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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH

Terrestrial planetary formation and subsequent planetary evolution. Creation of effective interdisciplinary teams, setting culture, maximizing discovery, and surviving crises, in organizations from startups to mega-projects. Inquiry and exploration learning and the reformation of education for the Information Age.

Research Achievements

- The evolution of planetesimals includes partially differentiated and other complex compositional structures, explaining physical and compositional observations from meteorites and asteroids.
- The Siberian flood basalts caused the end-Permian extinction: The flood basalts erupted most of their volume before the end-Permian extinction occurred; the magmatism released carbon, sulfur, and halocarbons sufficient to drive catastrophic global climate change; the flood basalts began with a world-record volume of volcanoclastics, many erupted as tuffs and burning a significant coal volume.
- Rocky planets are born habitable: Magma ocean stages of terrestrial planet formation retained sufficient water to create habitable planets without additional water delivery (though that is inevitable as well), and the silicate differentiation produced by magma ocean solidification creates successful predictions about current-day Moon, Earth, Mercury, and Mars.
- Drip magmatism: Lithospheric gravitational instabilities heat, melt, and produce magmatism while they sink into the mantle; verified in Chile, in Tibet, in the Sierra Nevada, and in east Africa.
- The productivity of research questions can be rated using a rubric and scored successfully by artificial intelligence.

Leadership Achievements

- Led the Psyche mission team in NASA competition with 27 other mission proposals, resulting in selection for flight, and now responsible for the ~\$1.2B budget. Tied together ~6 major organizations and a dozen subcontractors to produce the spacecraft; united the science and engineering teams.
- Brought the ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration to #1 in the NSF HERD rankings in our discipline, with >\$65M/year in research expenditures. Maintaining positive culture was a high priority in this group of ~70 faculty with ~350 people on payroll. Between 2014 and 2019, raised the percentage of women faculty from ~10 to ~30%.
- Conceived of and created with ASU President Michael Crow the ASU Interplanetary Initiative, a pan-university effort to create the research and education necessary for a human interplanetary future. Our process for building interdisciplinary teams has produced an 8x return in the form of external grants and gifts following our seed funding of 45 research projects.

EDUCATION

PhD, Geology and Geophysics, MIT, 2002. Advisors: Timothy L. Grove and Bradford H. Hager.

MS, Geochemistry, MIT, 1987. Advisor: Timothy L. Grove.

BS, Geology, MIT, 1987.

EMPLOYMENT

Present: Arizona State University, NASA Psyche mission, and Beagle Learning

Principal Investigator, [NASA Psyche mission](#), 2011 (work began) – 2017 (flight selection) – present (cruise)

ASU Vice President (2021–) of the [Interplanetary Initiative](#), 2017–present

Regents Professor for the State of Arizona, 2021-present

ASU University Professor, 2021 – present

Co-Founder, [Beagle Learning](#), 2015 – present

Managing Director and Co-Chair, Interplanetary Initiative, ASU, 2017 – 2020

Foundation Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration, 2014 – 2020

Director, School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University, 2014 – 2019

Carnegie Institution for Science

Director, Dept. of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution for Science, 2011 – 2014

MIT

Mitsui Assistant Professor of Geology, MIT, 2008 – 2011

Assistant Professor of Geology, MIT, 2007 – 2008

Previous

Research Associate and Senior Research Associate, Brown University, 2002 – 2007

PhD candidate, MIT, 1997 – 2002

Lecturer in Mathematics, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1995 – 1997

Principal, Business Plan Writing, Annapolis, MD, 1990 – 1995

Circulation Analyst, US News & World Report, Washington DC, 1989 – 1990

Interim Publisher, International Wine Review Magazine, Ithaca, NY, 1988 – 1989

Research Associate, Touche Ross & Co., Philadelphia, PA, 1987 – 1988

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (INCLUDING BOOK CHAPTERS AND REVIEWED ENGINEERING CONFERENCE PAPERS)

List available on [Google citations](#).

