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PERSONAL DETAILS

Place of Birth: Greenwich, London, UK (3 December 1981)
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am a geomorphologist/sedimentologist with a principal research interest in sediment dynamics, which includes the physical and biochemical makeup of sediment beds in a range of aquatic environments, the role of sediment heterogeneity in the physics of sediment transport, and the morphodynamics (both micro- and macro-scale) that result from sediment transport, sedimentation, stratigraphy and geomorphological forms. I study the complex inter-relations between fluid flows, geomorphology, sediment transport and sedimentology. I investigate these processes by developing novel field-deployed optical and acoustic imaging systems, and computational algorithms for small-scale sediment hydroacoustics, in-situ particle and bed imaging and flow-field/turbulence measurements.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2008), Coastal Geomorphology/Nearshore Oceanography, University of Plymouth, Plymouth, UK. *Morphodynamics, Sediment Dynamics and Sedimentation of a Gravel Beach*. Advisor: Prof. Gerhard Mas-selink.

BSc (Hons), 1st class (2003), Physical Geography with Minors in Environmental Sciences and Bi-ology, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK. *Morphodynamics of a Ridge-and-Runnel System on a Macrotidal Beach*. Advisor: Dr Suzanna Ilic.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

November 2012 – present. *Research Geologist, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ, USA.*

October 2009 – November 2012. *Post-doctoral Research Fellow, School of Marine Science & Engineering, University of Plymouth, UK.*

September, 2008 – 2011. *Computer Programming Contractor, Marine Biology & Ecology Research Centre, University of Plymouth, UK.*

October, 2008 – October 2009. *Post-doctoral Research Scholar, United States Geological Survey, Santa Cruz, California, USA.*

June, 2008 – September, 2008. *Research Assistant, School of Geography, University of Plymouth, UK.*

December, 2007 – April, 2008. *Research Assistant, School of Earth, Ocean & Environmental Science, University of Plymouth, UK.*

October, 2004 – July 2008. *Associate Lecturer and Demonstrator (part-time), School of Geography, University of Plymouth, UK.*

August 2003 - September, 2004. *Assistant tutor, Field Studies Council, Castle Head, Grange-over-Sands, UK.*

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

IN REVIEW/PREPARATION

- 24 **Buscombe, D.**, Hamill, D., and others, in prep., Benthic imaging in shallow water using low-cost sidescan sonar: data processing considerations. Intended for *Limnology & Oceanography: Methods*

- 23 **Buscombe, D.**, Conley, D.C., and Nimmo-Smith, W.A.M., in prep., Sorting in the Surf Zone on an Energetic Sand Beach Revealed by Acoustic and Holographic Measurements of Suspended Sediment. Intended for *Marine Geology*
- 22 **Buscombe, D.**, in review, Spatially explicit spectral analysis of point clouds and geospatial data. *Computers & Geosciences*

2015

- 21 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., Smith, S.M., 2015, Automated riverbed sediment classification using low-cost sidescan sonar. *Journal of Hydraulic Engineering*, accepted June 2015.
- 20 Davies, E.J., **Buscombe, D.**, Graham, G.W., Nimmo-Smith, W.A.M., 2015, Evaluating Unsupervised Methods to Size and Classify Suspended Particles using Digital in-line Holography, *Journal of Atmospheric & Oceanographic Technology*, 32, 1241 - 1256. doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-14-00157.1

