



# Claire Zurkowski

## Affiliation and Contact

### Postdoctoral Scholar

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## Education

2021	<b>The University of Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL Ph.D., Geophysical Sciences
2016	<b>San Francisco State University</b> , San Francisco, CA B.S., Geology

## Professional Experience

2022 - present	<b>Postdoctoral Scholar</b> High Pressure Physics, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, working with Zsolt Jenei.
2022 - present	<b>Visiting Scientist</b> Earth and Planets Laboratory, Carnegie Institution for Science, working with Yingwei Fei.
2021 - 2022	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> Earth and Planets Laboratory, Carnegie Institution for Science, working with Yingwei Fei.

## Research Interests

I am a mineral physicist studying the chemistry and thermodynamics of Earth and exoplanetary deep interiors. In my experiments, I synthesize multi-crystal samples in the laser-heated diamond anvil cell up to multi-megbar pressures. At these conditions, I combine synchrotron powder and single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques to obtain in-depth structural and chemical details of planetary petrologies.

## Publications

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Yang J., Chariton S., Prakapenka V. B., and Fei Y. Synthesis and stability of an eight-coordinated  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  high-pressure phase: Implications for the mantle structure of super-Earths. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, 127, e2022JE007344. \*Special Section: *Exoplanets: The Nexus of Astronomy and Geoscience*. DOI

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Lavina B., Case A., Swadba K., Chariton S., Prakapenka V.B., and Campbell A.J. (2022)  $\text{Fe}_5\text{S}_2$  identified as a host for sulfur in Earth and planetary cores. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 593, 117650. DOI

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Lavina B., Chariton S., Prakapenka V.B., and Campbell A.J. (2022) Stability of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}$  and  $\text{Fe}_{12}\text{S}_7$  to 125 GPa—implications for S-rich planetary cores. *Geochemical Perspectives Letters*, 21, 47 - 52. DOI

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Lavina B., Brauser N. M., Davis A. H., Chariton S., Tkachev S., Greenberg E., Prakapenka V. B., and Campbell A. J. Pressure-induced C23-C37 transition and compression behavior of orthorhombic  $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}$  to Earth's core pressures and high temperatures. *American Mineralogist*, in press. DOI

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Lavina B., Chariton S., Greenberg E., Prakapenka V.B., and Campbell A.J. (2021) The crystal structure of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}$  at 90 GPa based on single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. *American Mineralogist: Journal of Earth and Planetary Materials*, 107, 739-743. DOI

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Lavina B., Chariton S., Greenberg E., Tkachev S. N., Prakapenka, V.B., and Campbell A. J. (2020) The novel high-pressure/high-temperature compound  $\text{Co}_{12}\text{P}_7$  determined from synchrotron data. *Acta Crystallographica E76*, 1665-1668. DOI

## Submitted Publications

**Zurkowski C. C.**, Lavina B., Prissel K., Chariton, S., Prakapenka V. B., and Fei Y. Structure and titanium distribution of feiite characterized using synchrotron single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. Submitted to *American Mineralogist*.

## Scholarships and Awards

2021	Advances in synchrotron-based research towards understanding the structure, evolution, and dynamics of Earth and planetary interiors workshop postdoc participation award, Advanced Photon Source
2020	Arts, Science + Culture Initiative graduate collaboration grant awarded
2019	Student Presentation Award, COMPRES Annual Meeting
2018	Student Presentation Award, COMPRES Annual Meeting
2018–2021	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
2017	Outstanding Student Paper Award, Mineral and Rock Physics, AGU Fall Meeting
2016–2021	McCormick Fellowship, University of Chicago
2016	Department Honoree, San Francisco State University's Geology Department
2016	Summa Cum Laude, San Francisco State University
2013–2016	Dean's List San Francisco State University
2013	Presidential Scholarship, Pratt Institute
2013	Valedictorian, The John Carroll School
2013	Judith Resnick Scholarship for Women in the Math and Sciences

2013 William J. Sacco Scholarship for Applied Mathematics  
2013 Math, Physics and Art Student of the Year, The John Carroll School

## Invited Seminars and Teaching Lectures

- 2022 **Lorentz Center, Diversity of Rocky Exoplanets 2022,**  
*Exoplanetary mineralogy and advances in experimental tools to probe exoplanetary deep interiors*
- 2022 **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, High-Pressure Physics Group,**  
*Crystallography at the extremes: Insights into Earth and exoplanetary deep interiors”*
- 2021 **Carnegie Institution for Science, Experimental Petrology and Mineral Physics Group,**  
*High P-T multigrain synthesis and the importance of powder and single crystal X-ray diffraction techniques*
- 2021 **Carnegie Institution for Science, Experimental Petrology and Mineral Physics Group,**  
*Investigating the structural properties of Fe-rich sulfides to Earth’s core pressures and high temperatures*

