

# Dian Ji

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## EDUCATION

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**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

## PUBLICATION

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Total citations: 8

**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, N. Dygert, Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts. *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

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**Trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts**

2023

MSA Grant for Student Research in Mineralogy and Petrology, Mineralogical Society of America

\$5,000 to Student PI: Ji

## HONORS & AWARDS

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

## SERVICE

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### Journal Reviewer

American Mineralogist; International Geology Review (×2)

## TRAINING

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**Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee**  
GEOL330: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology  
GEOL310: Mineralogy

Aug 2022 – May 2023  
Student evaluation 5.0/5.0  
Student evaluation 4.8/5.0

**Research Assistant, University of Tennessee**

June 2021 – July 2022

## RESEARCH

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- Research on the trace element partitioning between apatite and silicate melts** Apr 2022 – Present
- 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

- Research on the Eu anomalies in lunar plagioclase** Sep 2020 – Apr 2022
- 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