2014

- 19 Puleo, J., Blenkinsopp, C., Conley, D., Masselink, G., Turner, I., Russell, P., **Buscombe, D.**, Howe, D., Lanckriet, T., McCall, R., and Poate, T. (2014) A Comprehensive Field Study of Swash-Zone Processes, Part 1: Experimental Design with Examples of Hydrodynamic and Sediment Transport Measurements. *Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering*, 140, 2942. 10.1061/(ASCE)WW.1943-5460.0000210.
- 18 **Buscombe, D.**, Rubin, D.M., Lacy, J.R., Storlazzi, C., Hatcher, G., Chezar, H., Wyland, R. and Sherwood, C. (2014) Autonomous bed-sediment imaging-systems for revealing temporal variability of grain size. *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods*, 12, 390 - 406.
- 17 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., Kaplinski, M.A. (2014), Characterizing riverbed sediment using high-frequency acoustics 1: Spectral properties of scattering. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Earth Surface*, 119, doi:10.1002/2014JF003189..
- 16 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., Kaplinski, M.A. (2014), Characterizing riverbed sediment using high-frequency acoustics 2: Scattering signatures of Colorado River bed sediment in Marble and Grand Canyons. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Earth Surface*, 119, doi:10.1002/2014JF003191.

2013

- 15 **Buscombe, D.** (2013) Transferable Wavelet Method for Grain Size-Distribution from Images of Sediment Surfaces and Thin Sections, and Other Natural Granular Patterns. *Sedimentology* 60, 1709–1732.

2012

- 14 Williams, J.J., **Buscombe, D.**, Masselink, G., Turner, I., and Swinkels, C. (2012) Barrier Dynamics Experiment (BARDEX): Aims, Design and Procedures. *Coastal Engineering* 63, 3-12.
- 13 **Buscombe, D.**, and Conley, D.C. (2012) Effective Shear Stress of Graded Sediment. *Water Resources Research* 48, W05506.
- 12 **Buscombe, D.**, and Rubin, D.M. (2012) Advances in the Simulation and Automated Measurement of Granular Material, Part 1: Simulations. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Earth Surface* 117, F02001.
- 11 **Buscombe, D.**, and Rubin, D.M. (2012) Advances in the Simulation and Automated Measurement of Granular Material, Part 2: Direct Measures of Particle Properties. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Earth Surface* 117, F02002.
- 10 Lacy, J.R., Rubin, D.M. and **Buscombe, D.** (2012) Currents and sediment transport induced by a tsunami far from its source. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Oceans* 117, C09028.

2010

- 9 **Buscombe, D.**, Rubin, D.M., and Warrick, J.A. (2010) Universal Approximation of Grain Size from Images of Non-Cohesive Sediment. *Journal of Geophysical Research - Earth Surface* 115, F02015.

2009

- 8 **Buscombe, D.**, and Masselink, G. (2009) Grain Size Information from the Statistical Properties of Digital Images of Sediment. *Sedimentology* 56, 421-438

- 7 Warrick, J.A., Rubin, D.M., Ruggiero, P., Harney, J., Draut, A.E., and **Buscombe, D.** (2009) Cobble Cam: Grain-size measurements of sand to boulder from digital photographs and autocorrelation analyses. *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms* 34, 1811-1821.
- 6 Williams, J., Masselink, G., **Buscombe, D.**, Turner, I., Matias, A., Ferreira, O., Meltje, N., Bradbury, A., Albers, T., and Pan, S. (2009) BARDEX (Barrier Dynamics Experiment): taking the beach into the laboratory. *Journal of Coastal Research* SI 56, 158-162.

2008

- 5 Masselink, G., **Buscombe, D.**, Austin, M.J., O'Hare, T., Russell, P. (2008) Sediment Trend Models Fail to Reproduce Small Scale Sediment Transport Patterns on an Intertidal Beach. *Sedimentology* 55, 667-687.
- 4 Austin, M.J., and **Buscombe, D.** (2008) Morphological Change and Sediment Dynamics of the Beach Step on a Macrotidal Gravel Beach. *Marine Geology* 249, 167-183.
- 3 **Buscombe, D.** (2008) Estimation of Grain Size Distributions and Associated Parameters from Digital Images of Sediment. *Sedimentary Geology* 210, 1-10.
- 2 Masselink, G., and **Buscombe, D.** (2008) Shifting gravel: A case study of Slapton Sands. *Geography Review* 22 (1), 27-31.

