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Bio

BIO

I am a staff research scientist and lecturer in the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability. My primary responsibilities include managing both the day-to-day and long-term operations of the Stanford Microchemical Analysis Facility (MAF). I also have an active research program that includes projects in multiple scientific disciplines, and I teach multiple Stanford courses including courses at both the undergraduate- and graduate-levels.

In addition to my position at Stanford, I am the Treasurer of the Microanalysis Society, hold a courtesy faculty position at Oregon State University, and serve as a technical director for the National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure program.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Ph.D., Oregon State University , Geochemistry
- M.S., San Diego State University , Geological Sciences
- B.A., Humboldt State University , Geological Sciences

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- An Introduction to Quantitative X-ray Microanalysis: EPS 216, MATSCI 236 (Spr)

2024-25

- Introduction to Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology: EPS 104 (Spr)

2023-24

- An Introduction to Quantitative X-ray Microanalysis: EPS 216, GEOPHYS 236, MATSCI 236 (Spr)
- Introduction to Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology: EPS 104 (Spr)

Professional

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Technical Director, National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure program (NSF) (2018 - present)
- Professor (courtesy), Oregon State University (2022 - present)
- Treasurer, Microanalysis Society (2025 - present)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Inferences of Source Lithologies for Chicxulub Microtektites Using a Bayesian Approach** *GEOCHEMISTRY GEOPHYSICS GEOSYSTEMS*
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- **The Presence and Composition of Mn-rich Chondrule Rims in CO3 Chondrites.** *Microscopy and microanalysis : the official journal of Microscopy Society of America, Microbeam Analysis Society, Microscopical Society of Canada*
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- **Significance of Secondary Fe-Oxide and Fe-Sulfide Minerals in Upper Peak Ring Suevite from the Chicxulub Impact Structure** *MINERALS*
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- **Andesites and evolution of the continental crust: Perspectives from the Central Volcanic Zone of the Andes** *FRONTIERS IN EARTH SCIENCE*
  Burns, D. H. H., de Silva, S. L. L.
  2023; 10

- **Rhyolitic melt production in the midst of a continental arc Hare-up-The heterogeneous Caspana ignimbrite of the Altiplano-Puna volcanic complex of the Central Andes** *GEOSPHERE*
  Lewis, C. T., de Silva, S. L., Burns, D. H.
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- **Comparison of temperature and doping dependence of elastoresistivity near a putative nematic quantum critical point.** *Nature communications*
  Palmstrom, J. C., Walmsley, P., Straquadine, J. A., Sorensen, M. E., Hannahs, S. T., Burns, D. H., Fisher, I. R.
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- **Crustal Forensics at Putauaki (Mt. Edgecumbe), New Zealand reveal the influence of deep crustal arc processes on magma evolution in the Taupo Volcanic Zone** *CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINERALOGY AND PETROLOGY*
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- **Hadean zircon from a 3.3 Ga sandstone, Barberton greenstone belt, South Africa** *GEOLOGY*
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