In bold: Students and postdocs for whom I was primary or secondary advisor on the specific published project.
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Volcanism and Global Environmental Change, (edited volume) Cambridge University Press, 2015, editors A. Schmidt, K. Fristad, L.T. Elkins-Tanton.
The Solar System, a six-book reference series, published by Chelsea House, an imprint of Facts on File, Inc, 1st edition 2006; 2nd edition 2010, L.T. Elkins-Tanton.
The Sun, Mercury, and Venus, The Earth and the Moon, Mars, Asteroids, Meteorites, and Comets, Jupiter and Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, and the Outer Solar System

SPACECRAFT PROPOSAL, REVIEW, AND MISSION INVOLVEMENT

Psyche Discovery mission, Principal Investigator, 2011 – present. Selected for flight as Discovery 14 Jan. 2017.
Mars Sample Caching Strategy Steering Committee member 2020 – 2021.
Standing Review Board for the NASA Europa Clipper flagship mission, 2016 – present.
Europa Lander Tiger Team, 2017.
Europa Clipper Instrument Risk Assessment Team, 2020.
VERITAS Venus orbiter Discovery mission proposal, Co-I, 2010 - 2015. PI: S. Smrekar.
Mars 2020 Rover, Science Definition Team member, 2013.
Athena, SIMPLEX proposal, Co-I 2018, 2020. PI: J. O'Rourke.
SAGE Venus lander, New Frontiers proposal, Co-I, 2010 - 2012. PI: Larry Esposito. Reached Phase A in 2011.
International Lunar Network, Science Definition Team member, 2008.

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Jardezkty Lecture, Columbia University, 2023
The Ørsted Lecture, Danish Technical University, 2023
Mineral elkinstantonite, found in Somali meteorite El Ali by Prof. Chris Herd and colleagues, 2022
The Bownocker Medal and Lecture, The Ohio State University, 2022
Member of the National Academy of Sciences, 2021
NASA Group Achievement Award for outstanding execution and successful completion of the formulation phase of Psyche mission, 2020
Arthur L. Day Prize and Lectureship, National Academy of Sciences, 2020
Fellow of the Meteoritical Society, 2020
Speaker at Chile's Congreso Futuro, 2020
The Flatté Lecture in Science at UC Santa Cruz, 2019
Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2018
Fellow of the American Mineralogical Society, 2017
Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, 2016

Thomas A. Mutch Lecture at Brown University, 2016
Mineralogical Society of America Distinguished Lecturer, 2013-2014
The Goldsmith Lecture, University of Chicago, 2014
The Wilson Lecture, University of Oslo, Norway, 2014
Astor Fellow, Oxford University, 2013, including the inaugural Lobanov Planetary Science Lectureship
Masursky Lecture, Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, 2013
Asteroid (8252) Elkins-Tanton
Lowell Thomas Award from The Explorers Club, 2010
Outstanding MIT Faculty Undergrad Research Mentor Award, 2008-2009
MIT Mitsui Career Development Chair, 2008-2011
NAS Kavli Fellow, Frontiers of Science, U.S. (participant), 2008
NAS Kavli Fellow, Frontier of Science France-US, France (speaker), 2008
National Science Foundation CAREER award, June, 2008
National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate fellowship, 1997-2000
Amelia Earhart graduate fellowships from Xonta International, 1999 and 2000

SERVICE

Aerospace Corporation Center for Space Policy and Strategy Senior Advisory Council member, 2024 – present
A Science Strategy for the Human Exploration of Mars, NAS Consensus Study, Co-Chair with Co-Chair Dava Newman, 2024 – present
National Academies' Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education, Leadership, 2023 – present
National Academies' Committee on International Security and Arms Control member, 2023 – present
Good Growth Capital, Advisor, 2023 – present
AstroForge Inc. Advisor, 2022 – present
Open Lunar board member, 2018 – present
MILO Institute board member, 2018 – present
New Space Editorial Board founding member, 2012 – present