2006

- 1 **Buscombe, D.**, and Masselink, G. (2006) Concepts in Gravel Beach Dynamics. *Earth Science Reviews* 79, 33-52.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

2015

- 42 Kaplinski, M.A., **Buscombe, D.**, Ashley, T., Tusso, R.B., Grams, P.E., McElroy, B., Mueller, E., Hamill, D., and Townsend, J. (2015) Observations of sand dune migration on the Colorado River in Grand Canyon using high-resolution multibeam bathymetry *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2015.
- 41 Hensleigh, J., **Buscombe, D.**, Wheaton, J.M., and Brasington, J. (2015) TopCAT and PySESA: Open-source software tools for point cloud decimation, roughness analyses, and quantitative description of terrestrial surfaces. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2015.
- 40 **Buscombe, D.**, Wheaton, J.M., Hensleigh, J., Grams, P.E., Welcker, C., Anderson, K., and Kaplinski, M. (2015) Addressing scale dependence in roughness and morphometric statistics derived from point cloud data. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2015.
- 39 Rossi, R., **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., and Wheaton, J.M. (2015) From Hype to an Operational Tool: Efforts to Establish a Long-Term Monitoring Protocol of Alluvial Sandbars using 'Structure-from-Motion' Photogrammetry. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2015.
- 38 Grams, P.E., **Buscombe, D.**, Topping, D.J., Hazel, J.E., and Kaplinski, M.A. (2015) Use of Flux and Morphologic Sediment Budgets for Sandbar Monitoring on the Colorado River in Marble Canyon, Arizona. *10th Federal Interagency Sedimentation Conference*, Reno, April 2015 (oral).
- 37 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., Kaplinski, M.A., Tusso, R.B., and Rubin, D.M. (2015) Hydroacoustic signatures of Colorado riverbed sediments in Marble and Grand Canyons using multibeam sonar. *10th Federal Interagency Sedimentation Conference*, Reno, April 2015 (oral).
- 36 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., Melis, T.S., Smith, S. (2015) Considerations for unsupervised riverbed sediment characterization using low-cost sidescan sonar: Examples from the Colorado River, AZ and the Penobscot River, ME. *10th Federal Interagency Sedimentation Conference*, Reno, April 2015 (oral).
- 35 **Buscombe, D.**, Tusso, R.B., Grams, P.E. (2015) Using oblique digital photography for alluvial sandbar monitoring and low-cost change detection. *10th Federal Interagency Sedimentation Conference*, Reno, April 2015 (oral).
- 34 **Buscombe, D.** (2015) Acoustic and topographic sediment classification in Lower Marble Canyon *2nd MBES in Rivers Workshop*, USGS Flagstaff, AZ, March 2015. (oral)
- 33 **Buscombe, D.** and Kaplinski, M.A. (2015) Characterizing sand dune migration on the Colorado River in Western Grand Canyon using repeat multibeam mapping *2nd MBES in Rivers Workshop*, USGS Flagstaff, AZ, March 2015.

(oral)

- 32 **Buscombe, D.** (2015) Towards automated substrate mapping with low-cost sidescan sonar *2nd MBES in Rivers Workshop*, USGS Flagstaff, AZ, March 2015. (oral)

2014

- 31 Rubin, D., Topping, D., Grams, P., Tusso, R., Schmidt, J., **Buscombe, D.**, Melis, T., Wright, S. (2014) What sediment grain size reveals about suspended-sediment transport in the Colorado River in Grand Canyon. *International Conference on the Status and Future of the World's Large Rivers*, Brazil (oral).
- 30 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., and Kaplinski, M.A. (2014) Bed sediment classification using acoustic backscatter *1st MBES in Rivers Workshop*, Utah State University, Feb 2014. (oral)
- 29 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E. (2014) Topographic and acoustic estimates of grain-scale roughness from high-resolution multibeam echo-sounder: examples from the Colorado River in Marble and Grand Canyons. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2014. (oral)

