation awards service:

- Outstanding student poster award (OSPA) judge: AGU 2008, 2012, 2014. EGU 2014.
- Mentor, AGU OSPA Union eLightning Presentation participants, 2017.

- Summer schools, capacity building, and short courses:
  - Lecturer, *Tectonics and Geodynamics* short course, University of São Paulo, Brazil, November 2024.
  - Organizer and Convenor, *Megathrust Modeling Framework (MTMOD) Summer School on The Japanese Earthquake System*, Austin TX, August 2023.
  - Organizer and Instructor, *Megathrust Modeling Framework (MTMOD) Summer School on Time-Dependent Seismic Hazard*, Austin TX, August 2022.
  - Instructor, *Internal Earth* Doctoral Training, Barcelonette, France, October 2019.
  - Steering Committee, SCEC-ERI Tokyo *Summer School on Earthquake Science*, 2013–2015.
  - *Cooperative Institute for Dynamic Earth Research* (CIDER) program engagement:
    - Advisory Committee, 2013–2017; 2024–2025.
    - Summer School involvement
      - *Subduction Dynamics*, Berkeley CA, 2017 (instructor),
      - *Flow in the Deep Earth*, Santa Barbara CA, 2016 (instructor),
      - *From Mantle to Crust: Continental Formation and Destruction*, Berkeley CA, 2013 (chair),
      - *Dynamics of Mountain Building*, Berkeley CA, 2011 (instructor),
      - *Water and Volatiles in the Earth's Mantle and Core*, Santa Barbara CA, 2010 (instructor).
  - Summer short course on *Mapping and Modeling Earth Science Data*, Rome, 2012.
  - Summer short course on *Subduction Zone Modeling*, Rome, 2011.

- Teaching innovations:
  - Textbook *Tectonic Geodynamics* (Becker & Faccenna, Princeton University Press, 2025), a new perspective on the solid Earth system, pp. 841.
  - At the University of Texas at Austin (UT GEOL codes in parentheses):
    - Created new grad seminar *Frontiers of Earthquake Physics* (291, Fall 2025).
    - Co-created new undergraduate class *Lab to Planet* (with Flemings; 2023–2025), recipient of the UT *Knebel Award* for Teaching Innovation, 2025. Tabletop physics and computer experiment based experiental learning class, with all Jupyter Notebook Python modeling exercises available at GitHub.
    - Created new grad seminar *Global Planetary Dynamics* (391, Fall 2020).
    - Created new grad seminar *Physics and Chemistry of the Mantle* (with Grand and Lin; 391, Fall 2019).
    - Created new undergrad/grad class *Tectonic Geodynamics* (with Faccenna; 371T/391, 2019–2021; 2022, writing flag added in 2023).
    - Created new undergrad class *Sustaining a Planet* (with Gardner and Mohrig; 302P/J, 2018–2022).
    - Revised general education class *Introduction to Geology* (303, Spring 2017).
    - Created new undergrad/grad class *Introduction to Geodynamics* (371T/391, Fall 2017).
  - At the University of Southern California, Los Angeles (USC GEOL codes in parentheses, 2004–2016):
    - Revised general education class *Crises of a Planet* (108).
    - Revised geophysics section of undergrad class *Engineering Geology* (305L).
    - Revised undergrad class *Geophysics* (440), including addition of new applied geophysics field work component in Death Valley.

- New undergrad class *Data Analysis in the Earth and Environmental Sciences* (425, with Emile-Geay).
- New graduate class *Lithospheric Deformation* (534, with Platt).
- New graduate class *The Mantle System* (540).
- New graduate class *Numerical Modeling of Earth Systems* (577, with Kaus). ( 222p. lecture notes and Matlab exercises)
- New graduate class *Inverse Theory in the Earth Sciences* (558).
- New graduate seminars on
  - *Subduction* (with Miller, Spring 2012),
  - *Plate Tectonics Over Time* (Fall 2006),
  - *The Deep Earth* (Spring 2009), and
  - *Strain Localization* (Fall 2009).

