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Summary

Position and Focus: Planetary geologist at NASA Ames Research Center/BAER Institute, specializing in the scientific exploration of the solar system through returned sample analyses, fieldwork, space flight hardware development, and NASA-led science exploration missions. Serving as Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-Investigator (Co-I) on multiple research awards funded by NASA's Science Mission Directorate (SMD).

Publications and Presentations: Author of 30 peer-reviewed papers in international scientific journals and over 100 scientific abstracts presented at prestigious international conferences such as the American Geophysical Union (AGU), Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC), Meteoritical Society (MetSoc), among others.

Teaching and Mentoring: Extensive experience in teaching and mentoring students at high school, undergraduate, and graduate levels.

Current Position

- Research Scientist at NASA Ames Research Center, contracting through the Bay Area Environmental Research Institute, Moffett Field, CA 94035

Education

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| PhD | University of Missouri, Columbia MO , Geological Sciences | Jan 2011 – Dec 2015 |
| | • Minor in College Science Teaching | |
| Dipl | Leibniz Universitaet Hannover, Germany , Geosciences | Oct 2005 – Dec 2010 |
| | • Minor in Material Sciences | |

Professional Appointments

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| NASA Ames Research Center/ BAER Institute , Research Scientist | Moffett Field, CA, USA
Jan 2019 – present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Apollo Lunar Sample Analysis</i>: Thermochronology of the lunar surface and subsurface via thermoluminescence measurements, with emphasis on cold trap prospecting in anticipation of NASA's Artemis program.• <i>Planetary Analog Research</i>: Conducting fieldwork and laboratory studies on Earth's geological formations that serve as analogs for terrains on other terrestrial planets and the Moon.• <i>Space-Flight Instrument Research</i>: Developing and testing novel scientific instruments for human and robotic exploration missions.• <i>NASA VIPER Mission</i>: Serving as Instrument Scientist for the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) mission.• <i>NASA Ames Vertical Gun Range</i>: Science PI overseeing the scientific direction of one of NASA's experimental facilities. | |
| NASA Ames Research Center/ USRA , Postdoctoral Researcher | Moffett Field, CA, USA
Feb 2016 – Jan 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planetary Analog Research: Volcanic Terrains on Earth as Analogs for the Moon and | |

Mars

- Instrument Development for Human Space Exploration Missions

Awards and Honors

NASA Ames Honor Award

- Contractor Employee in 2020
- Partnership RESOURCE Research Program in 2020
- Team/Group BASALT Research Program in 2020
- Team/Group FINESSE Research Program in 2018

Committees and Assignments

SSERVI NASA Exploration Science Forum, Session Co-Chair

July 2024

- Sample Science
- In-Situ Resource Utilization

SSERVI NASA Exploration Science Forum, Session Co-Chair

July 2022

- Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis

SSERVI NASA Exploration Science Forum, Science Organization Committee Co-Chair

Mar 2022 – July 2022

Lunar and Planetary Science Conference

Mar 2022

- Moderator: Planetary Volcanism: Eruptions in Fire and Ice
- Moderator: Lunar Regolith Properties and Processes

Lunar Surface Science Workshop #17 - Defining a Coordinated Lunar Resource Evaluation Campaign

July 2022

- Documentarian

Lunar Surface Science Workshop #13 - Inclusive Lunar Exploration

Jan 2022

- Session Co-Chair
- Documentarian

Peer Review Assignments: NASA Research Proposals

2016 – present

- Several NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES) program proposals, once or twice per year. Served as External Reviewer, Executive Secretary, Panelist, and Panel Chair.

