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Professor (Research) of Geophysics

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

My research interests can be broadly defined as the study of active faults, the earthquakes they generate and the physics of the earthquake source. A major objective of my work is to improve our knowledge of earthquake hazards through the application of physics-based understanding of the underlying processes. As Co-Director of the Stanford Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity, my students, postdocs and I conduct multi-disciplinary studies into the causes and consequences of anthropogenic earthquakes in a wide variety of settings. I have also long been committed to earthquake risk reduction, specifically through the transfer of scientific understanding of the hazard to people, businesses, policymakers and government agencies. Before coming to Stanford in 2015, I was a research geophysicist at the U. S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, California for more than 40 years where I focused on problems of seismicity, seismotectonics, probabilistic earthquake forecasting, and earthquake source processes

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor (Research), Geophysics

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Geophysicist, U. S. Geological Survey, (1971-2008)
- Chief, Branch of Seismology, U. S. Geological Survey, (1982-1988)
- Consulting Professor of Geophysics, Stanford University, (1992-2008)
- Chief Scientist, Earthquake Hazards Team, U. S. Geological Survey, (2002-2005)
- Senior Research Geophysicist, U. S. Geological Survey, (2008-2015)
- Professor (Research), Stanford University, (2015- present)
- Co-Director, Stanford Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity, Stanford University, (2015- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Meritorious Service Award, U. S. Department of the Interior (1990)
- Gilbert Fellow, U. S. Geological Survey (1993)
- Fellow, American Geophysical Union (2001)
- Distinguished Service Award, U. S. Department of the Interior (2010)
- EarthScope National Lecturer, National Science Foundation (2012)
- Gutenberg Lecture, American Geophysical Union (2018)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- President, Seismological Society of America (2007 - 2009)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D, Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Geophysics (1978)
- M. S., Geophysics , Stanford University (1971)
- B.S., Stanford University , Physics (1971)

Teaching

COURSES

2020-21

- Earthquake Seismology, Deformation, and Stress: GEOPHYS 385L (Aut, Win, Sum)
- Introductory Seismology: GEOPHYS 130 (Aut)
- Seismology: GEOPHYS 385Q (Aut, Win, Sum)

2019-20

- Earthquake Seismology, Deformation, and Stress: GEOPHYS 385L (Win, Spr, Sum)
- Seismology: GEOPHYS 385Q (Aut, Win, Spr, Sum)

2018-19

- Earthquake Seismology, Deformation, and Stress: GEOPHYS 385L (Win, Spr, Sum)
- Introductory Seismology: GEOPHYS 130 (Aut)

2017-18

- Introduction to the foundations of contemporary geophysics: EARTHSYS 110, GEOPHYS 110 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Ankush Singh, Yuyun Yang, Weiqiang Zhu

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Comparison between Distributed Acoustic Sensing and Geophones: Downhole Microseismic Monitoring of the FORGE Geothermal Experiment** *SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
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- **Earthquake transformer-an attentive deep-learning model for simultaneous earthquake detection and phase picking.** *Nature communications*
Mousavi, S. M., Ellsworth, W. L., Zhu, W., Chuang, L. Y., Beroza, G. C.
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- **Rescuing Legacy Seismic Data FAIR'ly** *SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
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2020; 91 (3): 1339–40
- **Empirical and Synthetic Approaches to the Calibration of the Local Magnitude Scale, M-L, in Southern Kansas** *BULLETIN OF THE SEISMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA*
Al-Ismail, F., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C.
2020; 110 (2): 689–97
- **Machine-Learning-Based Analysis of the Guy-Greenbrier, Arkansas Earthquakes: A Tale of Two Sequences** *GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
Park, Y., Mousavi, S., Zhu, W., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C.
2020; 47 (6)
- **Rapid Characterization of the July 2019 Ridgecrest, California, Earthquake Sequence From Raw Seismic Data Using Machine-Learning Phase Picker** *GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
Liu, M., Zhang, M., Zhu, W., Ellsworth, W. L., Li, H.
2020; 47 (4)
- **Value at Induced Risk: Injection-Induced Seismic Risk From Low-Probability, High-Impact Events** *GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
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2020; 47 (2)
- **Velocity-Based Earthquake Detection Using Downhole Distributed Acoustic Sensing-Examples from the San Andreas Fault Observatory at Depth** *BULLETIN OF THE SEISMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA*
Lellouch, A., Yuan, S., Ellsworth, W. L., Biondi, B.
2019; 109 (6): 2491–2500
- **Unsupervised Clustering of Seismic Signals Using Deep Convolutional Autoencoders** *IEEE GEOSCIENCE AND REMOTE SENSING LETTERS*
Mousavi, S., Zhu, W., Ellsworth, W., Beroza, G.
2019; 16 (11): 1693–97
- **Rapid Earthquake Association and Location** *SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
Zhang, M., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C.
2019; 90 (6): 2276–84
- **Triggering of the Pohang, Korea, Earthquake (M-w 5.5) by Enhanced Geothermal System Stimulation** *SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
Ellsworth, W. L., Giardini, D., Townend, J., Ge, S., Shimamoto, T.
2019; 90 (5): 1844–58
- **Unsupervised Large-Scale Search for Similar Earthquake Signals** *BULLETIN OF THE SEISMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA*
Yoon, C. E., Bergen, K. J., Rong, K., Elezabi, H., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C., Bailis, P., Levis, P.
2019; 109 (4): 1451–68
- **Source Parameter Variability of Intermediate-Depth Earthquakes in Japanese Subduction Zones** *JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH-SOLID EARTH*
Chu, S., Beroza, G. C., Ellsworth, W. L.
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- **Robust Stress Drop Estimates of Potentially Induced Earthquakes in Oklahoma: Evaluation of Empirical Green's Function** *JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH-SOLID EARTH*
Yoshimitsu, N., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C.
2019; 124 (6): 5854–66
- **Managing injection-induced seismic risks.** *Science (New York, N.Y.)*
Lee, K., Ellsworth, W. L., Giardini, D., Townend, J., Ge, S., Shimamoto, T., Yeo, I., Kang, T., Rhie, J., Sheen, D., Chang, C., Woo, J., Langenbruch, et al

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- **Seismology with Dark Data: Image-Based Processing of Analog Records Using Machine Learning for the Rangely Earthquake Control Experiment** *SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
Wang, K., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C., Williams, G., Zhang, M., Schroeder, D., Rubinstein, J.
2019; 90 (2): 553–62
- **Foreshocks and Mainshock Nucleation of the 1999 M-w 7.1 Hector Mine, California, Earthquake** *JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH-SOLID EARTH*
Yoon, C. E., Yoshimitsu, N., Ellsworth, W. L., Beroza, G. C.
2019; 124 (2): 1569–82
- **The 2013-2016 Induced Earthquakes in Harper and Sumner Counties, Southern Kansas (vol 108, pg 674, 2018)** *BULLETIN OF THE SEISMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA*
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2018; 108 (6): 3699–3700
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- **Geodetic Slip Model of the 3 September 2016 M-w 5.8 Pawnee, Oklahoma, Earthquake: Evidence for Fault-Zone Collapse** *SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
Pollitz, F. F., Wicks, C., Schoenball, M., Ellsworth, W., Murray, M.
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2016; 121 (12): 8622–8641
- **3-D velocity structure in southern Haiti from local earthquake tomography** *JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH-SOLID EARTH*
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- **Scaling relation between earthquake magnitude and the departure time from P wave similar growth** *GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS*
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