Intelligence Science and Technology Experts Group, Nat'l Academy of Sciences, 2015 – 2024 (program close)
Congreso Futuro, Chile, Advisory Board, 2021 – 2022
The Hague Space Resources Technical Panel, 2018
The Explorers Club Space Advisory Committee member, 2013 – 2016
Centre for Earth Evolution and Dynamics, Oslo, Int'l Advisory Board Member, 2012 – 2017
NAS Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Science (CAPS), 2012 – 2015
Planetary Division of the American Geophysical Union Secretary, 2010 – 2012, President-Elect, 2012 – 2014, President, 2015 – 2016
Flag and Honors Committee, The Explorers Club, 2011 – 2013
Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets Associate Editor, 2010 – 2012
NAS Decadal Survey for Planetary Science, 2009 – 2010, Mars Panel Member

POSTDOCTORAL, GRADUATE, AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS SUPERVISED

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Kaveh Palevan, ASU postdoctoral fellow 2016 – 2018, now at the SETI Institute.
Terrence Blackburn, Carnegie postdoctoral fellow 2012-2014, now associate professor at UC Santa Cruz.
Aaron Scheinberg, MIT Ph.D. 2015, Mantle dynamics and geodynamos in the early solar system, now computational scientist at Jubilee Development in Boston.
Benjamin Black, MIT Ph.D., 2013, Links between the volcanism and atmospheric chemistry, subsequently postdoc at Berkeley, now associate professor at Rutgers.
Jenny Suckale, MIT Ph.D. 2011, Numerical models of bubbles and crystals in magmatic systems, subsequently fellow at Harvard University, now associate professor at Stanford University.
Stephanie Brown Krein, MIT S.B. Thesis 2010, S.M. 2011, now private sector in Boston.
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Romain Meyer, MIT Postdoctoral scholar 2008-2010, now at Service Géologique du Luxembourg.
Sarah Gelman, MIT S.B. Thesis, 2009, Goetze award for best thesis, now geologist at the USGS.
Andrew Thorpe, B.S. Honors Thesis 2004 at Brown University, now research technologist at JPL.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE (NOT INCLUDING TEACHING OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES)

The following ASU courses all used the Beagle question cycle to train students in conducting a literature review, assessing the quality of their sources, asking their own questions, and progressing toward broad knowledge around a specific goal. The courses are driven by the students' questions.

ASU IPI296/496, Online Open Inquiry: Space, Fall 2020, Spring and Fall 2021; Spring and Fall 2022.

ASU IPI296-SES598, What is life and can we detect it on icy moons, Spring 2021

ASU IPI296-SES598, Sustainable Space Exploration, Spring 2020

ASU SES494-591, Human Biosystem in Space, Fall 2019

ASU SES494-591, Planetary Life Detection, Spring 2019

ASU SES494-591, Introduction to Interplanetary Initiative Research, Fall 2018

ASU SES494-591, The Moon After Settlement, Fall 2018

ASU SES494-591, Earth Without Life, Fall 2017

ASU SES494-591, Life on Small Worlds, Fall 2016

ASU SES395, Exploration: The Human Imperative, Spring 2016. Spring 2017.

ASU SES494-591, Detecting Habitable Planets, Fall 2015

MIT 12.001, Introduction to Geology, Spring 2007, Spring 2008. This course is MIT's introduction to geology for undergraduate majors and included a strong lab component. The subject was rated 6.1/7 and I was rated 6.6/7.

MIT 12.472, Building Earth-like planets: From nebular gas to ocean worlds, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2011. A graduate investigation in the current understanding of how planets form and what makes them habitable. The subject was rated 6.7/7 and I was rated 6.5/7.

MIT 12.470, Essentials of Geology, Spring 2009, Spring 2010 This course was an intense, one-semester introduction for physics, math, and engineering students entering Ph.D. programs in Earth and planetary science. The subject was rated 6.3/7 and I was rated 6.7/7.

MIT 21L.A23/12.A41, Catastrophes, tedium, discoveries: When expeditions do science, Fall 2009. This freshman seminar on the historic place of science in exploration covered the *Beagle* and the American Exploration Expedition, as well as space flight and searches for the northwest passage.