Peer Review Assignments: Manuscripts

2015 – present

- International scientific journals, such as *Journal of Geothermal Research*, *Frontiers in Earth Science*, *Journal of Volcanology and Geophysical Research*, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, *Icarus*, *American Ceramic Society*

Publications

Geomorphological evidence of near-surface ice at candidate landing sites in northern Amazonis Planitia, Mars

2024

E Luzzi, JL Heldmann, K Williams, G Nodjoumi, A Deutsch, **A Sehlke**
JGR Planets, in review

- Thermoluminescence and Apollo 17 ANGSA lunar samples: NASA's fifty-year experiment and prospecting for cold traps** 2024
DWG Sears, **A. Sehlke**, HH Schmitt, and the ANGSA Science Team
Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets, Volume 129(4), in press
- Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis (ANGSA): An Apollo Participating Scientist Program to Prepare the Lunar Sample Community for Artemis** 2024
CK Shearer, FM McCubbin, S Eckley, SB Simon, A Meshik, F McDonald, HH Schmitt, RA Zeigler, J Gross, J Mitchell, C Krysher, RV Morris, R Parai, BL Jolliff, JJ Gillis-Davis, K Joy, SK Bell, P Lucey, L Sun, Z Sharp, C Dukes, **A Sehlke**, A Mosie, J Allton, C Amick, JI Simon, TM Erickson, JJ Barnes, MD Dyar, K Burgess, N Petro, D Moriarty, NM Curran, JE Elsila, RA Colina-Ruiz, T Kroll, D Sokaras, HA Ishii, JP Bradley, D Sears, B Cohen, O Pravdivseva, MS Thompson, CR Neal, R Hanna, R Ketcham, K Welten, and the ANGSA Science Team
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-024-01094-x> (Space Science Review, Volume 220:62)
- Synthetic analogs for lava flows on the surface of Mercury: A mid-infrared study** 2024
A Morlok, **A Sehlke**, AN Stojic, AG Whittington, I Weber, MP Reitze, Hiesinger H, Helbert J.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/J.ICARUS.2024.116078> (Icarus, Volume 415)
- The Apollo 17 Regolith: Induced Thermoluminescence Evidence for Formation by a Single Event ~100 Million Years Ago and Possibly the Presence of Tycho Material** 2024
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, and the ANGSA Science Team
<https://doi.org/10.1029/2023JE008083> (Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets, Volume 129(4))
- Average VNIR reflectance: A rapid, sample-free method to estimate glass content and crystallinity of fresh basaltic lava** 2022
E Rader, S Ackiss, **A Sehlke**, J Bishop, B Orrill, K Odegard, M Meier, A Doloughan
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2022.115084> (Icarus, Volume 383)
- Ejecta blocks around the Kings Bowl phreatomagmatic crater in Idaho: An indication of subsurface water amounts with implications for Mars** 2022
DWG Sears, **A Sehlke**, SS Hughes, S Kobs-Nawotniak
[10.1016/j.pss.2022.105564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2022.105564) (Planetary and Space Science, Volume 222)
- Spontaneous reheating of crystallizing lava** 2021
AG Whittington, **A Sehlke**
[10.1130/g49148.1](https://doi.org/10.1130/g49148.1) (Geology, Volume 49 Issue 12)
- The impact and recovery of asteroid 2018 LA** 2021
P Jenniskens, M Gabbardirwe, QZ Yin, A Proyer, O Moses, and with '**A Sehlke**' among 61 other international co-authors'
<https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.13653> (Meteoritics & Planetary Science, Volume 56, Issue 4)
- Induced thermoluminescence as a method for dating recent volcanism: The Blue Dragon flow, Idaho, USA and the factors affecting induced thermoluminescence** 2021
DWG Sears, **A Sehlke**, SS Hughes
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2020.105129> (Planetary and Space Science, Volume 195)
- White Paper: Investigations Regarding Subsurface Temperature Profiles at Polar Regions on the Moon** 2020
A Sehlke, DWG Sears

Basaltic fissure types on Earth: Suitable analogs to evaluate the origins of volcanic terrains on the Moon and Mars? 2020

SS Hughes, WB Garry, **A Sehlke**, EH Christiansen, SE Kobs Nawotniak, DWG Sears, RC Elphic, DS Lim, JL Heldmann

[10.1016/J.PSS.2020.105091](https://doi.org/10.1016/J.PSS.2020.105091) (Planetary and Space Science, Volume 193)