2013

- 28 Kaplinski, M.A., Hazel, J.E., Grams, P.E., **Buscombe, D.**, Hadley, D., and Kohl, K. (2013) Constructing a morphologic sediment budget, with uncertainties, for a 50-km segment of the Colorado River in Grand Canyon. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2013 (poster).
- 27 Grams, P.E., **Buscombe, D.**, Hazel, J.E., Kaplinski, M.A., and Topping, D.J. (2013) Reconciliation of Flux-based and Morphologic-based Sediment Budgets. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2013 (oral).
- 26 **Buscombe, D.**, Grams, P.E., Kaplinski, M.A. (2013) Acoustic Scattering by an Heterogeneous River Bed: Relationship to Bathymetry and Implications for Sediment Classification using Multibeam Echosounder Data. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2013 (oral).
- 25 Davies, E.J., **Buscombe, D.**, Graham, G., Nimmo Smith, W.A.M. (2013) Evaluating Unsupervised Methods to Size and Classify Suspended Particles Using Digital Holography *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2013 (poster).

2012

- 24 Conley, D.C., **Buscombe, D.**, and Nimmo-Smith, A. (2012) New understandings of sediment suspension in the nearshore from cross-comparisons of diverse sensors. *Ocean Sciences 2012*, Salt Lake City (poster).
- 23 **Buscombe, D.**, Conley, D.C., and Rubin, D.M. (2012) Co-variation of intertidal morphology, bedforms and grain size on a macrotidal sand beach: Praa Sands, UK. *Ocean Sciences 2012*, Salt Lake City (oral).
- 22 Puleo, J.A., Conley, D.C., Masselink, G., Russell, P., Turner, I.L., Blenkinsopp, C., **Buscombe, D.**, Lanckriet, T., McCall, R., and Poate, T. (2012) Comprehensive study of swash-zone hydrodynamics and sediment transport. *International Conference on Coastal Engineering*, Santander, July 2012 (oral).
- 21 **Buscombe, D.**, and Conley, D.C. (2012) Schmidt number of sand suspensions under oscillating-grid turbulence. *International Conference on Coastal Engineering*, Santander, July 2012 (oral).
- 20 Conley, D.C., **Buscombe, D.**, and Nimmo-Smith, A. (2012) Use of digital holographic cameras to examine the measurement and understanding of sediment suspension in the nearshore. *International Conference on Coastal Engineering*, Santander, July 2012 (oral).
- 19 Nimmo-Smith, A., **Buscombe, D.**, and Conley, D.C. (2012) Use of digital holographic cameras to examine the measurement and understanding of sediment suspension in the nearshore. *Particles in Europe*, Barcelona, October 2012 (oral).

2011

- 18 **Buscombe, D.**, and Conley, D.C. (2011) Formula for Motion Threshold per Grain Size for Graded Sediments in Steady Flows. *European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2011*, Vienna (poster).
- 17 **Buscombe, D.**, and Rubin, D.M. (2011) How do you tell how big something is without direct measurement? Estimating grain size using an images spectrum. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2011 (oral).

