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POSITIONS	2023 – present	Assistant Professor, Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences. Brown University. Providence, RI. USA
	2019 – 2023	Assistant Professor, Earth and Planetary Science. University of California Berkeley. Berkeley, CA. USA
	2017 – 2019	Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. USA

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EDUCATION	2012 – 2017	Harvard University, USA Ph.D. in Earth and Planetary Sciences Thesis Advisor: Prof. Jerry X. Mitrovica
	2008 – 2012	Imperial College London, UK Master of Science in Geophysics (First Class Honors) Thesis Advisors: Drs Saskia Goes & Rhodri Davies
	2010 – 2011	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA Visiting student, Department of Earth, Atmospheric, & Planetary Sciences Academic Advisor: Prof. Daniel Rothman

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AWARDS	2022	Packard Fellowship (David and Lucile Packard Foundation)
	2022	Jason Morgan Early Career Award (AGU)
	2022	Hellman Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
	2016	<i>Graduate Research Award</i> for Study of the Deep Earth Interior Section (AGU)
	2016	Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences <i>Merit Research Fellowship</i>
	2015	<i>Best Student Author Award</i> (Geophysical Journal International)
	2015	<i>Shaler Teaching Award</i> (Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University)
	2013 – 2017	<i>Certificate for Distinction in Teaching</i> (2013-2015, 2017)
	2013	<i>Outstanding Student Paper Award</i> for oral presentation (AGU)
	2012	<i>Student Centenary Prize for outstanding Masters Thesis</i> (Imperial College London)
	2008 – 2012	<i>Ash Music Scholarship</i> (Royal College of Music)

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TEACHING	2019 – 2022	Lecturer for <i>The Planet Earth</i> (UC Berkeley)
	2021	Lecturer for <i>Geodynamics</i> (UC Berkeley)
	2020 – present	Founding member of <i>GeoContext</i> , an open-source online resource for lecture material on the historical context of topics within Earth science.
	2013 – 2017	Teaching Fellow for undergraduate courses <i>Global Geophysics</i> and <i>A Brief History of Earth</i> (Harvard)
	2014	Volunteer Virtual Teaching: Remote lessons in natural disasters at Spring Hill Elementary School, Austin, TX
	2011 – 2012	Teaching Assistant for undergraduate course in Statistics/Computing (Imperial)
	2009 – 2010	Volunteer science teacher at elementary schools in disadvantaged areas in London (Pimlico Connection)

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## INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS

AGU (Chicago)	Dec 2022	“The Mechanical Mysteries of Lithospheric Thickness” (Abstract no: )
AGU (New Orleans)	Dec 2021	“Weighing TUZO and JASON individually” (Abstract no: DI13A-05)
AGU (New Orleans)	Dec 2021	“Contributions of Transient Rheology to Geophysical Deformation: Examples from the Deep to Shallow Earth” (Abstract no: X)
EGU (Vienna)	Apr 2021	“Frequency Dependent Mantle Viscoelasticity via the Complex Viscosity: cases from Antarctica and North America” (Abstract no: EGU21-1869)
AGU (virtual)	Dec 2020	“Reconciling estimates of viscoelastic mantle structure using transient rheology—Glacial Isostatic Adjustment across North America and Antarctica” (Abstract no: T013-06)
AGU (virtual)	Dec 2020	“How much and where? Exploring Excess Density within the LLSVPs by reconciling Stoneley Mode and Earth Tide Observations” (Abstract no: DI009-03)

