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EDUCATION

2023 – Present	Ph.D. in Geology Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Rice University Advisor: Rajdeep Dasgupta	GPA: 3.84 / 4.00
2021 – 2023	M.Sc. in Geology Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of Tennessee 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: 4.00 / 4.00
2016 – 2020	B.E. in Resource Exploration Engineering College of Geosciences, China University of Petroleum, Beijing Advisor: Huichuan Liu	

Google Scholar

PUBLICATION

Total citations = 29; h-index = 3; i10-index = 2

D. Ji, N. Dygert, (2024) 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*. doi: 10.1016/j.gca.2023.11.004
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

D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, C.T. Lee, Water-poor cumulate source for the water-rich lunar magma suggested by the effects of magmatic recharge. *in Review*
D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, Sulfur inventory of the young lunar mantle constrained by high pressure-temperature experiments on sulfide saturation of Chang'E 5 mare basalts. *in Review*
N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, E. Etheridge, A predictive model for divalent element partitioning between clinopyroxene and basaltic melt and a europium-in-plagioclase-clinopyroxene oxybarometer for cumulate rocks. *in Review*
Y. Zhang, R. Dasgupta, **D. Ji**, C. Lee, Y. Peng, B. Charlier, Z. Jin, J. Chen, O. Namur, Mantle melting conditions of mare lavas on South Pole–Aitken basin of lunar farside. *in Revision*
C.T. Lee, J. Zhang, D. Keller, Y. Zhang, **D. Ji**, and J. Mou, The enigma of silicic magmatism and the missing cumulates: extreme magmatic differentiation without low melt fractions. *in Revision*

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

D. Ji, R. Dasgupta, 2024. Deep Sulfur Cycle in the Young Lunar Mantle Constrained by High Pressure-Temperature Experiments on Sulfide Saturation of Chang'E 5 Mare Basalts. *AGU Fall Meeting* P51E-3015.
D. Ji, N. Dygert, 2024. A New Europium in Apatite-Plagioclase Oxybarometer for Lunar and Terrestrial Cumulate Rocks and Meteorites. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LV #1240*.
N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, E. Etheridge 2024. Toward a Clinopyroxene-Plagioclase Oxybarometer for Lunar and Terrestrial Cumulates: An fO_2 -Dependent Predictive Model for Clinopyroxene-Melt Eu Partitioning. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LV #2419*.
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

Mar 2024	55th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston
Mar 2023	54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston
Mar 2022	53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston
Jul 2021	31st Goldschmidt Conference, Virtual

GRANTS

2023 – 2024	MSA Grant for Student Research in Mineralogy and Petrology Mineralogical Society of America \$5,000 to Student PI: Ji
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HONORS & AWARDS

2024	Planetary Origins to Habitability Graduate Fellowship , Rice Space Institute (\$2,000)
2024	AGU Fall Meeting Travel Grant , Rice University (\$500)
2023 – 2028	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
2022	Jimmy Walls Colloquium Presentation Award , University of Tennessee (\$500)
2020	Li Siguang Outstanding Student Award (¥15,000)
2020	Excellent Senior Thesis Award , Beijing
2020	Dean's Nomination Award , China University of Petroleum (¥5,000)
2019	First-class Scholarship , China University of Petroleum (¥2,000)
2018	Oriental Geophysics Company Scholarship (¥3,000)
2017	Second-class Scholarship , China University of Petroleum (¥1,000)

SERVICE

Journal Reviewer

2024	Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta × 1 Icarus × 1 Lithos × 2
2023	Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta × 1
2022	American Mineralogist × 1
2019	International Geology Review × 2

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

Rice University

2022 – 2023 **Research Assistant**

University of Tennessee

2023	GEOL330: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology , Teaching Assistant Student evaluation 5.0 / 5.0
2022	GEOL310: Mineralogy , Teaching Assistant Student evaluation 4.8 / 5.0
2021 – 2022	Research Assistant Supervisor: Nicholas J. Dygert
University of Texas at Dallas	
2019	Visiting scholar Supervisor: Robert J. Stern

SUPERVISION

Summer 2024	Aahan Roy (High school intern) Sulfur solubility of lunar basalts
2022 – 2023	Jordan Marshall (Undergraduate, University of Tennessee) Piston-cylinder experiments → Materials Engineering, University of Tennessee (PhD track)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

2023	General field trip, New Mexico A field trip of igneous and metamorphic rocks in Valles Caldera, Los Alamos Surge Deposits, Bandelier National Monument, Rio Grande Gorge, etc., for a week led by Dr. Cin-Ty Lee and Dr. Rajdeep Dasgupta
2022	Rio Grande Rift and Jemez Lineament xenolith sampling, New Mexico Collected mantle and crustal xenolith from Kilbourne Hole to Cerro de Guadalupe in New Mexico for a week led by Dr. Nicholas Dygert
2022	McClung Blue Ridge Foothills Field Trip 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
2019	Archean Basic Rock Collection, Miyun Collected Archean garnet pyroxenite Measured geological occurrence of basaltic dyke group led by Dr. Huichuan Liu
2019	Field Practice in Oilfield, Dagang Oilfield Learned the working methods of oilfield engineers, and interpretation of seismic data as well as logging data for two weeks
2018	Comprehensive Geological Field Practice, Liujiang Basin 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
2017	General Field Practice, Western Hills of Beijing 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

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