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## EDUCATION

- 2018 **PhD, Geological Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA**  
Thesis advisor: Alan R. Gillespie, Department of Earth and Space Sciences  
Dissertation: “*Quaternary glaciation in Central Asia*”
- 2003 **MSc, Geology, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**  
Thesis advisor: Naidangiin Batsukh, School of Geology  
Dissertation: “*Formation features of geological environment of Darkhan city, Mongolia*”
- 2002 **BSc, Geology, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**  
School of Geology

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2018–present **University of Washington, Postdoctoral Research Associate**  
*Advisors: Alan Gillespie and Ron Sletten*  
Develop an algorithm to detect ice/water phase transitions in the ground using MODIS data.
- 2008–2018 **University of Washington, Research / Teaching Associate**  
*Research activities:* field mapping and sample collection; physical and chemical processing of samples for cosmic-ray exposure dating; sample processing and analyses for optically-stimulated luminescence dating; spectral analyses and photo interpretation of satellite-measured data; numerical modeling of glacier energy and mass balance.  
*Teaching activities:* taught and developed laboratory exercises and led field trips for undergraduate courses on physical geology, geomorphology, remote sensing, and GIS.
- 2012 Aug **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organization, Guest Researcher**  
*Supervisor: David Fink (ANSTO, Australia)*  
Completed the chemical processing and transfer of BeO samples; helped and observed the measurements of the samples on the tandem accelerator ANTARES.
- 2012 Feb **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Visiting Researcher**  
*Supervisor: Ari Matmon (HUJI, Institute of Earth Science, Israel)*  
Performed full chemical processing of rock samples for  $^{10}\text{Be}$  dating.
- 2008 Feb **University of Washington, Visiting Scholar**  
*Supervisor: Alan Gillespie (Dept. of Earth and Space) & James Feathers (Dept. of Anthropol.)*  
Chemical processing of samples for luminescence dating (OSL); measuring and analyzing single-grain OSL data; counted craters of Mars using MOLA and THEMIS data.
- 2003–2008 **Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Lecturer**  
Lectured and taught laboratory exercises for undergraduate courses on hydrogeology and engineering geology. Led mapping field trips.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Published (peer-reviewed):*

- Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Fink, D., Matmon, A., Fujioka, T., 2018. Asynchronous glaciations in arid continental climate. *Quaternary Science Reviews*, v. 182, p. 1–19.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2017.12.001>
- Herget, J., Carling, P., Agatova, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Borodavko, P., Gillespie, A., Nepop, R., 2017. Comment on Gribenski, N. et al., 2016. Complex patterns of glacier advances during the late glacial in the Chagan Uzun Valley, Russian Altai. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 149, 288–305. *Quaternary Science Reviews*, v. 168, p. 216–219. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2017.04.014>
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2016. Outburst floods of the Maly Yenisei. Part I. *International Geology Review*, v. 58, no. 14, p. 1723–1752.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2016. Outburst floods of the Maly Yenisei. Part II – new age constraints from Darhad basin. *International Geology Review*, v. 58, no. 14, p. 1753–1779.
- Amit, R., Enzel, Y., Mushkin, A., Gillespie, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Crouvi, O., Vandenberghe, J., An, Z., 2013. Linking coarse silt production in Asian sand deserts and the accretion of the Chinese Loess Plateau. *Geology*, v. 42, p. 23–26.
- Smith, M. R., Gillespie, A.R., Montgomery, D.R., and **Batbaatar, J.**, 2009. Crater-fault dating: A new technique for dating fault zones on planetary surfaces. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 284, p. 151–156.

*In preparation / In press:*

- Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Koppes, M., Clark, D., Chadwick, O., Matmon, A., Fink, D., and Rupper, S., *in review*. Spatial pattern of glaciations across the climate-transect of Central Asia.
- Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, Liu, L., Mushkin, A., Sletten, R., O’Neal, M., *in preparation*. Mapping seasonal freeze-up and thaw on a regional scale.

