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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Origin and evolution of solid body surfaces and interiors from observations and geophysical modelling.

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

- Used gravity and topography to probe the internal structures of Titan, Rhea and Enceladus
- Proposed reorientation to explain the locations of the hot spot on Enceladus and Sputnik Planitia on Pluto
- Proposed a link between plate tectonics and the presence/absence of a dynamo on Mars, Venus and the Earth

EMPLOYMENT

2011-	Professor, UCSC
2007-2011	Associate Professor, UCSC
2005-2007	Assistant Professor, UCSC
2002-2005	Adjunct Assistant Professor, UCLA
2001-2004	Royal Society University Research Fellow, University College London
1999-2001	Visitor, California Institute of Technology
1998-2001	Junior Research Fellow, Magdalene College, Cambridge University
1997-1998	Post-doctoral research assistant, Cambridge University

EDUCATION

1993-1996	Ph.D. Cambridge University (supervisor: Dan McKenzie)
1990-1993	BA Geological sciences (1 st class honours), Cambridge University

AWARDS

2020	Elected to the US National Academy of Sciences
2019	Harold Jeffreys lectureship, Royal Astronomical Society
2018	Paolo Farinella prize
2015	Overseas visiting scholarship, St John's College, Cambridge
2011	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Visiting Fellow
2011	Merle A. Tuve Visiting Fellow, Carnegie Institute of Washington
2007	Macelwane medal, American Geophysical Union
2007	Urey prize, Division of Planetary Sciences, American Astronomical Society
2001	President's Award, Geological Society of London
1993-1996	Shell PhD Scholarship

SPACECRAFT MISSION INVOLVEMENT

2018-2022	<i>InSight</i> Participating Scientist
2015- present	Member on E-THEMIS, REASON, EIS and Radio Science teams for <i>Europa Clipper</i>
2014- present	<i>New Horizons</i> embedded collaborator
2012-2017	<i>Cassini</i> Participating Scientist
2012-2016	GRAIL Participating Scientist

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2022-present	Planetary sub-section lead, National Academies' Section 16
2022-present	Team member on four New Frontiers spacecraft mission proposals
2022	External Review Committee, Weizmann Institute, Israel
2021-2023	Steering Committee Member, National Academies' Planetary Decadal Survey
2019-present	Editor, <i>AGU Advances</i>
2018-2021	<i>InSight</i> Data Processing Working Group Chair.
2016-2019	Editor, <i>Icarus</i>
2015-2017	Interiors Working Group Co-Chair, <i>Europa Clipper</i>
2014	External Review Committee, Purdue Earth, Atmos. & Planetary Sciences Dept.
2009-2011	National Academies' Planetary Decadal Survey member (Satellites panel)
2008-2011	NASA Joint Jupiter Science Definition Team
2007	NASA Enceladus Science Definition Team
2006-2009	Member, National Academies' Committee on Planetary and Lunar Exploration
2003-2015	Associate Editor, <i>J. Geophys. Res. Planets</i>
2003-present	Series Editor, Cambridge University Press Planetary Science series

RECENT INVITED TALKS/SEMINARS

2023	IUGG, Berlin (keynote)
2023	UCLA Earth & Space Sciences
2023	Enceladus Focus Group
2023	Caltech Geological & Planetary Sciences
2022	Max Planck Institute, Goettingen
2022	Multi-Messenger Tomography of the Earth meeting (remote)
2022	Breakthrough Discuss (novel spacecraft architectures)
2022	ISSI Berne workshop on Saturn dissipation (remote)
2022	Princeton icy moons workshop (remote)
2021	KISS Institute workshop on geodesy (remote)
2021	Habitable Worlds conference (remote)
2020	Caltech Geological & Planetary Sciences
2020	Weizmann Institute, Israel
2020	Hebrew University, Israel
2020	Rocky Worlds, Cambridge UK
2019	Macau State Key Laboratory for Planetary Sciences, China
2019	U.C. Berkeley Dept. Earth & Planetary Sciences
2019	South-West Research Institute, Colorado
2019	Pluto After New Horizons, Applied Physics Laboratory
2019	NASA Ames Research Centre
2019	Stony Brook University Dept. Geosciences
2019	American Museum of Natural History
2019	University of British Columbia, Dept. Earth, Ocean & Atmos. Sciences

PHD STUDENTS/POSTDOCS ADVISED

Students: Reid Parsons, Erinna Chen, Charles Barnhart, Tina Dwyer, Naor Movshovitz, Doug Hemingway, Carver Bierson, Jack Conrad, Nick Zube, Coby Abrahams, Szilard Gyalay, Brynna Downey, Nathan McGregor, Kara Jaramillo

Post-docs: James Roberts, Ke Zhang, Guillaume Robuchon, Jonathan Besserer, Shun Kamata, ZhenLiang Tian, Laurent Pou, Ben Idini

PUBLICATIONS (⁺ indicates graduate student, [^] post-doc)

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