Thermal properties of glassy and molten planetary candidate lavas 2020

A Sehlke, AM Hofmeister, AG Whittington

<https://doi.org/10.1016/J.PSS.2020.105089> (Planetary and Space Science, Volume 193)

Rheology of a KREEP Analog Magma: Experimental Results Applied to Dike Ascent through the Lunar Crust 2020

A Sehlke, AG Whittington

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2020.104941> (Planetary and Space Science, Volume 187)

Microbial community distribution in variously altered basalts: Insights into astrobiology sample site selection 2020

A Brady, E Gibbons, **A Sehlke**, C Renner, S Kobs Nawotniak, D Lim, G Slater

[10.1016/j.pss.2020.105107](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2020.105107) (Planetary and Space Science, Volume 194)

The rheology of crystallizing basaltic lavas from Nyiragongo and Nyamuragira volcanoes, D.R.C. 2020

A Morrison, AG Whittington, B Smets, M Kervyn, **A Sehlke**

<https://doi.org/10.30909/vol.03.01.0128> (Volcanica, Volume 3 Issue 1)

A Low-Diversity Microbiota Inhabits Extreme Terrestrial Basaltic Terrains and Their Fumaroles: Implications for the Exploration of Mars 2019

C Cockell, J Harrison, A Stevens, S Payler, S Hughes, S Kobs Nawotniak, A Brady, R Elphic, C Haberle, **A Sehlke**, K Beaton, A Abercromby, P Schwendner, J Wadsworth, H Landenmark, R Cane, A Dickinson, N Nicholson, L Perera, D Lim

[10.1089/ast.2018.1870](https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1870) (Astrobiology, Volume 19 Issue 3)

Opportunities and Challenges of Promoting Scientific Dialog throughout Execution of Future Science-Driven Extravehicular Activity 2019

SE Kobs Nawotniak, MJ Miller, AH Stevens, JJ Marquez, SJ Payler, AL Brady, SS Hughes, CW Haberle, **A Sehlke**, KH Beaton, SP Chappell, RC Elphic, DSS Lim

[10.1089/ast.2018.1901](https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1901) (Astrobiology, Volume 19 Issue 3)

The BASALT Research Program: Designing and Developing Mission Elements in Support of Human Scientific Exploration of Mars 2019

D Lim, A Abercromby, S Kobs Nawotniak, D Lees, M Miller, A Brady, Z Mirmalek, **A Sehlke**, S Payler, A Stevens, C Haberle, K Beaton, S Chappell, S Hughes, C Cockell, R Elphic, M Downs, JL Heldmann

[10.1089/ast.2018.1869](https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1869) (Astrobiology, Volume 19 Issue 3)

Basaltic Terrains in Idaho and Hawai'i as Planetary Analogs for Mars Geology and Astrobiology 2019

S Hughes, C Haberle, S Kobs Nawotniak, **A Sehlke**, W Garry, R Elphic, S Payler, A Stevens, C Cockell, A Brady, JL Heldmann, D Lim

[10.1089/ast.2018.1847](https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1847) (Astrobiology, Volume 19 Issue 3)

