

Lecture 1: EOS 408 Course Introduction

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The Pacific island of Moloka'i

We acknowledge and respect the *lək'əŋən* peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and *WSÁNEĆ* peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



Who am I?



- Blake Dyer (he/him/his)
 - I prefer Blake over Dr. Dyer or Professor Dyer
- Undergraduate degree in Earth Sciences at Rice University 2006-2010
- PhD in Geosciences at Princeton University 2010-2015
- Postdoc at LDEO (Columbia University) 2016-2019
- Started in SEOS at UVic in Nov 2019
- Courses: EOS 240 Geochemistry, EOS 120 The Dynamic Earth, EOS 423 Advanced Sedimentology and Stratigraphy, EOS 408 Marine Geology



Research program interests: the geologic history of climate and life



The Goosenecks, Utah



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Ka'ena Point, Oahu



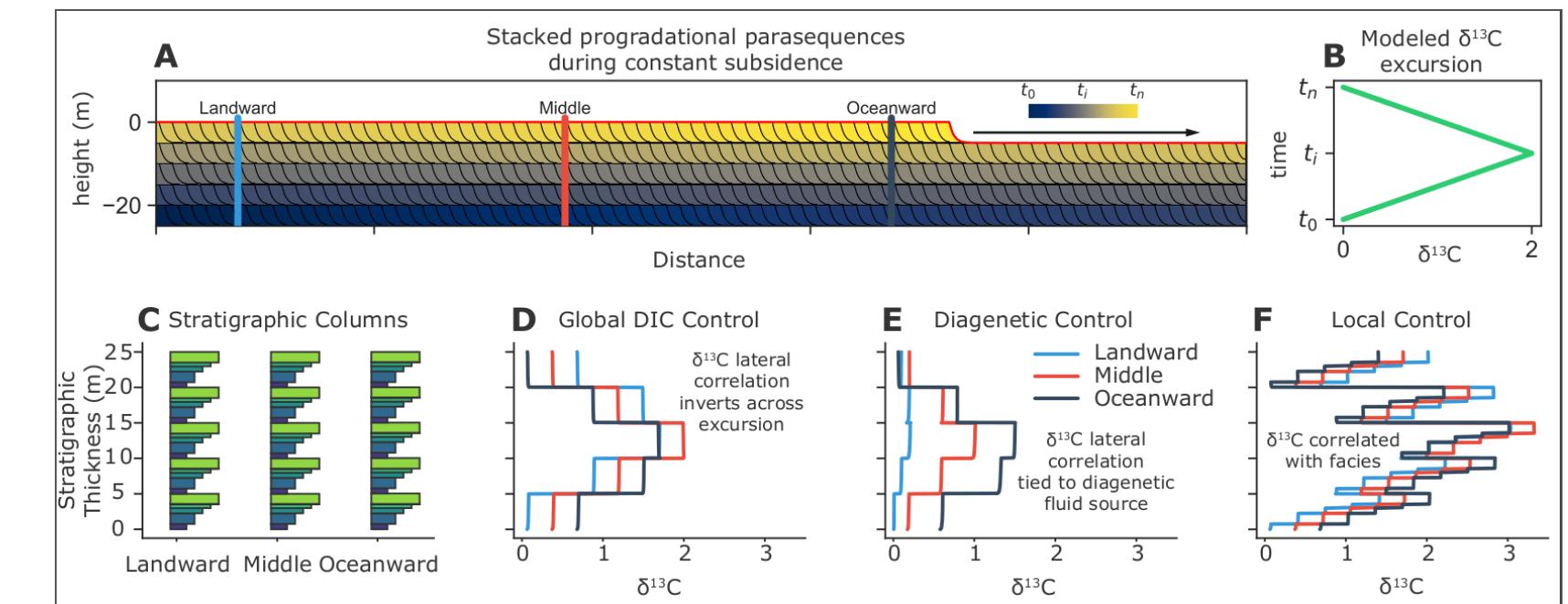
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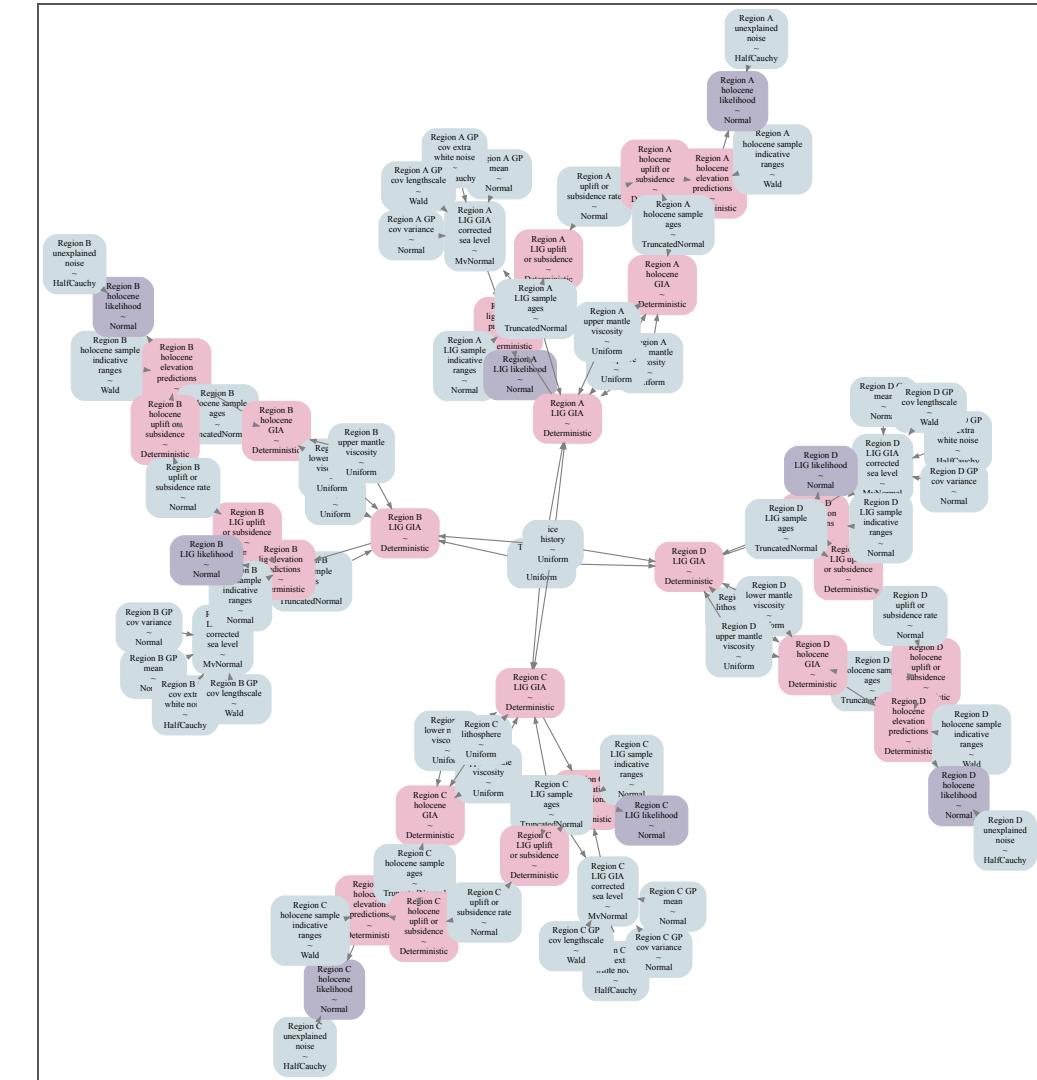
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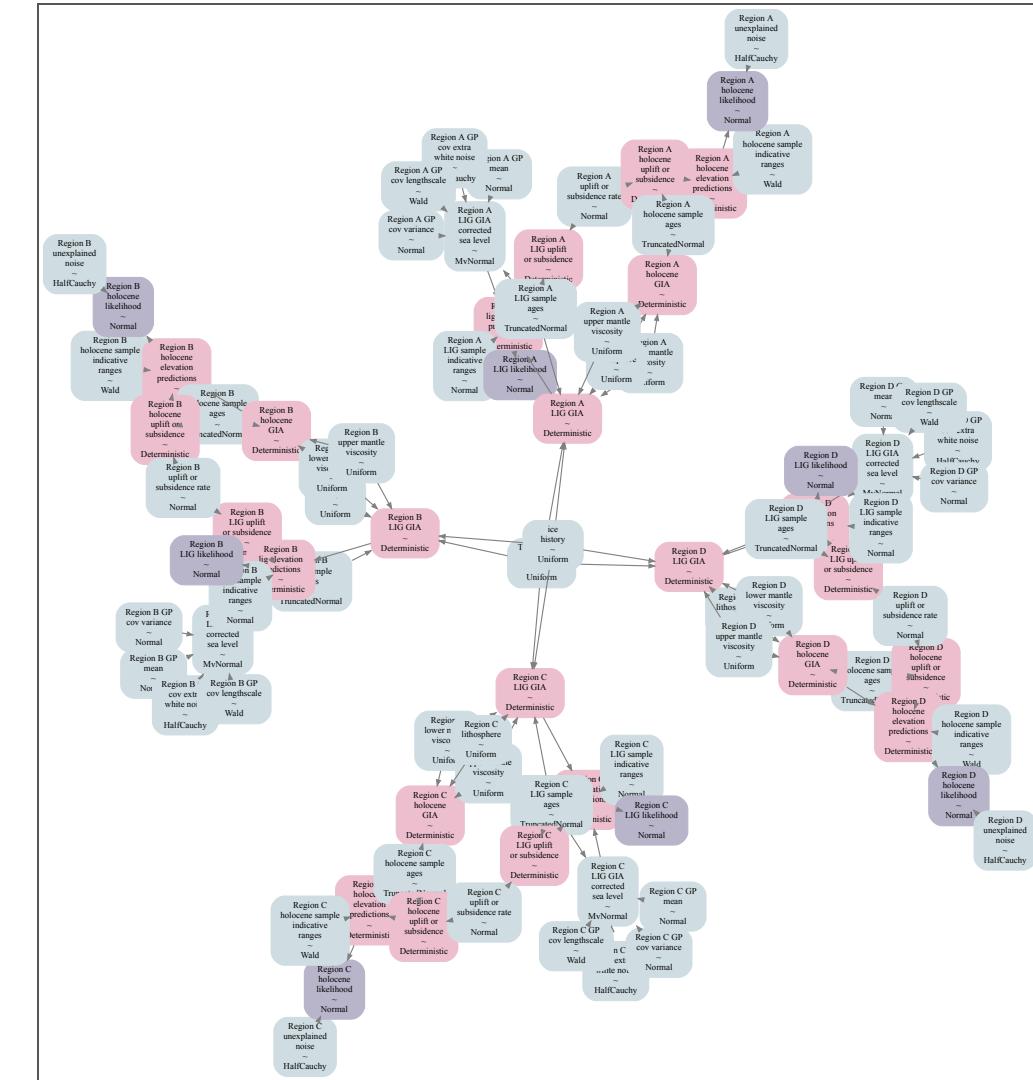


