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## EDUCATION

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**Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Rice University** Aug 2023 – Present  
Ph.D. in Geology Houston, TX  
Advisor: Rajdeep Dasgupta

**Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of Tennessee** June 2021 – July 2023  
M.S. in Geology Knoxville, TN  
Advisor: Nicholas Dygert; Committee: Molly McCanta, Shichun Huang, Bradley Thomson  
Thesis: Numerical and Experimental Constraints on Trace Element Fractionation During Lunar Magma Ocean Solidification  
GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

**College of Geosciences, China University of Petroleum, Beijing** Sep 2016 - Jun 2020  
B.E. in Resource Exploration Engineering Beijing  
Advisor: Huichuan Liu  
GPA: 3.9 / 5.0

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## PUBLICATION

**Total citations = 12; h-index = 2; i10-index = 1**

**D. Ji, N. Dygert, (2023)** Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts: Effects of major element composition, temperature, and oxygen fugacity, and implications for the volatile element budget of the lunar magma ocean. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. *accepted*

**D. Ji, N. Dygert, (2023)** Trace element evidence for serial processing of the lunar flotation crust and a depleted bulk Moon. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*. doi: 10.1016/j.epsl.2022.117958

**D. Ji, H.C. Liu, Y.L. Li, (2020)** Large-scale Early Cretaceous lower-crust melting derived adakitic rocks in NE China: implications for convergent bidirectional subduction and slab rollback. *International Geology Review*. doi:10.1080/00206814.2019.1697968

## FORTHCOMING

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**D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, High temperature and pressure experiments on sulfide saturation of Chang'e-5 lunar basalts in Preparation**

## CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

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N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, 2023. Serial Processing of the Lunar Crust after the Magma Ocean Stage and a Depleted Bulk Moon: Insights from a Europium-in-Plagioclase Partitioning Model. *Goldschmidt Conference*, # 17023.

**D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2023.** New experimental constraints on REE partitioning between apatite and silicate melts and a temperature and composition-dependent predictive partitioning model. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LIV* #1255.

**D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2022.** Serial processing after lunar anorthositic crust formation indicated by rare earth elements in plagioclase. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LIII* #1229.

**D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2021.** Eu anomalies in lunar plagioclase reflect secondary processing by subsolidus reequilibration and introduction of a KREEP component. *Goldschmidt Conference*, #3219.

N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, A.L. Fagan, C.R. Neal, D.S. Draper, J.F. Rapp, T.J. Lapen, 2021. Petrogenesis of and subsolidus reequilibration within lunar ferroan anorthosites: Two demonstrations of a new  $fO_2$ -dependent model for plagioclase-melt europium partitioning. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LII*, #2352.

## CONFERENCE TALKS

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54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston	Mar 2023
53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston	Mar 2022
31st Goldschmidt Conference, Virtual	Jul 2021

## GRANTS

<b>Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts</b>	2023 - 2024
MSA Grant for Student Research in Mineralogy and Petrology, Mineralogical Society of America	
\$5,000 to Student PI: Ji	

## HONORS & AWARDS

• <b>The Chair's Fellowship</b> , Rice University (\$10,000)	2023
• <b>Virginia &amp; James Bibee Graduate Student Professional Promise Award</b> University of Tennessee (\$500)	2023
• <b>Excellence in Teaching by GTA's Award</b> , University of Tennessee (\$500)	2023
• <b>Member</b> , <i>The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi</i>	2023
• <b>Jimmy Walls Colloquium Presentation Award</b> , University of Tennessee (\$500)	2022
• <b>Li Siguang Outstanding Student Award</b> (¥15,000)	2020
• <b>Excellent Senior Thesis Award</b> , Beijing	2020
• <b>Dean's Nomination Award of College of Geosciences</b> , China University of Petroleum (¥5,000)	2020
• <b>First-class Scholarship</b> , China University of Petroleum (¥2,000)	2019
• <b>Oriental Geophysics Company Scholarship</b> (¥3,000)	2018
• <b>Second-class Scholarship</b> , China University of Petroleum (¥1,000)	2017

## SERVICE

### Journal Reviewer

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta (×1); American Mineralogist (×1); International Geology Review (×2)

## TRAINING

<b>Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee</b>	Aug 2022 – May 2023
GEOL330: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	Student evaluation 5.0/5.0
GEOL310: Mineralogy	Student evaluation 4.8/5.0

<b>Research Assistant, University of Tennessee</b>	June 2021 – July 2022
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## RESEARCH

<b>Research on the trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts</b>	Apr 2022 – Present
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- Expanded the dataset of partition coefficients between apatite and silicate melt through piston cylinder experiments
- Conducted a series of experiments with constant initial composition but different metal buffers to characterize the Eu anomaly of apatite under different oxygen fugacities
- Built predictive models to calculate the partition coefficients of trace elements between apatite and silicate melts

<b>Research on the Eu anomalies in lunar plagioclase</b>	Sep 2020 – Apr 2022
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- Compiled published crystallization sequences and cumulate products of the lunar magma ocean
- Numerical modeled the trace element abundances of crystallized plagioclase, and tested the reasons of Eu anomalies by subsolidus reequilibration and KREEP addition
- Proposed a post-LMO model to explain the petrogenesis of lunar anorthosites and to reconcile the trace elements, isotopic evidence, and the overlap in ages of Mg-suite, KREEP basalt, and ferroan anorthosites

**Laboratory Work and Visiting in UT Dallas**

Jul 2019 – Sep 2019

- Worked in the Global Magmatic and Tectonic Research Laboratory with Dr. Robert Stern at UT Dallas on a project aims at determining the petrogenesis of all the Early Cretaceous adakites in China

**Research on Petrogenesis of Early Cretaceous Adakites in Northeast China**

Oct 2018 – Apr 2019

- Aimed at figuring out the controversial tectonic settings in NE China by confirming the petrogenesis of the large-scale Early Cretaceous adakitic rocks
- Compiled the temporal and spatial distribution as well as the major elements, trace elements, and Sr-Nd, Lu-Hf isotopic data of the Early Cretaceous adakites
- Proposed a convergent bidirectional subduction model to explain the tectonic settings

**FIELD EXPERIENCE**

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**Rio Grande Rift and Jemez Lineament xenolith sampling, New Mexico**

2022

- Collected mantle and crustal xenolith from Kilbourne Hole to Cerro de Guadalupe in New Mexico for a week led by Dr. Nicholas Dygert

**McClung Blue Ridge Foothills Field Trip**

2022

- Observed part of the transition from the external foreland fold-thrust belt of the Appalachians into the internal metamorphic core led by Dr. Bob Hatcher

**Archean Basic Rock Collection, Miyun**

2019

- Collected Archean garnet pyroxenite
- Measured geological occurrence of basaltic dyke group led by Dr. Huichuan Liu

**Field Practice in Oilfield, Dagang Oilfield**

2019

- Learned the working methods of oilfield engineers, and interpretation of seismic data as well as logging data for two weeks

**Comprehensive Geological Field Practice, Liujiang Basin**

2018

- A month-long geological field practice includes surveys of stratigraphic profiles and geological mapping, and observation of structural geological phenomena led by Dr. Liang Luo
- Analyzed the structure phenomena logically and drew geologic maps with CorelDraw

**General Field Practice, Western Hills of Beijing**

2017

- A two-week geological field practice for learning to recognize magmatic rocks, sedimentary rocks, and metamorphic rocks led by Dr. Qin Zhang
- Described how rock and fossil evidence are used to infer Earth's history