*Published (not peer-reviewed):*

- Batbaatar J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Feathers J.K., Fedotov A., and Bayasgalan A., 2008. The 92-m sediment core from Paleolake Darhad, Mongolia. *The 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Environmental Changes in East Eurasia and Adjacent Areas-High resolution environmental records of terrestrial sediments, Ulaanbaatar-Hatgal, Mongolia, August 23-29*.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2008. Glacial chronology on the southern margin of Siberia. *The XIV Glaciological Symposium on Glaciology from International Geophysical Year to International Polar Year, Glaciological Association, Institute of Geography RAS and Institute of Geography of Siberian Branch of RAS, Irkutsk, 3-11 September*.
- Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, and Mushkin, A., 2007. Report on the expedition to the Gov’i, July 2007. *Darcy Law and Modern Science Annual Scientific Congress, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaatar, 10 November*.
- Aley, M., **Batbaatar J.**, Jadambaa, N., Tserenjav, G., 2006. Regional Groundwater system of Mongolia. *Full papers of 34<sup>th</sup> Congress of International Hydrogeologists Association*.
- Narantsetseg, Ts., Tomorkhuu, D., Dolgorsuren, H., Oyunchimeg, Ts., Baigal, O., Tuvshinjargal, H., Krivinogov, S., Kazanskyi, A., Matasova, G., Bezrukova, E., Gillespie, A., Bayasgalan, A., and **Batbaatar, J.**, 2006. Research of the sediments from paleolake in Darhad depression. *Institute of Minerals and Resources, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia, 15 pp. (in Mongolian)*
- Batbaatar, J.**, 2004. Formation features of geological environment of Darkhan city. *Mongolian Geoscientists, no.25, Abstract Issue on Geology and Geoecology of Mongolia, March 1, Darkhan-Uul aimag. (in Mongolian)*
- Batbaatar, J.**, Munkh-Aldar, M., 2001. Contamination of the snow water in Ulaanbaatar city. *Geology Journal, School of Geology, MUST, Ulaanbaatar. (in Mongolian)*

# CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Fink, D., Matmon, A., Lai, Z.P., Koppes, M., 2017. Relative equilibrium-line altitude as an indicator of glacier sensitivity to temperature and precipitation. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 49, No. 6. doi: 10.1130/abs/2017AM-304129
- Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, Sletten, R.S., Trombotto, D., O'Neal, M., Hanson, B., Mushkin, A., Monitoring and mapping soil ice/water phase transitions in arid regions. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 49, No. 6. doi: 10.1130/abs/2017AM-303402
- Gillespie, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, 2017. Satellite remote sensing of the water/ice phase transition in moist soil and permafrost. 48<sup>th</sup> ASTER Science Team Meeting, June 6, 2017, Tokyo, Japan.
- Gillespie, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Sletten, R., Trombotto, D., O'Neal, M., Hanson, B., Mushkin, A., 2017. Monitoring and mapping soil ice/water phase transitions: the role of ASTER thermal imaging. 48<sup>th</sup> ASTER Science Team Meeting, June 7, 2017, Tokyo, Japan.
- Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A., Turzewski, M., 2016. Dynamics of the paleofloods on the Maly Yenisei river. Fifth International Paleoflood Conference, September 12-15, Rapid City, SD, USA.
- Wiedmer, M., Gillespie, A., Turzewski, M., Greenberg, H., **Batbaatar, J.**, 2016. Revisiting the Glacial Lake Atna megaflood, Alaska. Fifth International Paleoflood Conference, September 12-15, Rapid City, SD, USA.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2015. Marine Oxygen Isotope Stage 3 glaciations in continental climate-regions of Central Asia. XIX INQUA Congress, 27 July – 2 August 2015, Nagoya, Japan.
- Gillespie, A.R., and **Batbaatar, J.**, 2014. Climatic mediation of moisture sources on the southern edge of Siberia. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 46, No. 6, p. 798.
- Gillespie, A.R., Ploskey, Z., **Batbaatar, J.**, 2014. Pleistocene ELA depression along the Pacific coast of North America. American Quaternary Association 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meeting. Seattle, WA, August 8-10.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2013. Spatial pattern of equilibrium-line altitude in Central Asia. Geological Society of America, Abstracts with Programs 45 (7), Paper No. 101-9.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2013. Equilibrium-line altitudes of glaciers in hyper-arid regions of Central Asia. UW Earth and Space Sciences Research Gala. Seattle, April 4-5.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2012. Equilibrium-line altitudes in cold hyperarid settings. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting. San Francisco, December 3-7 (abstract #C43E-06).
- Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Schreiber, B.C., 2012. Tectonics and Environment at the western end of the Baikal rift: Paleolake sediment record from Darhad Basin, northern Mongolia. GSA Cordilleran Sociotn: Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 44, No. 3, p. 56.
- Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2010. ASTER reflectance and global DEM used to create map of glacial ELA depression in Central Asia. 37<sup>th</sup> ASTER Science Team Meeting, Tokyo, Japan.
- Batbaatar, J.**, Feathers, J.K., and Gillespie A.R., 2009. IRSL feldspar dates for paleolake sediments from Darhad Basin, Mongolia. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Program, Vol. 41, No. 7, p. 382.
- Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, Feathers, J.K., 2008. First Direct Dating of MIS-2 Paleolake Sediments from Darhad Basin, Mongolia, GSA Joint Meeting, Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 40, No. 6, p. 148.
- Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., 2008. Glacial chronology on the southern margin of Siberia. The XIV Glaciological Symposium on Glaciology from International Geophysical Year to International Polar Year, Glaciological Association, Institute of Geography RAS and Institute of Geography of Siberian Branch of RAS, Irkutsk, 3-11 September.
- Batbaatar, J.**, Batsukh, N., Aley, M., 2006. Possibility to build geothermal power plant in Shargaljuut, Mongolia. Proc. 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Geothermal Symposium.