## Conference Presentations

**Zurkowski C.C.,** Yang J., Chariton S., Prakapenka V.B., and Fei Y. Synthesis of an eight-coordinated  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  high-pressure phase: Implications for the mantle structure of super-Earths, presented at the 2022 *Lorentz Center Workshop: Diversity of Rocky Exoplanets*, Leiden, 5-9 Sep. (Poster Presentation)

**Zurkowski C.C.,** Lavina, B., Yang J., Chariton S., Tkachev, S., Prakapenka V.B., and Fei Y. Crystal structure of feiite determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, presented at 2022 meeting, *IMA*, Lyon, 18-22 Jul. (Oral Presentation, given by Yingwei Fei)

**Zurkowski C.C.,** Yang J., Chariton S., Prakapenka V.B., and Fei Y. Synthesis of an eight-coordinated  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  high-pressure phase: Implications for the mantle structure of super-Earths, presented at 2022 meeting, *ISoC*, Erice, 3-11 Jun. (Poster Presentation)

**Zurkowski C.C.,** Yang J., Chariton S., Prakapenka V.B., and Fei Y. Synthesis of an eight-coordinated  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  high-pressure phase: Implications for the mantle structure of super-Earths, Abstract 1459 presented at 2022 meeting, *LPSC*, 7-11 Mar. (Poster Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.,** Swabda, K., Case, A., Lavina, B., Chariton, S., Greenberg E., Prakapenka V.B., and Campbell A.J. (2021) Synthesis and characterization of a new complex iron sulfide at Earth’s outer core conditions. Abstract DI35D-0062 presented at 2021 meeting, *AGU*, Dec. 15 (Poster Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.,** Lavina, B., Chariton, S., Greenberg E., Prakapenka V.B., and Campbell A.J. (2020) Phase stability and structural properties of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}$  and its analog  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}$  at high pressures and temperatures. Abstract EGU21-1862 presented at 2021 meeting, *EGU*, 26 Apr. (Oral Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.,** Lavina, B., Chariton, S., Greenberg E., Prakapenka V.B., and Campbell A.J. (2020) Phase stability and structural properties of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{S}$  and its analog  $\text{Co}_2\text{P}$  at high

pressures and temperatures. Abstract MR024-05 presented at 2020 meeting, AGU, 1-17 Dec. (Oral Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Davis, A.H., Chariton, S., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2020) A hexagonal Fe<sub>3</sub>S phase at Earth's core conditions. Abstract. COMPRES Annual Meeting (Oral Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Brauser, N.M., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2019) Phase stability and thermal equations of state of Fe<sub>3</sub>S and Fe<sub>2</sub>S polymorphs to Earth's core pressures and high temperatures. Abstract D113A-05 presented at 2019 meeting, AGU, Washington, D.C., 9-13 Dec. (Oral Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Brauser, N.M., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2019) Phase stability and thermal equations of state of Fe<sub>3</sub>S and Fe<sub>2</sub>S polymorphs to Earth's core pressures and high temperatures. Abstract. COMPRES Annual Meeting (Poster Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Chidester, B.A., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2018). Phase relations in the Fe–S–O system to Earth and planetary core conditions. Abstract MR42A-02 presented at 2018 meeting, AGU, Washington, D.C., 10-14 Dec. (Oral Presentation)

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Chidester, B.A., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2018). Stability of the high pressure phase Fe<sub>3</sub>(S,O)<sub>2</sub> to Earth and planetary core conditions in the Fe–S–O system Abstract. *COMPRES Annual Meeting*. (Oral Presentation).

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Chidester, B.A., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2018). Stability of the high pressure phase Fe<sub>3</sub>(S,O)<sub>2</sub> to Earth and planetary core conditions in the Fe–S–O system. Abstract. *COMPRES Annual Meeting*. (Poster Presentation).

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Chidester, B.A., Davis, A.H., Brauser, N.M., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2017). Stability of the high pressure phases Fe<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>S to Earth's core pressures in the Fe–S–O and Fe–S–O–Si systems. Abstract MR54A-07 presented at 2017 meeting, AGU, New Orleans, Louisiana, 10-15 Dec. (Oral Presentation).

Brennan, M, **Zurkowski, C.C.**, Chidester, B.A., Campbell, A.J. (2017) Deep-Earth equilibration between molten iron and solid silicates. Abstract MR43C-0483 presented at 2017 meeting, AGU, New Orleans, Louisiana, 10-15 Dec. (Poster Presentation).