◦ Computing, visualization, and teaching in Earth Systems Science:
- Lead developer for open source solid Earth science software, GitHub.com/thwbecker, 2013–.
- Member, CIG Mantle convection and Lithospheric Dynamics working groups, 2010–2015.
- Project leader, open source project *Unified Earth Science Computing Environment* (UGESCE), www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/external/becker/ugesce.html, 2012–2016.
- Project leader, open source project *Solid Earth Research and Teaching Environment* (SEATREE), 2008–2016.
- Proposal Writing Committee for *Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics* (CIG-II), 2008–2009.
- Project leader, open source project *iGMT*, www-udc.ig.utexas.edu/external/becker/igmt/, 1999–2009.

◦ Other outreach and community activities
- Host, RTX Undergraduate Research Experience, Jackson School of Geosciences, Summer 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023.
- Guest speaker, Science class, Lamar Middle School, Austin TX, May 2022.
- Austin Unified School District: Recorded video lecture series for AISD TV for K12 instruction in Plate Tectonics, October 2020.
- Applicant evaluation committee, *Geodynamics of the Lithosphere and Deep Earth* REU program, 2016, 2017.
- Guest lecturer, Computer Science Curriculum, Cate High School, Carpinteria CA, November 2014.
- Art Gallery tour leader, *Michael Heizer: Actual Size*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, September 2012.
- Co-Founder and steering committee, *Meeting of Young Researchers in the Earth Sciences (MYRES)*, 2002–2005.
- Fieldtrip Leader, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, 1999–2001.
- Departmental representative to the Graduate Student Council, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, 1998–2000.
- Web site maintenance for dissemination of research products such as developed software, and sharing of scientific visualizations, *e.g.* for popular science applications (used by museums and *Discover Magazine*, for example), 1997–

- Journal reviewer for *Nature*, *Nature Geosc.*, *Nature Comm.*, *Science*, *Science Adv.*, *Geology*, *Earth Planet. Sci. Lett.*, *Tectonics*, *Geophys. J. Int.*, *J. Geophys. Res. - Solid Earth*, *G-Cubed*, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, *Phys. Earth Planet. Int.*, *Tectonophys.*, *Lithosphere*, *Pure Appl. Geophys.*, *J. Geodynam.*, and *Adv. Geophys.*.
- Proposal reviewer for U.S. agencies: National Science Foundation (Geophysics, Tectonics, CSEDI, GeoPRISMS, MG&G, IES/CD, EarthScope, OCE, Geoinformatics, MRI, and CMG), NASA, Department of Energy Office of Science, United States Geological Survey, and the US-Civilian Research & Development Foundation.
- Proposal reviewer for international agencies and foundations: European Research Council (ERC), IODP, UK Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Humboldt Foundation, German Science Foundation (DFG), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Agence National de la Recherche (France), Norwegian Science Foundation, Swiss Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, Czech Science Foundation, Canada's NSERC, ETH Zurich Research Commission, Netherland's NWO, Austria's FWF, The Royal Society of New Zealand, The Marsden Fund, and the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research.
- Book and chapter reviewer for Cambridge University Press and Elsevier.

- The University of Texas at Austin
  - Member, Jackson School of Geosciences Dean Search Committee (2025)
  - UT Tower Fellows Program: Member, Academic Council (2025 –), Faculty Mentor (2024 –)
  - Member, Vice Provost for Research, Limited Submission Proposal Review Panel (2021, 2022, 2023)
  - Member, Vice Provost for Research, Proposal Review Panel (2020, 2025)
- Jackson School of Geosciences, UT Austin
  - Member, GSC Ad-hoc Committee on Advisor-Advisee Relations (2025)
  - Member, GSC Ad-hoc Committee on Parental Accommodations (2020–2021)
  - Chair, PLATES-4D Post-Doc Search Committee (2020)
  - Member, Promotion and Appointments Committee (2016–2019)
  - Member, UTIG Director Search Committee (2018–2019)
  - Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2016–)
- Institute for Geophysics, UT Austin
  - Member, UTIG Visitor Program Committee (2024 – )
  - Member, Annual Performance Evaluation Committee (2018–2019, 2026–)
  - Chair, Ad hoc Promotion Committee (2026)
  - Member, Three Mentoring Committees (2020–)
  - Member, Technical Staff Evaluation Committee, (2023–)
  - Third Year Review Committees: Chair (2021, 2024), Member (2019–2020, 2025)
  - Promotion Committees: Chair (2018, 2020), Member (2024)
  - Research Professor Search Committees: Member (2021–2022, 2023–2024)
  - Chair, Earthquake Hazards Post-doc Committee (2023–2024)
  - Chair, UTIG Endowed Post-doctoral Fellowship Committee (2021–2023)
  - Member, Awards Committee (2019–2025)
  - Member, HPCC Committee (2016–2025)
  - Chair, Computational Scientist Search Committees (2018–2019, 2020)
  - Chair, UTIG Mentoring Committee (2016–2019)
  - Member, Seminar Committee (2016–2019)
  - Chair, *Eleanor Picard Staff Excellence Award* Committee (2017)
  - Awards:
    - *UTIG Outstanding Researcher Award*, 2023
    - *UTIG Director's Circle of Excellence*: 2016, 2017, 2021, 2026

- Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS), UT Austin
  - Chair, Third Year Review Committee (2025–2026)
  - Comprehensive Tenure Review: Chair (2024), Member (2025)
  - Tenure Committee: Lead (2022–2023), Member (2017)
  - Faculty searches: Chair: Structural Geology (2017–2018); Co-chair, Computational Geoscience (2026–, 2024–2025); Member: Geophysics (2019, 2024), General (2022–2023)
  - Member, Mentoring Committee (four faculty; 2021–2025, 2024–, 2025–, 2026–)
  - Member, Department Name Change Committee (2021–2022)
  - Associate Chair (Member of Executive Committee, 2016–2018)
  - Endowed Chairs and Professors Committee, Member (2018–2025)
  - Executive Committee, Program lead for *Lithosphere and Deep Earth (LDE)* (2016–2018)
  - Peer teaching reviewer (2018–2019, 2020)
  - Chair, Annual Evaluation Committee for LDE (2016–2018)
  - Awards:
    - *Knebel Award for Teaching Innovation*, 2025
- Bureau of Economic Geology
  - Interviewer, Texnet Post-doc position (2022)
  - Interviewer, Center for Integrated Seismicity Research PI (2019)
  - Interviewer, RA Seismologist Search Committee (2018)
- Department of Earth Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
  - Member, Tenure Committees (2013, 2014, 2015)
  - Member, Merit Review Committee (2010, 2015)
  - Member, USC Earth Sciences Development delegation (2014)
  - Member, Faculty Promotion Committee (2013)
  - Chair, Climate Initiative Committee (2012–2013)
  - Faculty Searches: Member Geophysics (2013–2014), Lithospheric Dynamics (2011–2012), Climate Dynamics (2009–2010), Geophysics (2007–2008); Chair Geophysics (2006–2007)
  - Member of two Faculty Mentoring Committees (2011–2015)
  - Member, Dean's *College 2020* proposal evaluation panel (2009, 2011)
  - Chair, Computing Committee (2008–2016)
  - Undergraduate program adviser (2009)
  - Member, Chair Search Advisory Committee (2006)
  - Member, Merit Review committee (2006)
  - Representative at *UNAVCO* (2006–2016)
  - Member, Computing Committee (2004–2008)
  - Representative at the *Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics* (2004–2016)