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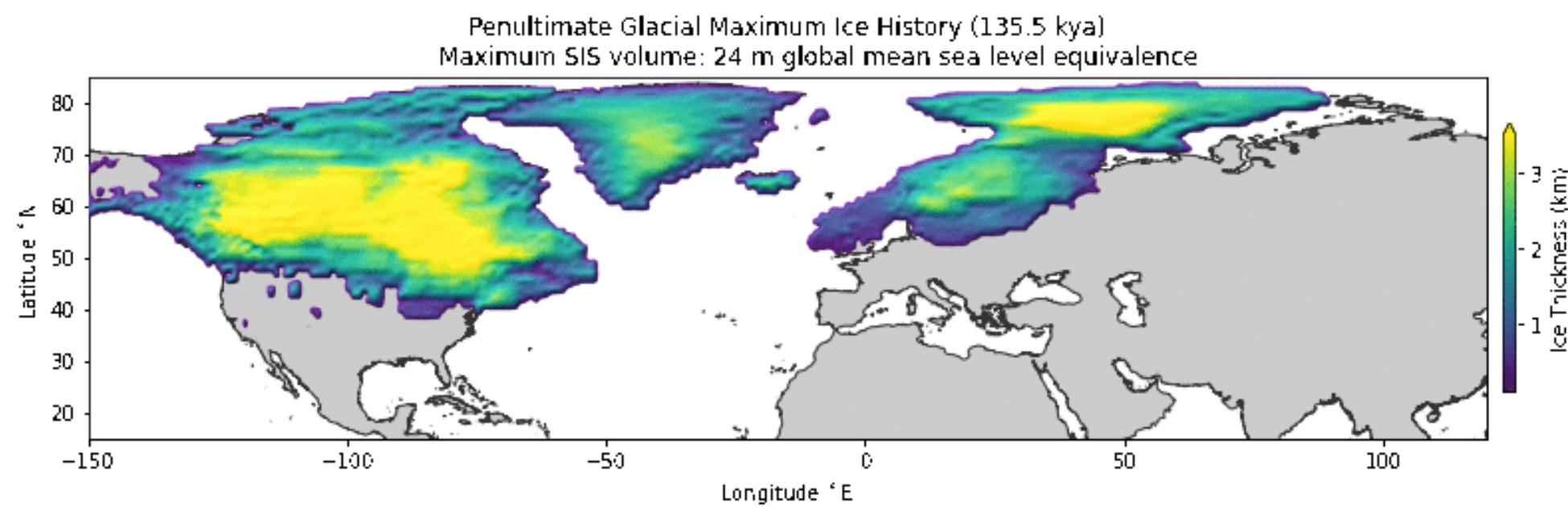
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Outside of work



Introductions: who are *you*

Some optional prompts:

- Name
- Why are you here?
 - What program are you in and/or why?
 - What do you hope to learn in EOS 408?
 - What challenges do you anticipate?
 - What are your plans after graduation?
 - What are your favorite hobbies?