Earth and Space Science, a summer course for middle- and high-school science teachers, Summer 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013. Originally funded through my CAREER grant, this course brought secondary-school teachers up to date on the science and integrated the needed math at each step. Assessments were very high, and we attracted teachers from five states.

For two years before beginning my Ph.D. I taught full-time as a lecturer in mathematics at St. Mary's College of Maryland, the University of Maryland's honors college. At St. Mary's I taught ten courses, including general geology, calculus, precalculus, statistics, number theory, and mathematical modeling, and received consistently high teaching assessments even in general service mathematics classes.

RESEARCH CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

Title	Agency	Total Funds	Duration	E-T %	Role
Psyche: Journey to a Metal World	NASA Discovery Program	\$1.2B	2017-2031	6%	PI
Variability and Abundance of Hydration on M-Type Asteroid (16) Psyche: The search for water on the largest metallic asteroid	Space Telescope Foundation	James Webb Space Telescope time in Cycle 1	2022	0%	Co-I with PI S. Jarmak, SwRI
SBIR Phase I: Training Platform and Machine Learning for Faster Team Problem Solving	AFWERX	\$49,998	2020 3 mths	0%	Co-I with PI T. Bohlen, Beagle Learning
SBIR Phase I: Creating the Critical University-to-Workforce Connection: Providing Quantitative Evidence of Collaboration Skills	NSF Education	\$185,500	2019 - 2020	0%	Co-I with PI T. Bohlen, Beagle Learning
Psyche's UV Reflectance Spectra: Exploring the origins of the largest exposed-core metallic asteroid	Space Telescope Foundation	Hubble time allocation	2017	0%	Co-I with PI T. Becker, SwRI
Water from the Heavens: The Origins of Earth's Hydrogen	Keck Foundation	\$1,500,000	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018	3%	Co-I with PI P. Buseck, ASU
Psyche: Mission to a metal world (NNM16AA09C, NNN12AA01C)	NASA	\$3,000,000	11/13/15 – 11/12/16	12%	PI
STEM Education Exploration Connection (NNX16AD79A)	NASA	\$10,183,000	1/1/16 – 1/1/21	50%	PI (later passed to Ariel Anbar)
How strong is the Venusian crust? The roles of trace amounts of water and ductile shear zones	NASA Solar System Workings	\$357,053	7/1/15-6/30/18	0%	Collaborator with PI D. Kohlstedt, U Minn.
Infrastructure for Interdisciplinary Research in Earth and Space Science at the Carnegie Institution (0963396)	NSF ARI	\$1,093,000	9/1/2010 – 9/1/2014	100% for infrastructure	PI from 2011-2014