- *Tectonic Geodynamics* (UT GEO 350L/398L): S19, S20, S21 (with Faccenna), S22, S25, S26
  Introduction to structural geology, tectonics, and lithospheric geodynamics for undergraduate majors and grad students. Textbook: Becker & Faccenna (Princeton University Press, 2025).
- *Earth from Lab to Planet* (UT GEO 315L with Flemings): S24, S25, S26
  Hands-on undergraduate class on how we can use lab and computer experiments to get at the laws how things deform and upscale this to our planet. (UT *Knebel* Award for Teaching Innovation).
- *Frontiers of Earthquake Physics* (UT GEO 291, with Zia and Bolton): F25
  Graduate seminar and research discussion on selected topics in earthquake source physics and plate boundary dynamics.
- *Physics of Earth* (UT GEO 354/384D): S24
  Undergraduate major and grad class providing an introduction to the theoretical and observational fundamentals for an understanding of how the solid Earth works.
- *Crisis of a Planet* (UT GEO 302P/J): S18, S19, S20, S21, S22 (with Gardner and Mohrig)
  General education undergraduate class on all aspects of natural hazards.
- *Geoscientific data analysis using UNIX and GMT*: S21
  Short course on UNIX, shell scripts, programming, data analysis and visualization with focus on geoscience applcations.
- *Global Solid Earth Dynamics* (UT GEO 391): F20
  Graduate seminar on terrestrial planet and exoplanet mantle, climate, and biosphere coevolution, from the geodynamo to the carbon cycle.
- *Physics and Chemistry of the Mantle* (UT GEO 391): F19 (with Grand and Lin)
  Graduate seminar on deep mantle dynamics and chemistry.
- *Introduction to Geodynamics* (UT GEO 371T/391): F17
  Introduction to mantle and lithospheric geodynamics for undergraduate majors and grad students.
- *Introduction to Geology* (UT GEO 303): S17 (with Shanahan)
  General education undergraduate class on all aspects of Geology.
- *Crisis of a Planet* (USC GEOL108): F11 (with Berelson), F12, F13, F14, F15 (with Miller)
  General education undergraduate class on natural hazards and global change.
- *Engineering Geology* (USC GEOL305L): S07, S09, S10, S12, S13, S14, S15 (all with Davis and Hammond)
  Non-major undergraduate class on the solid Earth with focus on hazards and mitigation.
- *Introduction to Geophysics* (USC GEOL440): S05, S14, S16
  Advanced undergraduate and introductory grad class, includes applied geophysics field trip (seismics and gravity methods).
- *Data analysis in the Earth Sciences* (USC GEOL425): F09 (with Emile-Geay)
  Introduction to statistics, inverse theory, and time-series analysis for advanced undergraduates and graduate students.
- *Introductory Graduate Seminar* (USC GEOL505): F11
  Introduction to research methods and general academic skills including proposal and presentation preparation.

- *Mechanics of Lithospheric Deformation* (USC GEOL534): S06, F07, F09, F11, F14 (all with Platt)
  Introductory graduate class on the mechanics and dynamics of the lithosphere and mantle.
- *The Mantle System* (USC GEOL540): S09
  Advanced graduate class on the dynamics and structure of the deep Earth.
- *Numerical Modeling of Earth Systems* (USC GEOL557): F05 (with Kaus), F08, S13, S16
  Avanced graduate class on PDE and ODE solution methods with extensive programming exercises focusing on finite difference and element methods ( 222p. lecture notes).
- *Subduction* (USC GEOL599): S12 (with Miller)
  Graduate seminar on the dynamics and structure of subduction zones with focus on data rich environments like USArray imaged North America, Japan, and China.
- *Plate tectonics over time* (USC GEOL599): F06
  Graduate seminar on geological, petrological, and geophysical constraints on Earth's heat loss dynamics over the last four billion years.
- *Strain localization* (USC GEOL599): F09 (with Ben-Zion)
  Graduate seminar on the role of brittle and ductial damage and grain-size dependent rheologies for the formation of plate boundaries.
- *Geophysics Seminar* (USC GEOL609): F05, S06, S07 (all with Ben-Zion)
  Graduate seminar on the physics of earthquakes, faults and plate boundaries.
- *The Global Economy 2030* (USC IR331): F13, F14, F15 (guest lectures)
  Regular guest lecture in International Relations class.
- *Mapping and Modeling Earth Science Data* (June 2012)
  International short course on computing, UNIX, programming, and visualization as well as analysis of geographic data. Part of the Geodynamics Graduate School at the Universitá di Roma TRE.
- *Subduction zone modeling* (April 2011)
  International short course on modeling of slab dynamics on regional on global scales. Part of the Geodynamics Graduate School at the Universitá di Roma TRE.
- *Short courses on scientific computing, programming, and mapping* (Su05, F06, Su09, S12)
  Introduction to computing, UNIX, programming, and visualization and analysis of geographic data.