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If someone does not have one of these pre-reqs, please contact me ASAP!



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Course structure: The course will meet twice a week (M/Th) for lectures and workshops. A tentative plan for the entire term is on Brightspace. I will keep that schedule up to date when changes are made.



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Below is a breakdown of the course assessment:

Participation and contributions to workshops	10%
Review paper outline (Due Oct 06)	10%
Review paper first submission (Due Nov 17)	10%
Peer review letter (Due Nov 24)	10%
Cover letter and final paper submission (Due Dec 04)	40%
In class presentation	20%



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Review Paper: Over the course of this term you will be writing a scientific review paper on a topic of your choosing within the scope of marine geology. The final paper should be between **4000 and 6000 words** and must have at least **two** original figures that you have created by combining data or concepts from your research. You will need to consult with the instructor and select an appropriate topic by Friday, September 22nd. We will be workshopping aspects of your paper and general science writing throughout the term. Your first submission of this review paper will be due on November 17th. Your first submission will be reviewed by one of your peers for critical feedback. This feedback will be relayed back to you through the instructor and you will have the opportunity to respond and incorporate that feedback into your final submission on the last day of class, December 4th.



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Participation and contributions to workshops This course is at least half workshop-based, so it is especially important for everyone to participate and be heard. You should be honest with your classmates and with the instructor, respectful toward everyone's thoughts and opinions, and compassionate toward your subject matter and the views of your peers. A pattern of showing up to workshops unprepared will result in a zero for this aspect of your final grade. More importantly, the workshops are designed to help you with the other graded aspects of the course, so failure to take advantage of the workshops will make it very tough to succeed in this course.



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Most workshops will require you to have prepared writing, feedback, or other material before the start of class. These pre-workshop assignments must be submitted to brightspace by **9 AM** the day of the workshop.



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Class Presentation Towards the end of the term, you will give a 12 minute presentation for the class on the topic of your review paper.



Course outline (weeks 1-6)

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Readings
1	Th Sep 07	Course introduction	
2	M Sep 11	Lecture 1 Sea-floor depth, age, and heat flow	Hess 1962
	Th Sep 14	Workshop 1 Writing for clarity	Plaxco 2010, Hess 1947
3	M Sep 18	Lecture 2 Plumes and other seamounts	to be announced..
	Th Sep 21	Workshop 2 Discussing science	
	F Sep 22	Review paper topic due 11:59 PM	
4	M Sep 25	Lecture 3 Magnetization of the sea-floor	
	Th Sep 28	Workshop 3 Referencing original material	
5	M Oct 02	<i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</i>	
	Th Oct 05	Lecture 4 Tectonics	
	F Oct 06	Review paper outlines due 11:59 PM	
6	M Oct 09	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
	Th Oct 12	Workshop 4 Outline of review paper	



Course outline (weeks 7-14)

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Readings
7	M Oct 16	Lecture 5 Pelagic sediments	
	Th Oct 19	Workshop 5 Peer review examples and practice	
8	M Oct 23	Lecture 6 Coral reefs past and present	
	Th Oct 26	Workshop 6 Your review paper introductions	
9	M Oct 30	Lecture 7 Coastlines	
	Th Nov 02	Workshop 7 Your review paper figures	
10	M Nov 06	Lecture 8 Chemical exchange between seafloor and seawater	
	Th Nov 09	Workshop 8 Your review paper main text	
11	M Nov 13	<i>Remembrance Day, Reading Break</i>	
	Th Nov 16	Workshop 9 Your review paper conclusions	
	F Nov 17	Review paper due 11:59 PM	
12	M Nov 20	Workshop 10 Peer review	
	Th Nov 23	Student Presentations 1	
	F Nov 24	Peer review due 11:59 PM	
13	M Nov 27	Student Presentations 2	
	Th Nov 30	Student Presentations 3	
14	M Dec 04	Student Presentations 4	
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 - Pre-workshop assignment (due 9 AM before the workshop, submitted to brightspace):
 - write an informal summary of Hess 1947 to a peer (informal like an e-mail or pen-pal).
 - around 500 words long and use multiple paragraphs.
- Consider the rules and guidance from *The art of writing science* (Plaxco 2010) when writing your summary. We will workshop your summaries in small groups in class on September 14.