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## INVITED LECTURES

UC San Diego (virtual)	Oct 2022	Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics Seminar
UC Berkeley	Sep 2022	Earth and Planetary Science Seminar
Brown University	May 2022	Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences Colloquium
University of Washington	Mar 2022	Department of Earth and Space Sciences Colloquium
UC Santa Barbara (virtual)	Jan 2022	Department of Earth Sciences Colloquium
Kiel University (virtual)	Sep 2021	4D Deep Dynamic Earth Science Meeting
Universität Bonn (virtual)	Feb 2021	Institut für Geodäsie und Geoinformation Seminar
Australian National University (virtual)	Feb 2021	Research School of Earth Sciences Seminar
University of Chicago	Jan 2021	Department of Geophysics Seminar
Stanford University (virtual)	Oct 2020	Geophysics Seminar
Caltech Institute of Technology	Mar 2020	Seismological Laboratory Seminar
UCLA	Jan 2020	Earth, Planetary, and Space Science Colloquium
UCSC	Jan 2020	Whole Earth Seminar
SAGE/GAGE Meeting, Portland (OR)	Oct 2019	Plenary Speaker on Earth Rheology and Structure: New Approaches, Applications and Implications for Dynamics
Yale University	Feb 2019	Department of Earth and Planetary Science Colloquium
Johns Hopkins University	Nov 2018	Bromery Lecture
University of British Columbia	Sep 2018	Department of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences Colloquium
Study of Earth’s Deep Interior Conference, Edmonton, Canada	Jul 2018	Zatman Lecture
University of Michigan	Mar 2018	Smith Lecture
McGill University	Feb 2018	Earth and Planetary Sciences Department GEOTOP Lecture
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	May 2017	Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Lecture
UC Berkeley	Mar 2017	Department of Earth and Planetary Science Colloquium
Brown University	Feb 2017	Lunch Bunch Geophysics Seminar
Princeton University	Oct 2016	Geophysics Brown Bag Seminar
Columbia University	Apr 2016	Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Marine Geology and Geophysics, Seismology, Geodesy, and Tectonics Seminar

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## AWARDED GRANTS

Packard Fellowship (David and Lucile Packard Foundation)	2022 – 2027	“Bridging Solid Earth Geophysics to Earth’s Climate: A more Holistic Consideration of Earth System Science”. \$825,000.
Frontier Research in Earth Sciences (NSF 2218568)	2022 – 2027	“Collaborative Research: Towards a new framework for interpreting mantle deformation: integrating theory, experiments, and observations spanning seismic to convective timescales”. \$499,824.
Hellman Fellowship (UC Berkeley)	2022 – 2023	“Solid Earth Dynamics across the Pleistocene”. \$57,000.
Geophysics (NSF 1923865)	2019 – 2024	“Constraints from Multiple Low Frequency Data on the Long Wavelength Density Structure in the Deep Mantle”. \$595,689.

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SERVICE	2022 – present	Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics (CIG) Science Steering Committee
	2020 – present	Louderback Committee member (UC Berkeley)
	2020 – present	Global Seismic Network Standing Committee (Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology)
	2019 – present	Member of the International Association of Geodesy’s Joint Study Group
	2019 – present	Ramsden Committee (UC Berkeley)
	2019 – 2021	Member of department’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee (UC Berkeley)

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MEMBERSHIPS	2012 – present	Member of the European Geosciences Union
	2012 – present	Member of the American Geophysical Union
	2012 – present	Associate of the Royal School of Mines

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## PUBLICATIONS (\*yet to be published; †advised)

- [25] 2022\* **Lau, H.C.P.** “Transient Rheology in Sea Level Change: Implications for Meltwater Pulse 1A”, *submitted to Science Advances*
- [24] 2022\* **Lau, H.C.P.** and Al-Attar, D. “Putting Jason and Tuzo on the scales: The Weight of the Individual LLSVPs”, *in prep for submission to Nature Geoscience*
- [23] 2022\* **Lau, H.C.P.** “Evolving Solid Earth Dynamics as a Trigger for the Mid Pleistocene Transition”, *in review at Quaternary Research*
- [22] 2022\* Richards, F., Hoggard, M., Ghelichkhan, S., Koelemeijer, P., and **Lau, H.C.P.** “Geodynamic, geodetic, and seismic con- straints favour deflated and dense-cored LLVPs”, *in review in Earth and Planetary Science Letters*
- [21] 2022 Ruiz, A.H., Murray-Lay, R., **Lau, H.C.P.**, et al., “Constraints on Planetary Migration that Explain Structure in the Kuiper Belt”, *Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society*, 54(5), 102.348
- [20] 2022 Kim, A.J., Crawford, O., Al-Attar, D., **Lau, H.C.P.**, Mitrovica, J.X., and Latychev, K., “Ice age effects on the satellite-derived J<sub>2</sub> datum: Mapping the sensitivity to 3D variations in mantle viscosity”, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 581, 117372
- [19] 2021 Daher, H., ..., **Lau, H.C.P.**, et al. “Long-term Earth-Moon evolution with high-level orbit and ocean tide models”, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, doi: 10.1029/2021JE006875
- [18] 2021 †Robson, A., **Lau, H.C.P.**, Koelemeijer, P.K., and Romanowicz, B. “An analysis of core-mantle boundary Stoneley mode sensitivity and sources of uncertainty”, *Geophysical Journal International*, ggab448
- [17] 2021 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Austermann, J., Holtzman, B.K., Book, C., Havlin, C., Hopper, E., and Lloyd, A. “Frequency Dependent Mantle Viscoelasticity via the Complex Viscosity: Cases From Antarctica”, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, 126, e2021JB022622, doi: 10.1029/2021JB022622
- [16] 2021 **Lau, H.C.P.**, and Al-Attar, D. “Sensitivity kernels for body tides on laterally heterogeneous planets based on adjoint methods”, *Geophysical Journal International*, ggab254
- [15] 2021 **Lau, H.C.P.**, and Romanowicz, B. “Constraining Jumps in Density and Elastic Properties at the 660 km discontinuity Using Normal Mode Data via the Backus-Gilbert Method”, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 48(9), e2020GL092217.