## FUNDING HISTORY

- Current support (local components for multi-institution proposals):
  - *Integrated Models of Sea Level, Glacial Dynamics, and Isostatic Adjustment accounting for non-Newtonian Mantle Convection: Solid Earth-Cryosphere Interactions in Antarctica*
    NSF, OPP-2535449, $299,263, PI, co-PI Kang. 09/2026 – 08/2029.
  - *A probabilistic fault system model based on a cross-validated, second-order damage evolution framework*
    NSF, EAR-2612741, $425,00, PI, co-PI: Jia. 08/2026 – 07/2029.
  - *JSG Rapid Response: Continuous seismic observations of the ongoing Kīlauea eruption*
    Jackson School of Geosciences, UT Austin, $33,000, co-PI, with S. Mao (PI), 01/2026–01/2027.

- *CAIG: A Bayesian Inference Framework for Learning Earthquake Cycle Deformation Processes Across Scales via Novel Neural Operators*
  NSF, RISE-2425922, $832,277, co-PI, with O. Ghattas (PI) and T. O'Leary-Roseberry. 09/2024–08/2027.
- *Collaborative Research: Toward an integrated modeling framework for physics-based estimates of megathrust rupture potential*
  NSF, EAR-2121666, $1,866,458 (UT portion). PI, co-PIs: Gabriel, Ghattas, Han, Johnson, Lavier, May, Trugman, Wallace, 09/2021–08/2026.
- *Collaborative Research: Vertical signatures of lithospheric deformation in the western US*
  NSF, EAR-2045292, $358,157. Co-PI, with K. Johnson (PI), 08/2021 - 07/2026.

◦ Past support:

- *Collaborative Research: Consequences of flat slab subduction on the chemical, structural, and dynamic evolution of continental lithosphere*
  NSF, EAR-1925939, $1,137,854. Co-PI, with L. Wagner (PI), C. Till, and B. Horton, 09/2019–08/2025.
- *Collaborative Research: Structure and depth extent of lithospheric shear zones surrounding continental transform faults*
  NSF, EAR-1927216, $300,800. PI, with V. Schulte-Pelkum (co-PI), 10/2019–09/2024.
- *RCN: Planning for a Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction Zone Science*
  NSF, EAR-1824343, $400,000. PI. 09/2018–09/2024.
- *Collaborative Research: Resolving earth structure influence on ice-sheet stability in the Wilkes Subglacial Basin (RESISSt)*
  NSF, EAR-19214743, $114,952. Co-PI, with P. Winberry (PI), A. Aschwanden, and S. E. Hansen, 08/2020–07/2024.
- *Global plate tectonics and mantle convection with damage memory*
  NSF, EAR-1853856, $375,000. PI. 03/2019–02/2024.
- *Building a viscous mantle rheology model for Southern California constrained by tomography and postseismic deformation*
  NSF/USGS-SCEC. $13,000. Co-PI, with K. Johnson (PI), 02/2020–01/2021.
- *Collaborative Research: RAPID: Using the M6.4-7.1 Ridgecrest, CA Earthquake sequence to test a postseismic stress evolution monitoring system*
  NSF, EAR-1944717, $14,000. Co-PI, with K. Johnson (PI). 08/2019–07/2020.
- *Collaborative Research: Multi-scale models of subduction zone earthquake cycle observations*
  NSF, EAR-1722680, $233,467. PI, co-PIs L. Lavier and A. Freed. 07/2017–06/2020.
- *Interpreting crustal and lithospheric structure in the Eastern California Shear Zone underneath the Mojave Broadband Array*
  NSF/USGS-SCEC. $22,000. PI, with V. Schulte-Pelkum (co-PI), 02/2019–01/2020.
- *Geophysical fingerprinting of GPS time series in the western United States: Toward an integrated crustal deformation model*
  NASA, OSP 201601412-001, $523,619. PI. 06/2016–07/2020.
- *Computing 3-D viscoelastic Greens functions using SCEC Community Models and large-scale, high fidelity finite element models*
  NSF/USGS-SCEC. $17,500. co-PI, with K. Johnson (PI). 02/2019–01/2019.
- *Collaborative deployment of UTIG seismometers in the Eagle Ford Play (South Texas)*
  University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology. $86,641. PI. 09/2018–12/2019.