Collaborative Research: Application of siderophile elements to mantle geodynamics (1160656, 1160728)	NSF CSEDI	\$545,965	5/1/2012 – 4/30/2016	31%	Co-I with PI R. Walker, U MD
ASGARD: Development of a seismometer for planetary applications (NNX10AJ84G)	NASA Planetary Instrumentation Dev.	\$899,919	6/1/10 – 5/30/13	16%	Co-I with PI Draper Labs
Upgrade of the Alliance for Computational Earth Science (ACES) High Performance Computing Facility	NSF EAR Instrumentation and Facilities	\$75,000	5/1/10 – 4/30/11	100% for infrastructure	Co-I with PI B. Hager, MIT
Catastrophes, tedium, discoveries: When expeditions do science	MIT Research Funds	\$16,388	6/1/09 – 6/1/10	50%	Co-I with PI M Fuller, MIT
Lunar volatiles and magma ocean differentiation: Reconciling new results with old ideas (NNX09AM63G)	NASA LASER	\$173,481	7/1/09 – 6/30/12	20%	Co-I with PI M. McCanta, Tufts
Moon as cornerstone to the terrestrial planets: The formative years (NNA09DB34A)	NASA Lunar Institute	\$2,790,282	8/1/2011 – 7/31/2014	100% for shared students	Team member with PI C. Pieters, Brown U., & Institutional PI M. Zuber, MIT
Unusual lavas in Arctic Siberia: Connections to the world's largest volcanic event, the world's largest extinction, and river channels on Venus	MIT Research grant from the Wade fund	\$50,000	7/1/08 – 6/30/09	100%	PI
Collaborative research: The Siberian Traps and the end-Permian extinction: Coincidence and causality (0807585 etc)	NSF Continental Dynamics	\$3,000,000	8/1/08 – 7/31/13	44%	Lead PI
CAREER: Building rocky planets: From Mercury and Vesta to GL 581c	NSF Astronomy	\$724,320	3/7/08 – 5/31/13	100%	PI
The role of water in the early formation of Mars: Wet magma ocean crystallization, the growth of a water atmosphere, and retention of water in the mantle (NNX06AB18G)	NASA Mars Fundamental Research	\$258,025	6/1/06 – 1/31/11	100%	PI
Collaborative research: Lithospheric removal: The Sierra Nevada as the prototype of a fundamental process in mountain building	NSF Continental Dynamics	\$102,297	9/1/06 – 8/31/10	100%	PI
Consequences of tidal heating on the internal evolution of the early Earth, with comparison to Venus, Mars, and Mercury	Strategic University Research Partnership MIT-JPL	\$19,320	7/1/08- 6/30/09	100%	PI
The lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary: Integrated modeling of scattered wave observations and mantle dynamics	NSF Geophysics	\$380,000	4/1/06 – 3/31/09	50%	Co-I with PI K. Fischer, Brown U.
Workshop on the Siberian traps and the end-Permian extinction	NSF Continental Dynamics	\$20,075	9/1/05 – 12/31/06	100%	PI
Early crustal formation on Mars	NASA Mars Fundamental Research	\$54,361	7/1/05 – 12/31/06	100%	PI
Petrology and physics of magma ocean crystallization (NNG04GB30G)	NASA Mars Fundamental Research	\$48,700	4/1/04 – 3/31/05	100%	PI
Lithospheric controls on flood basalt volcanism (EAR-0309057)	NSF Petrology & Geochem.	\$113,912	7/1/03 – 12/1/05	100%	PI

SELECTED ESSAYS, ARTICLES, TALKS, INTERVIEWS

Represented by American Program Bureau for speaking engagements, and by Aevitas Creative for writing.

- Psyche Launch – Two Days [Science Press Briefing](#), October 2023

- Alan Alda’s Clear+Vivid Podcast “What’s at the Core?” Nov. 14, 2022 <https://clear-vivid-with-alan-alda.simplecast.com/episodes/lindy-elkins-tanton-whats-at-the-core>
- NBC *Today Show* profile July 11 2022 <https://www.today.com/video/how-one-mom-started-her-phd-at-31-and-made-nasa-history-143801413612>
- Elkins-Tanton, [Time to Say Goodbye to Our Heroes?](#) *Issues in Science and Technology*, 2021.
- Learning Futures Podcast [Collaborative Problem-Solving with Meaningful Action](#) released Sept 21st 2021
- [Teaching both problem-solving and standard content is not impossible](#) for *Times Higher Education*, 2021
- [Articles](#) for *Slate*
- [Blogs](#) on Medium.com
- Utah Public Radio interview [Undisciplined: Prehistory Repeats Itself](#), 2020
- Storycorps [interview](#), 2019
- [Testimony \(video\)](#) to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation subcommittee on the NASA workforce and STEM education, 2019
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences [Class 1 Speaker](#), 2018 Induction Ceremony
- The “[mission trailer](#)” for the NASA Psyche mission
- Lucy and [Psyche](#) mission interviews on *Science Friday*, 2017.
- Elkins-Tanton, [Our Solar System was born Through High-Energy Crashes, Not Stately Growth](#), *Scientific American*, 2016.
- TEDx St. Mark’s School talk about education: [Change Begins with a Question](#), 2015
- Zócalo Public Square [Green Room Interview](#) in preparation for [Can Space Exploration Save Humanity?](#)