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- [14] 2020 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Holtzman, B.K., and Havlin, C. “Towards a Self-consistent Characterization of Lithospheric Plates Using Full-spectrum Viscoelasticity”, *AGU Advances*, 4(1): e2020AV000205
- [13] 2020 Austermann, J., Chen, C.Y., **Lau, H.C.P.**, Maloof, A.C., and Latychev, K. “Constraints on mantle viscosity and Laurentide ice sheet evolution from pluvial paleolake shorelines in the western United States”, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 532: 116006
- [12] 2019 **Lau, H.C.P.** and Holtzman, B.K. “‘Measures of dissipation in viscoelastic media’ extended: Towards continuous characterization across very broad geophysical time scales”, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 46(16): 9544-9553
- [11] 2019 **Lau, H.C.P.** and Faul, U. “Anelasticity from Seismic to Tidal Timescales: Theory and Observations”, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 508: 18-29
- [10] 2018 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Austermann, J., Mitrovica, J.X., Crawford, O., Al-Attar, D., and Latychev, K. “Inferences of Mantle Viscosity based on Ice Age Datasets: The Bias in Radial Viscosity Profiles due to the Neglect of Laterally Heterogeneous Viscosity Structure”, *Journal of Geophysics: Solid Earth*, 123: 7237-7252
- [9] 2018 Crawford, O., Al-Attar, D., Tromp, J., Mitrovica J.X., Austermann, J., and **Lau, H.C.P.** “Quantifying the sensitivity of post-glacial sea level change to laterally varying viscosity”, *Geophysical Journal International*, 214(2): 1324-1363.
- [8] 2017 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Davis, J.L., Mitrovica J.X., Tromp, J., Al-Attar, D., Latychev, K., and Yang, H.-Y. “Using Tidal Tomography to Constrain Deep Mantle Buoyancy”, *Nature*, 551:321-326
- [7] 2017 Wilmes, S.-B., Mattias Green, J.A., Gomez, N., Rippeth, T.P., and **Lau, H.C.P.** “Global tidal impacts of large-scale ice-sheet collapses”, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 122
- [6] 2017 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Faul, U., Mitrovica, J.X., Al-Attar, D., Tromp, J., and Garapic, G. “Anelasticity across Seismic and Tidal Timescales: a Self-Consistent Approach”, *Geophysical Journal International*, 208(1): 368-384
- [5] 2016 Hay, C.C., **Lau, H.C.P.**, Gomez, N., Austermann, J., Powell, E., Mitrovica, J.X., Latychev, K., and Wiens, D. “Sea-level fingerprints in a region of complex Earth structure: The case of WAIS”, *Journal of Climate*, 30(6): 1881-1892
- [4] 2016 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Mitrovica, J.X., Austermann, J., Crawford, O., Al-Attar, D., and Latychev, K. “Inferences of Mantle Viscosity Based on Ice Age Datasets: I. Radial Structure”, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, 121: 6991-7012
- [3] 2016 Goldberg, S., **Lau, H.C.P.**, Mitrovica, J.X., and Latychev, K. “The Timing of the Black Sea Flood Event: Insights from Modeling of Glacial Isostatic Adjustment”, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 452: 178-184
- [2] 2015 **Lau, H.C.P.**, Yang, H.-Y., Tromp, J., Mitrovica, J.X., Latychev, K., and Al-Attar, D., “A normal mode treatment of semi-diurnal body tides on an aspherical, rotating and anelastic Earth”, *Geophysical Journal International* 202(2): 1392-1406
- [1] 2015 Davies, D.R., Goes S., **Lau, H.C.P.** “Thermally Dominated Deep Mantle LLSVPs: A Review” in “*The Earth’s Heterogeneous Mantle: A Geophysical, Geodynamical, and Geochemical Perspective*”. Khan, A., Deschamps, F. (Eds). Springer International Publishing