- Strategic Planning Insights for Future Science-Driven Extravehicular Activity on Mars** 2019
A Brady, S Kobs Nawotniak, S Hughes, S Payler, A Stevens, C Cockell, R Elphic, **A Sehlke**, C Haberle, G Slater, D Lim
[10.1089/ast.2018.1850](https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1850) (Astrobiology, Volume 19 Issue 3)
- Requirements for Portable Instrument Suites during Human Scientific Exploration of Mars** 2019
A Sehlke, Z Mirmalek, D Burt, CW Haberle, D Santiago-Materese, SE Kobs Nawotniak, SS Hughes, WB Garry, N Bramall, AJ Brown, JL Heldmann, DSS Lim
[10.1089/ast.2018.1841](https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2018.1841) (Astrobiology, Volume 19 Issue 3)
- Induced thermoluminescence as a method for dating recent volcanism: Hawaii County, Hawaii, USA** 2018
DWG Sears, H Sears, **A Sehlke**, SS Hughes
[10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2017.09.022](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2017.09.022) (Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research, Volume 349)
- X-ray computed tomography of extraterrestrial rocks eradicates their natural radiation record and the information it contains** 2018
DWG Sears, **A Sehlke**, JM Friedrich, ML Rivers, DS Ebel
[10.1111/maps.13183](https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.13183) (N/A, Volume 53 Issue 12)
- Induced thermoluminescence as a method for dating recent volcanism: Eastern Snake River Plain, Idaho, USA** 2017
DWG Sears, H Sears, **A Sehlke**, S Hughes
[10.1002/2016JB013596](https://doi.org/10.1002/2016JB013596) (Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth, Volume 122 Issue 2)
- Transport properties of glassy and molten lavas as a function of temperature and composition** 2016
A Hofmeister, **A Sehlke**, G Avar, A Bollasina, G Robert, AG Whittington
[10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2016.08.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2016.08.015) (Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research, Volume 327)
- The viscosity of planetary tholeiitic melts: A configurational entropy model** 2016
A Sehlke, AG Whittington
[10.1016/j.gca.2016.07.027](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2016.07.027) (Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, Volume 191)
- Field and experimental constraints on the rheology of arc basaltic lavas: the January 2014 Eruption of Pacaya (Guatemala)** 2016
A Soldati, **A Sehlke**, G Chigna, AG Whittington
[10.1007/s00445-016-1031-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-016-1031-6) (Bulletin of Volcanology, Volume 78 Issue 6)
- Rheology of lava flows on Mercury: An analog experimental study** 2015
A Sehlke, AG Whittington
[10.1002/2015JE004792](https://doi.org/10.1002/2015JE004792) (Journal of Geophysical Research E: Planets, Volume 120 Issue 11)
- Pahoehoe to a'a' transition of Hawaiian lavas: An experimental study** 2014
A Sehlke, AG Whittington, B Robert, AJ Harris, L Gurioli, E Médard
[10.1007/s00445-014-0876-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-014-0876-9) (Bulletin of Volcanology, Volume 76 Issue 11)
- Thermal diffusivity of Fe-rich pyroxene glasses and their melts** 2014

A Hofmeister, **A Sehlke**, AG Whittington

[10.1016/j.chemgeo.2014.06.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemgeo.2014.06.018) (Chemical Geology, Volume)

Textural and rheological evolution of basalt flowing down a lava channel

2014

B Robert, AJ Harris, L Gurioli, E Médard, **A Sehlke**, AG Whittington

[10.1007/s00445-014-0824-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-014-0824-8) (Bulletin of Volcanology, Volume 76 Issue 6)

Selected Abstracts and Presentations

Glimmerings in the Cold and Dark: Thermoluminescence of Lunar Regolith at Cryogenic Temperatures for Cold Trap Prospecting

2024

A Sehlke, DWG Sears

NASA Exploration Science Forum held at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, USA - Oral Presentation

Science, Operations, and Technology Development from NASA's RESOURCE Project

2024

JL Heldmann, **A Sehlke**, MC Deans, and the RESOURCE Team

NASA Exploration Science Forum held at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, USA - Oral Presentation

Update on the Near Infrared Volatiles Spectrometer System (NIRVSS) Instrument on the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) Mission: Calibration and Surface Operations

2024

A Sehlke, A Colaprete, K Ennico-Smith, S Gyalay, E Noe Dobrea, TL Roush, JE Benton, R Bielawski, M Chin, J Connally, A Cook, L Ellingson, JB Forgione, DT Hoang, V Jha, A Rademacher, F Renema, EJ Talle, B White, C Youngquist, and the VIPER Science Team
NASA Exploration Science Forum held at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, USA - Oral Presentation

The Apollo 17 Regolith: Induced Thermoluminescence Evidence for Formation by a Single Event 100 Million Years Ago and Possibly the Presence of Tycho Material

2024

A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team

55th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 2536 - Poster Presentation

The Effect of Composition on the Spectral Appearance of Hermean Analog Glasses

2024

AN Stojic, **A Sehlke**, A Morlok, AG Whittington, MP Reitze, I Weber, H Hiesinger, J Helbert
55th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 1857 - Poster Presentation

New Model to Calculate Lava Viscosity During Disequilibrium Crystallization for a Wide Range in Cooling and Strain Rates

2023

A Sehlke, AG Whittington

54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 2677 - Poster Presentation

Lunar Regolith Thermoluminescence Glow Curve Fitting to Extract Its Most Important Kinetic Parameters.