**TEACHING****2009–2018 University of Washington, Teaching Assistant****Introduction to Geological Sciences (ESS 101; 8 quarters)**

Hands-on lab exercises with 30 students per group, leading local field trips to introduce glacial, fluvial, volcanic deposits and basalt flows. Co-lectured. Conducted student debates on environment and societal issues.

**Physical Geology (ESS 210; Winter 2016)**

Responsible for lab exercises on mineral identification, rock types, mapping techniques, and basic GIS tools (Google Earth, ArcGIS). Graded lab works and assisted in the field trip.

**Physical Processes of the Earth (ESS 211; Fall 2017)**

Responsible for lab exercises on analogue and numerical modeling of hillslope evolution, and basics of geological mapping techniques.

**Geomorphology (ESS 326; Fall 2016)**

Developed two new laboratory exercises. Led lab sections and co-led the field trips. Lab works included mapping techniques, GIS analysis, landslide assessment, and introductory numerical modeling.

**Introduction to Geological Remote Sensing (ESS 421; Spring 2014).**

Responsible for leading lab works to teach photo interpretation techniques (color mixing, shading), analysis of multispectral, radar, and elevation data, and application of spectroscopy. The lab exercises use ENVI, Google Earth, Excel. Advised and helped students to prepare proposal for projects of their own interests (student disciplines: geology, forestry, civil engineering, biology).

**Application in GIS for the Earth Sciences (ESS 520; Winter 2016)**

Assisted the students on computer-lab works involving GIS analysis using ArcMap and ENVI. Mentored students on conducting individual research projects as part of the class assignment and graded the merit and scientific writing of their final reports.

**2003–2008 Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Lecturer****Introduction to Hydrogeology (300-level course; 5 semesters)**

Fully responsible for lectures and hands-on lab exercises to teach groundwater systems, hydraulic conductivity, Darcy's law, chemical composition of groundwater, water balance & recharge estimation.

**Investigation Methods in Hydrogeology (400-level course; Spring 2004)**

Fully responsible for lectures and lab exercises to teach drilling and logging techniques, well design, monitoring, data analysis, water quality measurements, writing and reporting. I advised students preparing their bachelor's thesis proposals for graduation.

## INVITED TALKS & SEMINARS

- 2019 **Western Washington University**, Geology Department: J. Batbaatar, “Glacier development in continental climate regions of central Asia”. April 9, 2019.  
**Dartmouth College**, Department of Earth Sciences: J. Batbaatar, “Glacier asynchrony in continental climate settings”. February 28, 2019.
- 2014 **Humboldt State University**, Geology Colloquium: J. Batbaatar & Alan Gillespie, “Local LGM in the hyperarid Gobi of Mongolia”. April, 2014.
- 2013 **University of Washington**, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Brown Bag talk: Steve Warren & J. Batbaatar, “A trip through western Mongolia”. April, 2013.
- 2012 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation**, Institute for Environmental Research: “Using cosmogenic  $^{10}\text{Be}$  to study the peculiar glaciers of Central Asia”. August, 2012.  
**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Institute of Earth Sciences: “Use of in-situ  $^{10}\text{Be}$  for studying peculiar glaciers in Central Asia”. February, 2012
- 2011 **Chinese Academy of Sciences**, Qinghai Institute of Salt Lakes: “Glaciers as climate recorders: How do we invert geological deposits into paleoclimate data?”. September, 2011.
- 2008 **University of Washington**, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Brown Bag talk: “Good to photograph while doing geology in Mongolia”. December, 2008.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2015 Competitive travel grants from International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA) and College of the Environment, University of Washington
- 2014 Harry E. Wheeler Scholarship, UW
- 2013 Bourgeois Graduate Fund, rewarded for independent research proposal, UW  
Vance Fellowship in Geology Sciences, UW
- 2012 Kenneth C. Robbins field study endowment, UW  
Vance Fellowship in Geology Sciences, UW  
Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation, UW  
Geological Society of America, Cordilleran Section Travel Grant
- 2011 Peter Misch Fellowship, UW  
Department of Earth and Space Sciences Fellowship, UW  
Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Grant, UW
- 2001 Best student award, Mongolian University of Science and Technology

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee for: Quaternary Research (2013–), Annals of Glaciology (2015–), Quaternary Science Reviews (2018–), Journal of Quaternary Science (2018–), Boreas (2018–), Earth-Science Reviews (2019–).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Quaternary Research Center (affiliate member, 2016–); Geological Society of America (2008–); American Geophysical Union (2012–); American Quaternary Association (2014–).