- *Coupling interior and surface deformation of ice shells*
  NASA Solar System Workings Program, $147,105, co-PI with K. Soderlund (PI) and L. Lavier (co-PI). 01/2018–12/2018.
- *Collaborative Research: Shear-wave splitting and mantle dynamics of the North American plate*
  NSF-EarthScope, EAR-1460479, $150,485. Co-PI, with K. Liu (PI). 07/2015–06/2019.
- *Workshop on coupling of tectonic and surface processes across spatio-temporal scales*
  NSF, EAR-1746021, $95,152. Co-PI, with L. Lavier (PI) and M. Behn, 09/2017–08/2018.
- *Deep Fault Structure Beneath the Mojave from a High Density, Passive Seismic Profile*
  NSF/USGS-SCEC. $22,000. Co-PI, with W. Behr (PI), 05/2017 – 04/2018.
- *Earth-Life Transitions: Linked geochemical/biotic response to massive volcanic $CO_2$ injection during the Triassic-Jurassic mass extinction*
  NSF, EAR-1338329, $700,000. Co-PI, with F. A. Corsetti (PI), A. J. West, N. M. Levine, and D. J. Bottjer. 08/2013–07/2017.
- *Transitions in the Banda Arc-Australia continental collision as a bridge to understanding mantle and lithospheric controls on surface tectonics*
  NSF-Geophysics/Tectonics, EAR-1250214, $715,000. Co-PI, with M. S. Miller (PI) and J. West. 07/2013–06/2016.
- *Anticipating SCEC5: Towards a Community Rheology Model (CRM) of the Southern California Lithosphere*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $10,000. PI L. Hearn, co-PIs: Becker, Y. Fialko, G. Fuis, G. Hirth, W. Thatcher, 02/2015–01/2016.
- *Reprocessing and geophysical fingerprinting of vertical GPS time series in Southern California: Toward an integrated crustal deformation model*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. PI A. Borsa, co-PI: Becker, 02/2015–01/2016.
- *Multi-scale stress and strain-rate model analysis for Southern California*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $21,000. PI, 02/2015–01/2016.
- *Lithospheric System Dynamics Graduate Student Scholarship Support Sustaining Chevron-USC Earth Sciences Research Collaboration*. CW994042. Chevron, $90,000, PI. 08/2014–to 12/2015.
- *Estimating global subduction mass transport*
  NSF-Geophysics. EAR-1215720, $301,618. PI. 09/2012–08/2015.
- *Collaborative Research: Reorganization of stresses beneath greater Tokyo after the 2011 Tohoku-Oki M9 earthquake*
  NSF-Geophysics, EAR-1215757, $325,146. Co-PI, with D. Okaya (PI) and A. Freed (Purdue). 07/2012–06/2015.
- *Community Stress Model (CSM) Workshop*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $12,000. co-PI, with J. Hardebeck et al., 02/2014 – 01/2015.
- *Multi-scale observations of seismic anisotropy as a constraint for stress and deformation along the San Andreas Fault*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. co-PI, PI: M. S. Miller, 02/2014–01/2015.
- *2014 SCEC/ERI summer school on Earthquake System Modeling*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $40,000. PI, co-PIs: T. Jordan, G. Beroza, 02/2014 –01/2015.
- *Workshop: Crustal Deformation Modeling*
  NSF-USGS/SCEC, $10,000. co-PI, with B. Aagaard et al., 02/2014–01/2015.