2023

A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team

54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 1870 - Oral Presentation

Geomorphical Evidence of Near-Surface Ice at Candidate Landing Sites in Arcadia Planitia, Mars

2023

E Luzzi, JL Heldmann, K Williams, A Deutsch, **A Sehlke**, G Nodjoumi

54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 2677 - Oral Presentation



- Thermal Histories of Lunar Cold Traps: Prospecting for Volatiles by Thermoluminescence** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears
 Lunar Polar Volatiles Conference, LPI Contrib. Nr. 5024 - Poster Presentation
- A Fifty-Year Experiment, the Natural TL Kinetics of Apollo 17 Regolith, and Prospecting for Water and Other Volatiles on the Moon** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team
 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, LPI Contrib. Nr. 2030 - Oral Presentation
- THEIA - A Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, JL Heldmann
 Annual Meeting of the Lunar Exploration Analysis Group, Abstract Nr. 5005 - Poster Presentation
- In-Situ Thermoluminescence Measurements on the Moon Using THEIA - Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, JL Heldmann
 NASA Exploration Science Forum held at the University of Colorado, Boulder CO, USA - Poster Presentation
- Crystallization, latent heat release, and thermal history of magmas** 2022
 AG Whittington, **A Sehlke**, B Halvernon
 Goldschmidt Conference - Oral Presentation
- Recalescence during crystallization of stardust: Resolution of the amorphous interstellar medium paradox** 2022
 A Speck, AG Whittington, **A Sehlke**
 American Astronomical Society Meeting '#240', American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts '#147.04' - Poster Presentation
- Five Decades of Thermoluminescence Studies on Lunar Samples: First Results of NASA's Unique 46-Year Experiment and Implications for Resource Prospecting on the Moon** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team
 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 1267 - Oral Presentation
- High-Temperature Rheology Measurements on Planetary Analog Magmas and Lavas** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team
 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 1171 - Poster Presentation
- Lunar Cold Traps: Prospecting by Thermoluminescence** 2022
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team
 NASA Exploration Science Forum & European Lunar Symposium, held virtually - Oral Presentation
- Lava Surface Roughness and Morphologies: A New Remote-Sensing Method To Estimate Physical Properties of Lava Flows on Earth, the Moon and Mars** 2021
A Sehlke, J Leija, SE Kobs Nawotniak
 Workshop on Terrestrial Analogs for Planetary Exploration - Oral Presentation
- Natural Thermoluminescence of Lunar Samples: Review and Update** 2021
A Sehlke, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team

