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Education

2019-2024	PhD	, Geophysics

California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Advised by Zhongwen Zhan & Zachary E. Ross

Thesis: Fault Zone Structure and Rupture Behavior with Fiber-Optic

Sensing and Second Moments

2015-2019 **Bachelor of Science**, Mathematics & Geological Sciences

Indiana University (IU) Advised by Gary L. Pavlis

Thesis: Measurements of P-wave anisotropy in the Homestake Mine

Appointments

2024-present	Mendenhall Postdoctoral Fellow, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
2024-present	Visiting Faculty, Colorado School of Mines
2019-2024	Graduate Student Researcher, Caltech Seismological Laboratory
2019	NAGT Summer Intern, USGS
2015-2019	STARS Research Assistant, IU Geophysics Laboratory
2017	IRIS Intern, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Awards and Honors

2024

Mendenhall Postdoctoral Fellowship, USGS

\$193,000 in support over 2 years

2024	GPS Award for Academic Excellence in Research, Caltech
2024	AGU Annual Meeting Outstanding Student Presentation Award
2023	SSA Annual Meeting Student Presentation Award
2020	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
	\$138,000 in support over 3 years
2019	Faculty Senior Award, IU Geological Sciences
2019	Cora B. Hennel Memorial Scholarship, IU Mathematics
2019	Margaret Russell Edmondson Award, IU Phi Beta Kappa Chapter
2017	Undergraduate Prize, Mineralogical Society of America

Journal Publications

- [13] **Atterholt, J.**, Wilding, J.D., Ross, Z.E. (*in review*). The Evolution of Fault Orientation in the 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquake Sequence with a New Long-Term Catalog of Seismicity and Moment Tensors.
- [12] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z. (*in review*). Fine Scale Southern California Moho Structure Uncovered with Distributed Acoustic Sensing.
- [11] Zhai, Q., Yin, J., Yang, Y., **Atterholt, J.**, Li, J., Husker, A., Zhan, Z. (*in review*). Comprehensive Evaluation of DAS Arrays 1 in California: Instrument Response, Noise Floor, and Amplitude Saturation.
- [10] Bird, E., **Atterholt, J.**, Biondi, E., Yang, Y., Zhan, Z. (*in review*). Imaging the North Bishop Block with Converted Phases Observed through Fiber-Optic Seismology.
- [9] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z., Yang, Y., Zhu, W. (2024). Imaging the Garlock Fault Zone with a Fiber: A Missing Damage Zone and Hidden Bimaterial Contrast. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, doi: 10.1029/2024JB028900
- [8] Guo, H., **Atterholt, J.**, McGuire, J.J., Thurber, C. (*in review*). Evidence for low effective stress within the crust of the subducted Gorda plate from the 2022 December M_w 6.4 Ferndale Earthquake Sequence.
- [7] **Atterholt, J.**, Ross, Z.E. (2023). Finite Source Properties of Large Strike-Slip Earthquakes. *Geophysical Journal International*, doi: 10.1093/gji/ggad459
- [6] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z., and Yang, Y. (2022). Fault zone imaging with distributed acoustic sensing: body-to-surface wave scattering. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, doi: 10.1029/2022JB025052
- [5] Yang, Y., Zhan, Z., Shen, Z., and **Atterholt, J.** (2022). Fault zone imaging with distributed acoustic sensing: surface-to-surface wave scattering. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, doi: 10.1029/2022JB024329.
- [4] **Atterholt, J.** and Ross, Z. E. (2022) Bayesian framework for inversion of second-order stress glut moments: application to the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence mainshock. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, doi: 10.1029/2021JB023780

- [3] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z., Shen, Z., and Li, Z. (2021) A unified wavefield partitioning approach for distributed acoustic sensing. *Geophysical Journal International*, doi: 10.1093/gji/ggab407
- [2] Yang Y., **Atterholt, J.**, Shen, Z., Muir, J.B., Williams, W.F., Zhan, Z. (2021) Sub-kilometer correlation between near-surface structure and ground motion measured with distributed acoustic sensing. *Geophysical Research Letters*, doi: 10.1029/2021GL096503
- [1] **Atterholt, J.**, Brownlee, S.J., and Pavlis, G.L. (2021). Direct P-wave anisotropy measurements at Homestake Mine: implications for wave propagation in the continental crust. *Geophysical Journal International*, doi: 10.1093/gji/ggaa416