**Zurkowski, C.C.**, Chidester, B.A., Davis, A.H., Brauser, N.M., Greenberg, E., Prakapenka, V.B. and Campbell, A.J. (2017) Stability of the high pressure phase Fe<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> up to 175 GPa in the Fe–S–O system. Abstract. *COMPRES Annual Meeting*. (Poster Presentation)

## Additional Scholarship Experiences

2022

**International School of Crystallography**

*The future is extreme and very bright* summer school

2022

**Lorentz Center Workshops**  
*Diversity of Rocky Exoplanets, invited*

## **Mentorship of Undergraduate Students**

2020-2021

**Abigail Case**

*Project: Single-crystal equations of state of  $Fe_3P$  and  $Fe_3S$*

## **Additional Professional and Teaching Experiences**

Jan-20–Mar 20	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , University of Chicago Department of Geophysical Sciences <i>Natural Hazards</i>
Jan-19–Mar 19	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , University of Chicago Department of Geophysical Sciences <i>Mineralogy</i>
Jan-18–Mar 18	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , University of Chicago Department of Geophysical Sciences <i>Natural Hazards</i>
Jan-17–Mar 17	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , University of Chicago Department of Geophysical Sciences <i>Earth as a Planet</i>
May-18–present	<b>Laboratory of Mineral Physics</b> , University of Chicago <i>PhD candidate</i> Advisor: Dr. Andrew Campbell
Sep-16–May-18	<b>Laboratory of Mineral Physics</b> , University of Chicago <i>Graduate Student</i> Advisor: Dr. Andrew Campbell
Jul-16–Sep-16	<b>Laboratory of Mineral Physics</b> , University of Chicago <i>Visiting Student</i> Advisor: Dr. Andrew Campbell
Jan-15–Jun-16	<b>High Temperature Geochemistry Research Group</b> , San Francisco State University <i>Geochemistry Field and Research Assistant</i> Advisor: Dr. Mary Leech
Jan-15–Jun-15	<b>United States Geological Society</b> , Menlo Park <i>Geophysics Research Assistant</i> Advisor: Dr. Walter Mooney
Jan-14–Jan-15	<b>The Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory</b> , University of Maryland <i>Geochemistry Research Assistant</i> Advisors: Dr. Roberta Rudnick and Dr. William McDonough

## **Relevant Graduate Coursework**

Winter 2020	<b>Mineral Science</b> Grade: A
Winter 2018	<b>Topics in Planetary Science</b> Grade: A
Autumn 2017	<b>Cosmochemistry</b> Grade: A
Autumn 2017	<b>Thermodynamics and Phase Change</b> Grade: A
Spring 2017	<b>Introduction to Mathematical Methods in Physics</b> Grade: A
Spring 2017	<b>Physics of the Earth</b> Grade: A
Winter 2017	<b>Origin and Evolution of the Solar System</b> Grade: A-
Winter 2017	<b>Mineral Physics</b> Grade: A

Winter 2017 **Introduction to Mineralogy**  
Grade: Audited

Autumn 2016 **Geochronology**  
Grade: A

Autumn 2016 **Introduction to Research in the Geophysical Sciences**  
Grade: A

## Outreach

2022 **Carnegie Trustee Meeting**  
Poster session presenter

2022 **American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting**  
Session chair convener

2021 **Advanced Photon Source High-Pressure Workshop**  
Crystallography session chair

2020 **UChicago Department of the Physical Sciences Conduct Committee**  
Committee member

2020 **Notre**  
Art-science interview

2020 **Space Us**  
Art-science interview

2019 **UChicago News**  
Art-science interview

2019 **AGU Mineral and Rock Physics**  
Twitter account manager

2019 **ArtSciInitiative**  
Instagram account manager

2018 **COMPRES Student Planning Committee**  
Vice Chair

2019 **AGU Mineral and Rock Physics Planning Committee**  
Student Representative

2018 **COMPRES Student Planning Committee**  
Committee member

2018 **UChicago Women in Graduate Science Student Leadership Team**  
Geophysical sciences representative

2018 **UChicago Physical Sciences Division Dean's Student Advisory Committee**  
Geophysical sciences representative

2017 **Field Museum Outreach**  
Docent

2017 **Marillac Social Center**  
Math and science tutor

2016 **UChicago Lab Tours**  
Featured speaker and tour guide

2016 **Chicago Upward Bound Tutoring Program**  
Math and science tutor

2016 **Argonne National Lab's Hour of Code Initiative**  
Classroom assistant at Peck Elementary School

2016 **Mentor Matching Engine Chicago**  
Mentor

11. September 2022