- 52nd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 2548 - Oral Presentation
- A luminescence-based Instrument to Explore the History and Nature of the Lunar Surface** 2020
- A Sehlke**, DWG Sears
- American Geophysical Union 2020 Fall Meeting. Abstract Nr. V013-0006 - Poster Presentation
- Looking Backwards to Look Forward: A Fifty-Year Experiment in the Kinetics of Thermoluminescence of Lunar Samples and the Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis Program (ANGSA)** 2020
- A Sehlke**, DWG Sears, ANGSA Science Team
- 51st Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 1148 - Oral Presentation
- Thermal Properties of Glassy and Molten Planetary Candidate Lavas.** 2019
- A Sehlke**, AM Hofmeister, AG Whittington
- American Geophysical Union, Annual Fall Meeting 2019, Abstract ID V43D-0107 - Poster Presentation
- Requirements for portable instrument suites during human scientific exploration of Mars** 2018
- A Sehlke**, Z Mirmalek, D Burt, CW Haberle, D Santiago-Materese, SE Kobs Nawotniak, SS Hughes, WB Garry, N Bramall, AJ Brown, JL Heldmann, DSS Lim
- NASA Exploration Science Forum held at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field CA, USA - Oral Presentation
- Synchrotron X-Ray Computed Microtomography and the Radiation History of Meteorites** 2017
- A Sehlke**, DWG Sears, JM Friedrich, ML Rivers, DS Ebel
- 80th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society, Abstract Nr. 1987 - Oral Presentation
- The Ultimate Geologic Tricorder? Handheld Science Instruments and Requirements for Future Human Exploration Missions on Other Worlds** 2017
- A Sehlke**, Z Mirmalek, B Cohen, CW Haberle, SE Kobs Nawotniak, SS Hughes, A Brown, JL Heldmann, DSS Lim
- 48th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 2451 - Poster Presentation
- The Viscosity of Tholeiitic Planetary Melts: A Configurational Entropy Model** 2016
- A Sehlke**, AG Whittington
- 47th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 1957 - Poster Presentation
- Rheology of lava flows on Mercury: an experimental study** 2015
- A Sehlke**, AG Whittington
- 45th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, Abstract Nr. 2275 - Poster Presentation
- Concentric cylinder viscometry at subliquidus conditions on Mauna Ulu lavas, Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii** 2013
- A Sehlke**, B Robert, AJ Harris, L Gurioli, AG Whittington
- American Geophysical Union, Annual Fall Meeting 2013, Abstract ID V51D-2697 - Poster Presentation

Invited Talks, Lectures and Presentations

- Requirements for Handheld VNIR and XRF Instruments during Human Exploration Missions.** 2022
Lunar Petrology and Landed Instrument Interchange Workshop
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA, USA
- Exploration of our Solar System: Earth-based Science Investigations in Preparation for NASAs Moon to Mars Campaign. Graduate Student Seminar.** 2021
Graduate Student Seminar (virtual)
Department of Geological Science, University of Texas at San Antonio, USA
- Rheological and Thermal Evolution of Magmatic Systems: Insights into the Volcanic Past of our Solar System.** 2020
Speaker Seminar Series
Departement of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of California - Santa Cruz CA, USA
- Rheological and Thermal Evolution of Magmatic Systems: Insights into the Volcanic Past in our Solar System** 2019
Keynote at GeoMünster Conference
Münster, Germany
- Anatomy of the Blue Dragon: Changes in Lava Flow Morphology and Physical Properties Observed in an Open Channel Lava Flow as a Planetary Analogue.** 2017
Geological Society of America Annual Meeting
Seattle WA, USA
- Designing Future Human Spaceflight** 2017
Keynote at Sensors Expo 2017
San Jose CA, USA
- Straight outta morphologies: Understanding the magmatic history of lava terrains on Earth and other rocky worlds in our Solar System** 2017
Speaker Seminar Series
Department of Geological Sciences, San Jose State University, San Jose CA, USA
- The morphological transition from pāhoehoe to aa of basaltic lavas: Combining field studies and experimental work to interpret the volcanic past on Earth and other planets and moons.** 2017
Speaker Series Seminar
United States Geological Survey (USGS), Menlo Park CA, USA

Interviews and Mentions in Media

- The Secrets of Moondust** July 2019
written by Marina Koren (The Atlantic Staff Writer)
[The Atlantic](#) 
- NASA's lassoing of moon's potential for future use starts with a trove of rocks** Mar 2019
written by Peter Fimrite (Science and Environment Reporter)
[San Francisco Chronicle \(Front Page, continued on pg. A8\)](#) 

