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## EDUCATION

2023 – Present	<b>Ph.D.</b> in Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Rice University Advisor: Rajdeep Dasgupta	GPA: 3.88 / 4.00
2021 – 2023	<b>M.Sc.</b> 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>B.E.</b> in Resource Exploration Engineering College of Geosciences, China University of Petroleum, Beijing Advisor: Huichuan Liu	

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## PUBLICATION

Total citations = 40; h-index = 3; i10-index = 3

- Y. Zhang, R. Dasgupta, **D. Ji**, C. Lee, Y. Peng, B. Charlier, Z. Jin, J. Chen, O. Namur, (2025) Mantle melting conditions of mare lavas on South Pole–Aitken basin of lunar farside. *Geophysical Research Letters*. doi.org/10.1029/2024GL112418
- D. Ji**, R. Dasgupta, (2025) Sulfur inventory of the young lunar mantle constrained by experimental sulfide saturation of Chang’e-5 mare basalts and a new sulfur solubility model for silicate melts in equilibrium with sulfides of variable metal–sulfur ratio. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2025.02.019
- N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, E. Etheridge, (2025) A predictive model for divalent element partitioning between clinopyroxene and basaltic melt and a europium-in-plagioclase-clinopyroxene oxybarometer for cumulate rocks. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*. doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2025.02.003
- 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 Revision*
- D. Ji**, R. Dasgupta, Garnet in the mantle source of young lunar basalts. *in Revision*
- C.T. Lee, J. Zhang, D. Keller, Y. Zhang, **D. Ji**, J. Mou, The enigma of silicic magmatism and the missing cumulates: extreme magmatic differentiation without low melt fractions. *in Revision*

## CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- N. Dygert, E. Etheridge, R. Huk, **D. Ji**, 2025. Applications of a new Eu-in-plagioclase-clinopyroxene oxybarometer. *Goldschmidt Conference* #27264.
- D. Ji**, R. Dasgupta, 2025. The Existence of Garnet in the 2-Billion-Year-Old Lunar Mantle Indicated by High Pressure-Temperature Experiments and Trace Element Modeling. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LVI* #1332.

N. Dygert, **D. Ji**, E. Etheridge 2025. 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.

Y. Zhang, R. Dasgupta, **D. Ji**, C. Lee, Y. Peng, B. Charlier, Z. Jin, J. Chen, O. Namur, 2025. Mantle melting conditions in South Pole–Aitken basin. *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LVI* #2106.

**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, LVII* #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.

## TALKS

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Mar 2025	56th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Houston
Feb 2025	Geochemistry/Minerology/Petrology (GMP) Lunch Bunch Talk, Brown University
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

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

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2025	<b>Torkild Reiber Award</b> , Rice University (\$2,500)
2024	<b>Planetary Origins to Habitability Graduate Fellowship</b> , Rice Space Institute (one semester stipend + \$2,000 research funds)
2024	<b>AGU Fall Meeting Travel Award</b> , Rice University (\$500)
2023 – 2028	<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>LPSC Meeting Travel Award</b> , University of Tennessee (\$500)
2022	<b>Jimmy Walls Colloquium Presentation Award</b> , University of Tennessee (\$500)
2022	<b>LPSC Meeting Travel Award</b> University of Tennessee (\$500)
2020	<b>Li Siguang Outstanding Student Award</b> (¥15,000)
2020	<b>Excellent Senior Thesis Award</b> , Beijing

2020	<b>Dean's Nomination Award</b> , China University of Petroleum (¥5,000)
2019	<b>First-class Scholarship</b> , China University of Petroleum (¥2,000)
2018	<b>Oriental Geophysics Company Scholarship</b> (¥3,000)
2017	<b>Second-class Scholarship</b> , China University of Petroleum (¥1,000)

## SERVICE

### *Journal Reviewer*

2025	Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta × 1
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 – Present      **Research Assistant**

### **University of Tennessee**

Spring 2023      **GEOL330: Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology**, Teaching Assistant  
Student evaluation 5.0 / 5.0

Fall 2022      **GEOL310: Mineralogy**, Teaching Assistant  
Student evaluation 4.8 / 5.0

2021 – 2022      **Research Assistant**

### **University of Texas at Dallas**

Summer 2019      **Visiting scholar**  
Supervisor: Robert J. Stern

## SUPERVISION

Summer 2024	<b>Denim-Leenox Sasser</b> (High school intern) Garnet stability in the lunar mantle
Summer 2024	<b>Aahan Roy</b> (High school intern) Sulfur solubility of lunar basalts
2022 – 2023	<b>Jordan Marshall</b> (Undergraduate, University of Tennessee) Piston-cylinder experiments → Materials Engineering, University of Tennessee (PhD track)

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

2023	<b>General field trip, New Mexico</b> A field trip of igneous and metamorphic rocks in New Mexico for a week led by Dr. Cin-Ty Lee and Dr. Rajdeep Dasgupta
2022	<b>Rio Grande Rift and Jemez Lineament xenolith sampling, New Mexico</b> Collected mantle and crustal xenolith from Kilbourne Hole to Cerro de Guadalupe in New Mexico for a week, led by Dr. Nicholas Dygert
2022	<b>McClung Blue Ridge Foothills Field Trip</b> 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	<b>Archean Basic Rock Collection, Miyun</b> Collected Archean garnet pyroxenite and measured geological occurrence of basaltic dyke group, led by Dr. Huichuan Liu
2019	<b>Field Practice in Oilfield, Dagang Oilfield</b>

- 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, led by Dr. Liang Luo
- 2017 **General Field Practice, Western Hills of Beijing**  
A two-week geological field practice for learning magmatic, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks, led by Dr. Qin Zhang

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