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## Education

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- 2023 –  
Exp. 2028     **Columbia University**, New York, NY  
Ph.D. in Geophysics  
Advisor: Dr. Folarin Kolawole
- 2016 – 2020     **Carleton College**, Northfield, MN  
B.A. in Physics, minor in Art History  
Advisors: Drs. Marty Baylor and Cindy Blaha

## Previous Research Experience

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- 2020 – 2023     **Field Systems Engineer and Analyst**  
Infrasound Laboratory, Hawai‘i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology, University of Hawai‘i
- Built and integrated algorithms for the Infrasound Station I59US as part of the International Monitoring System of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty
  - Designed and developed data structures in Python for acoustic source processes, propagation, signal and array processing
- 2019  
*Summer*     **Undergrad Research Assistant**  
National Science Foundation - Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU)  
Department of Earth Science, University of Hawai‘i
- Investigated relative timing of events from the Kīlauea volcano eruption in 2018
  - Examined infrasound data collected at the Infrasound Laboratory (ISLA) of the University of Hawai‘i for 50 of the most explosive events during the eruption
  - Analyzed displacement geodetic data and time series from seven GPS stations located around the crater provided by the USGS Hawai‘i Volcanoes Observatory (HVO)
- 2017, 2018  
*Summer*     **Undergrad Research Assistant**  
Department of Physics and Astronomy, Carleton College (2017)  
Inst. of Cross-Disciplinary Physics & Complex Systems, Uni. de les Illes Balears, Spain (2018)
- Researched complex dynamics of semiconductor lasers with state-dependent delay
  - Analyzed time series with permutation entropy, return maps and mutual information
  - Correlated and interpreted ordinal patterns to forecast the occurrence of extreme events in dual dynamics in semiconductor lasers

## Publications

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*Manuscript(s) in review*

- [4] 2025     Kolawole, F., Foster-Baril, Z., Seeber, L., Tielke, J. A., Prakash, A., **Colet, M.**, Beaucé, E., Kim, W., Ajala, R., McCarthy, C. & Waldhauser, F. The 2024 Mw4.8 New Jersey Intraplate Earthquake: Preferential Rupture of an Immature Rough Fault in Frictionally Unstable Basement Rocks. In review at *Geophysical Research Letters*. EES Open Archive Preprint DOI: 10.22541/au.173204170.01301789/v1

*Journal Peer-Reviewed*

- [3] 2025 **Colet, M.**, Kolawole, F., Ajala, R., Delvaux, D., & Nkodia, H. M. D-V. (2025) Active Crustal Deformation across a Nucleating Extensional Microplate, D. R. Congo, East Africa. Accepted in *Tectonics*
- [2] 2022 Garcés, M. A., Bowman, D., Zeiler, C., Christe, A., Yoshiyama, T., Williams, B., **Colet, M.**, Takazawa, S., & Popenhagen, S. (2022). Skyfall: Signal Fusion of a Smartphone Falling from the Stratosphere. *Signals*, 3(2), 209-234. <https://doi.org/10.3390/signals3020014>
- [1] 2018 **Colet, M.** & Aragoneses, A. (2018). Forecasting Extreme Events in the Complex Dynamics of a Semiconductor Laser with Feedback. *Scientific Reports*, 8, 10741. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-29110-5>

### Conference Presentations

- 2024 **Colet, M.** & Kolawole, F., 2024. Incipient Reactivation of ‘Failed’ Rifts in East Africa: Insights from Surface-Breaking Brittle Faulting. Presented at *Gordon’s Rock Deformation Conference* (poster) and at *AGU Fall Meeting*, Washington D.C., (poster V51E-3116).
- 2019 **Colet, M.** & Butler, R., 2019. Analysing infrasound, geodetic, and seismic data from Kīlauea 2018 caldera collapse. Abstract V43C-0202 presented at *AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA (poster).
- 2018 **Colet, M.**, Fischer, I., & Soriano, M. C., 2018. Analysing the complex dynamics of semiconductor lasers with state-dependent delay. Presented at *Summer Research Symposium*, Carleton College (poster).
- 2017 **Colet, M.** & Aragoneses, A., 2017. Forecasting Extreme Events in the Complex Dynamics of a Semiconductor Laser with Feedback. Presented at *Summer Research Symposium*, Carleton College (poster).

### Teaching & Mentoring Experience

- 2025 **Co-mentor**, Earth Intern Program, Columbia University  
*Summer* PI: Folarin Kolawole, student: Mia Yiannias  
Project: How do faults activate during the initiation of a ‘baby’ plate boundary?
- 2025 **Teaching Assistant**, Dept. of Earth and Env. Sciences, Columbia University  
*Spring* EESC1010: Geological Excursion to Death Valley, California
- 2022 **Co-mentor**, Earth Science on Volcanic Islands NSF-REU, University of Hawai‘i  
*Summer* PI: Milton Garcés, student: Nicholas Forcone  
Project: Secondary Lamb Waves from the 2022 Tonga Eruption
- 2017 – 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Spanish Department, Carleton College

### Honors and Awards

- 2025 **NSF-GRFP Honorable Mention**, Columbia University
- 2025 **Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research**, Columbia University (\$5200)
- 2025 **GSA Graduate Student Research Grant**, Columbia University (\$2450)
- 2025 **AAPG Foundation Grants-in-Aid**, Columbia University (\$1000)
- 2020 **Sigma Xi**, Carleton College
- 2018 **NASA’s MN Space Grant Consortium**, Carleton College (\$1000)
- 2017, 2018 **Townsend Endowment for the Sciences**, Carleton College (\$5000 each year)
- 2017 – 2020 **FOCUS Cohort Class of 2020**, Carleton College

## Academic Service

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2025 – **AGU Tectonophysics Graduate Student Representative**, American Geophysical Union  
2024 **First-Year Colloquium Organizer**, Dept. of Earth and Env. Sciences, Columbia University  
2023 **Open House**, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory  
2018 – 2020 **Women\* in Physics Mentor**, Carleton College

## Technical Skills

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**Coding:** Python, MATLAB, LaTeX, Wolfram Mathematica  
**Software:** ArcGIS, GitHub (inc. Actions), ENVI

## Fieldwork

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2024 **Axial submarine volcano, offshore Oregon, US** [1 week]  
Recovery of ocean-bottom seismometers aboard the R/V Sally Ride.  
**Mtaka Rift, Tanzania** [2 weeks]  
Structural mapping and rock sampling.

2019 **Submarine volcanic rift zone west of Kaho'olawe, Hawai'i** [1 week]  
Geodetic mapping survey and dredging aboard the R/V Kilo Moana.  
**San Andreas Fault, Southern California** [1 week]  
Structural mapping survey.