Teaching Experience

2022-2023	Caltech EQ Fellows Program, Instructor/Mentor
2023	Plate Tectonics, Teaching Assistant, Caltech
2022	Geophysical Data Analysis, Teaching Assistant, Caltech
2021	Seismology, Teaching Assistant, Caltech

Service

2022-present	Manuscript Reviewer, Seismological Research Letters, Journal of	
	Geophysical Research – Solid Earth, Communications Earth &	
	Environment, Scientific Reports, Seismica	
2023-2024	Project Mentor, High School Student Researchers, Caltech	
2022-2023	Curriculum Developer / Instructor, Caltech EQ Fellows Program	
2021-2022	Organizer, Caltech Seismological Laboratory Seminar	
2016-2019	Editorial Board Member, IU Journal of Undergraduate Research	

Seminars

- [4] Indiana University Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Invited Talk, 2024
 Title: Top to Bottom Structure of the Garlock Fault with DAS
- [3] **John Wesley Powell Center for Analysis and Synthesis**, Invited Talk, 2024 Title: Fault Zone Imaging with DAS: A Case Study at the Garlock Fault
- [2] California Institute of Technology, Brown Bag Seminar, 2024
 Title: Exploring Fine-Scale Crustal Structure with Fiber Optic Seismology

[1] Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, GMP Guest Seminar, 2023
Title: Illuminating the Multiscale Structure of the Garlock Fault Zone with Distributed
Acoustic Sensing

Select Oral Presentations

- [4] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z. (2023) Illuminating Moho Variability Across the Garlock Fault with Distributed Acoustic Sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco.
- [5] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z., Yang, Y., Zhu, W. (2023) The Top-to-Bottom Structure of the Garlock Fault Zone Uncovered with Fiber Sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco.
- [3] Atterholt, J., Zhan, Z., Yang, Y., and Zhu, W. (2023) High-Resolution Fault Zone Imaging with Distributed Acoustic Sensing. SSA Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico. Invited.
- [2] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z., Yang, Y., and Zhu, W. (2022) Imaging the Garlock Fault Zone using distributed acoustic sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, Chicago.
- [1] **Atterholt, J.** and Ross, Z.E. (2022). Global evaluation of large strike-slip ruptures using a Bayesian estimation of stress glut second moments. AGU Fall Meeting, Chicago.

Select Poster Presentations

- [10] Bird, E., **Atterholt, J.**, Yang, Y., Biondi E., and Zhan, Z. (2023). Joint Inversion for Shallow Subsurface Velocity Structure near Bishop, CA. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco.
- [9] Barbour, A., McGuire, J., and **Atterholt, J.** (2023) Site effects at the meter scale from fiber optic and nodal seismic sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco.
- [8] **Atterholt, J.** and Ross, Z.E. (2023). Finite Source Properties of Large Strike-Slip Earthquakes. SSA Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico.
- [7] **Atterholt, J.** and Ross, Z.E. (2021). Bayesian framework for inversion of second-order stress glut moments: application to the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence mainshock. AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans.
- [6] **Atterholt, J.**, and Zhan, Z. (2021). Fault zone mapping at intermediate scales using scattered waves recorded by distributed acoustic sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans.
- [5] Yang, Y., **Atterholt, J.**, Shen, Z., Muir, J.B., Williams, E.F., and Zhan, Z. (2021). Urban seismic hazard mapping with distributed acoustic sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans.

- [4] **Atterholt, J.**, Zhan, Z., Shen, Z., and Li, Z. (2020). A unified wavefield partitioning approach for distributed acoustic sensing. AGU Fall Meeting, Online.
- [3] Williams, E.F., Martins, H.F., Fernandez-Ruiz, M.R., **Atterholt, J.**, Shen, Z., Martin-Lopez, S., Gonzalez-Herraez, M., Callies, J., and Zhan, Z. (2020). Ocean surface gravity wave interferometry with seafloor DAS. AGU Fall Meeting, Online.
- [2] **Atterholt, J.** and Pavlis, G.L. (2018). Measurements of P wave anisotropy using active source seismic data in the Homestake Mine. GSA Annual Meeting, Indianapolis.
- [1] **Atterholt, J.**, Chen, T., Snelson, and C.M., Mellors, R.J. (2017). Attenuation model using the large-N array from the Source Physics Experiment. AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans.

Field Experience

Nodal deployment in Los Angeles County, Contributor, Caltech
Seismic survey across Garlock Fault, Designer and organizer, Caltech
Seismic survey across Seattle Fault, Contributor, USGS
Seismic survey in Wabash Valley Fault Zone, Contributor, USGS
Field mapping in the Tobacco Root Mountains, Student, IU