– *Embedded geodynamic stress model of the Southern California crust*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. PI, co-PI: T. Parsons, 02/2014–01/2015.
– *Continued study of fault mechanics and structure during laboratory stick-slip experiments*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. PI, with C. Sammis. 02/2013–01/2014.
– *Weakening, strain localization, and the deep structure of the San Andreas Transform system*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $27,000. co-PI, with J. P. Platt (PI). 02/2013–01/2014.
– *Community Stress Model Web Interface*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. PI, with J. Hardebeck. 02/2013–01/2014.
– *PICASSO: Program to Investigate Convective Alboran Sea System Overturn*
NSF–Continental Dynamics, EAR-0809023, $275,000. Co-PI, with J. P. Platt and M. S. Miller, 10/2008–12/2013.
– *CAREER: Using Upper Mantle Circulation Models to Evaluate the Role of the Asthenosphere:Tectosphere Contrast and Subduction Dynamics for Global Plate Tectonics*
NSF–Geophysics, EAR-0643365, $511,291. PI. 01/2007–12/2012.
– *Steps in lithospheric thickness: Investigating strain localization at major strike slip faults in Southern California*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. Co-PI, with M.S. Miller and J. Dolan. 02/2012–01/2013.
– *Fault mechanics and structure during laboratory stick-slip experiments: Can we infer fault properties and stress from acoustic emission statistics?*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. PI, with C. Sammis. 02/2012–01/2013.
– *Stress transfer and the structure of lithospheric fault zones?*
NSF-USGS/SCEC, $30,000. Co-PI, with J. P. Platt. 02/2012–01/2013.
– *Collaborative Research: Geodynamic implications of imaged upper mantle heterogeneity beneath the Western United States*
NSF EAR-0910985, $156,124, PI, with E. Humphreys, 09/2009–08/2012.
– *Characterizing fault roughness evolution using acoustic emission and micro-structural analysis of frictional sliding experiments*
NSF/USGS–Southern California Earthquake Center, $20,000. PI, with D. Schorlemmer and G. Dresen. 02/2011–01/2012.
– *Collaborative Research: Thermochemical Models of Mantle Dynamics and Plate Motions*
NSF-Geophysics, EAR-0930046, $88,885. Co-PI, with B. Buffett. 08/2009–07/2012.
– *Bookshelf slip on rotating panels of sinistral faults within the San Andreas Transform system: Can we see the geodetic signal?*
NSF/USGS–Southern California Earthquake Center, $15,000. Co-PI, with Platt. 02/2010–01/2011.
– *Network Inversion Filter with Multiscale Dynamics*
NSF/USGS–Southern California Earthquake Center, $10,000. PI, with Ghanem, 02/2010–01/2011.
– *Multi-Disciplinary Experiments for Dynamic Understanding of Subduction under the Aegean Sea (MEDUSA)*
NSF–Continental Dynamics, EAR-0633879, $132,760. Co-PI, with L. Royden, 08/2004–07/2009.
– *The 3-D strain-rate field in California and its implications for seismic hazard*
USGS-NEHRP, G09AP00005, $71,113. PI. 01/2009–12/2009.
– *Continued Modeling of Southern California Geodynamics in 3-D: Visco-plastic Models of Fault Loading and Crustal Stress*

NSF/USGS–Southern California Earthquake Center, $35,000. PI. 02/2009–01/2010.

- *Seismological and Geodynamic Investigations of Mantle Anisotropy*
  NSF–Geophysics, EAR-0509722, $212,829. PI. 07/2005–12/2008.
- *Continued Modeling of Southern California Geodynamics in 3-D: Visco-plastic Models of Fault Loading and Crustal Stress*
  NSF/USGS–Southern California Earthquake Center, $35,000. PI. 02/2008–01/2009.
- *Continued Analysis of Small-scale Strain Patterns Associated with Southern California Earthquakes*
  NSF/USGS–SCEC, $21,000. PI. 02/2007–01/2008.
- *A 3-D Visco-plastic Model of Instantaneous Lithospheric Deformation in Southern California*
  NSF/USGS–SCEC, $30,000. PI. 02/2007–01/2008.
- *Continued Analysis of Spatio-Temporal Strain Patterns Associated with Southern California Earthquakes*
  NSF/USGS–SCEC, $20,000. PI. 02/2006–01/2007.
- *Toward a Comprehensive Model of Mantle Flow and Seismic Anisotropy in the Western U.S.: Using Mineral Physics to Directly link Geodynamics and Seismology*
  NSF–Collaborative Study of Earth's Deep Interior, $56,940. Co-PI, with D. Blackman. 10/2004–09/2006.
- *Analysis of Spatio-Temporal Strain Patterns Associated with Southern California Earthquakes*
  NSF/USGS–SCEC, $20,000. PI. 02/2005–01/2006.
- *Meeting of Young Researchers in the Earth Sciences MYRES: A Conference Series and Community Development Initiative*
  NSF-EAR, $63,180. PI. 2004–2006.
- Ph. D. Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service. PI. 1998–2001.