Research Awards and Funding

The Ames Vertical Gun Range <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Planetary Science Enabling Facilities Program \$1,567,144• PI: Chuck Cornelison, Science PI: Alexander Sehlke	Oct 2024 – Sept 2028
1-Year Funded Extension, Thermoluminescence Studies on Frozen Apollo 17 Samples: Temperature Estimates of Shaded and Illuminated Lunar Surfaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Science Mission Directorate Single-Source - By invitation only (2022), \$113,000• PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Derek WG Sears	Apr 2023 – Mar 2024
1-Year Funded Extension, Thermoluminescence Studies on Frozen Apollo 17 Samples: Temperature Estimates of Shaded and Illuminated Lunar Surfaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis (ANGSA) Program, \$103,359• PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Derek WG Sears	Apr 2022 – Mar 2023
THEIA: Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA Ames Research Center Innovation Funds, \$41,000• PI: Jennifer Heldmann, Co-Is: Alexander Sehlke, Derek WG Sears	Oct 2020 – Sept 2021
Resources for Exploration & Science of OUR Cosmic Environment (RESOURCE) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA Solar System Exploration Virtual Research Institute (SSERVI), \$7,452,467• PI: Jennifer Heldmann, Deputy PIs: Alexander Sehlke, Matthew Deans, Co-Is: 16 across academia, federal agencies and private sector	Feb 2020 – Jan 2025
Thermoluminescence Studies on Frozen Apollo 17 Samples: Temperature Estimates of Shaded and Illuminated Lunar Surfaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis (ANGSA) Program, \$348,050• PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Derek WG Sears	Apr 2019 – Mar 2022
Fast and/or Furious? Nature and Emplacement History of Lavas Erupted on Mars <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Solar System Workings (SSW) Program, \$490,705• PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-I: Alan G Whittington	May 2019 – Apr 2022
IceCrystal: Portable instrument protocol to delineate ancient ice and water on Mars using microcrystallinity of volcanic products <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Planetary Science and Technology from Analog Research (PSTAR) Program, \$874,012• PI: Erika Rader, Co-Is: Alexander Sehlke, Janice Bishop	Oct 2018 – Sept 2021
NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship 3rd-Year Extension <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Postdoctoral Program (NPP), \$86,866• PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-Is: Jennifer Heldmann, Darlene SS Lim	Feb 2018 – Jan 2019
NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA ROSES Postdoctoral Program (NPP), \$149,248• PI: Alexander Sehlke, Co-Is: Jennifer Heldmann, Darlene SS Lim	Feb 2016 – Jan 2018

Teaching Experience

University of Missouri - Columbia MO, USA

2011 – 2015

- 2015 Course Instructor - The Moon. Undergraduate
- 2015 Teaching Assistant - Regional Geology Field Course. Undergraduate
- 2014 Teaching Assistant/Lab Experiments - Igneous Petrology. Graduate
- 2013 Teaching Assistant - Mineralogy. Undergraduate
- 2012 Teaching Assistant - Mineralogy. Undergraduate
- 2011 Teaching Assistant - Mineralogy. Undergraduate

Mentoring Experience

NASA Internship mentoring at NASA Ames Research Center

- Summer 2024 (virtual), Arjun Prem, Summit Tahoma Highschool, San Jose CA, USA
- Summer 2024, Jordan Baden, Undergraduate at University of California, Santa Cruz CA, USA
- Summer 2023, Adriana Ariza Pardo, Graduate at UT San Antonio TX, USA
- Spring 2021, Iyare Oseghae. Undergraduate at UT San Antonio TX, USA
- Fall 2020 (virtual), Brianna Orrill, Undergraduate at Arizona State University AZ, USA
- Fall 2020 (virtual), Javier Leija, Undergraduate at Sam Houston University TX, USA
- Summer 2018, Caleb Renner, Undergraduate at Idaho State University ID, USA
- Spring 2017, David Burt, Undergraduate at Whitman College WA, USA

Technology and Inventions

THEIA - Thermal History Exploration Instrument for Artemis: Instrument prototype to enable thermoluminescence measurements on the lunar surface via robotic or human exploration missions. Technology Readiness Level (TRL) is 4. Invention is submitted to NASA's *New Technology Reporting (NTR) System*, with e-NTR Number 1684365045.

Public Outreach and Engagement

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- Panel Discussion on *The Artemis Generation: NASA's Journey Forward to the Moon*.

Fremont Peak Observatory, San Juan Bautista CA, USA

Aug 2017

- Volcanism on terrestrial planets and moons across our solar system