2010

- 16 **Buscombe, D.** Lacy, J.R., and Rubin, D.M. (2010) Fractional resuspension and sediment flux on a wave-dominated, non-cohesive, inner continental shelf. *Ocean Sciences 2010*, Portland (poster)
- 15 Rubin, D.M., **Buscombe, D.**, Lacy, J.R., Chezar, H., Hatcher, G., and Wyland, R. (2010) Seafloor sediment observatory on a cable and a shoestring. *Ocean Sciences 2010*, Portland (oral)
- 14 **Buscombe, D.**, and Conley, D.C. (2010) Modeling sand resuspension and stratification in turbulent nearshore flows: sensitivity to grain size distribution. *Ocean Sciences 2010*, Portland (oral)
- 13 Lacy, J.R., **Buscombe, D.**, and Rubin, D.M. (2010) Tsunami-enhanced sediment resuspension on the inner shelf in northern Monterey Bay, California. *Ocean Sciences 2010*, Portland (oral)
- 12 Conley, D.C., and **Buscombe, D.** (2010) Effects of Grain Size Distributions on Fluid-Sediment Feedback. *European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2010*, Vienna (oral)
- 11 **Buscombe, D.**, Rubin, D. M., and Warrick, J. A. (2010) An automated and 'universal' method for measuring mean grain size from a digital image of sediment. *9th Federal Interagency Sedimentation Conference*, Las Vegas June 2010 (oral).
- 10 Rubin, D.M., Chezar, H., **Buscombe, D.**, Warrick, J.A., Barnard, P.L., Lacy, J.R., Hatcher, G., Wyland, R., Storlazzi, C., Conaway, C.H., Topping, D.J., Melis, T.S., and Grams, P.E. (2010) New technology for in-situ grain-size analysis from digital images of sediment, and resulting insights regarding sediment transport. *9th Federal Interagency Sedimentation Conference*, Las Vegas June 2010 (oral).
- 9 **Buscombe, D.**, Rubin, D.M., and Lacy, J.R. (2010) Hourly Measurements of Grain-Size from the Inner Continental Shelf Seabed Using a Fully-Automated, Hydraulically-Controlled Underwater Video Microscope. *Particles in Europe 2010*, Villefranche-Sur-Mer, France. (oral)
- 8 Williams, J.J., Masselink, G., **Buscombe, D.**, and 10 others (2010) BARDEX (Barrier Dynamics Experiments): a laboratory study of gravel barrier response to waves and tides. *Proceedings of Hydralab III Joint User Meeting*, Hannover, p. 4 (oral)

2009

- 7 Williams, J.J., Masselink, G., **Buscombe, D.**, and 7 others (2009). BARDEX (Barrier Dynamics Experiment): taking the beach into the laboratory. Abstract submitted for oral presentation at the *10th International Coastal Symposium (ICS)*, Lisbon, Portugal 2009 (oral).

2008

- 6 **Buscombe, D.**, Masselink, G., and Rubin, D.M. (2008) Granular Properties from Digital Images of Sediment: Implications for Coastal Sediment Transport Modelling. *International Conference on Coastal Engineering (ICCE)*, Hamburg, 2008 (oral).
- 5 Ruiz de Alegria, A., Masselink, G., Kingston, K., Williams, J., and **Buscombe, D.** (2008) Storm Impacts on a Gravel Beach Using the ARGUS video system. *International Conference on Coastal Engineering (ICCE)*, Hamburg, 2008 (oral).
- 4 Austin, M.J., Masselink, G., Turner, I., **Buscombe, D.**, and Williams, J. (2008) Groundwater seepage between a gravel barrier beach and a freshwater lagoon. *International Conference on Coastal Engineering (ICCE)*, Hamburg, 2008 (oral).
- 3 **Buscombe, D.**, Ruiz de Alegria, A., and Masselink, G. (2008). The relative importance of cross- and along-shore sediment transport in planform and profile adjustments of a gravel barrier beach: Slapton, Devon, UK. *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, Dec 2008 (poster).

2007

- 2 **Buscombe, D.**, and Masselink, G. (2007) The relationship between sediment properties and sedimentation patterns on a macrotidal gravel beach over a semi lunar tidal cycle. *Eos Transactions American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, Abstract H53L-02 (oral).
- 1 **Buscombe, D.**, Austin, M.J., and Masselink, G. (2007) Field observations of step dynamics on a macrotidal gravel beach. In Kraus, N., and Rosati, J., (Eds) *Proceedings of Coastal Sediments 2007 (Volume 1)*, ASCE, USA (oral).

REPORTS

- 1 **Buscombe, D.**, and Scott, T.M. (2008) *Coastal Geomorphology of North Cornwall: St Ives to Trevoze Head*. Internal report for Wave Hub Impacts on Seabed and Shoreline Processes, University of Plymouth. 170pp.
- 2 **Buscombe, D.**, Williams, J. J., and Masselink, G. (2008) *BARDEX (Barrier Dynamics Experiment): experimental procedure, technical information and data report*. Technical report for the European Union Hydralab III, 219pp.

SOFTWARE

- 1 **Digital Grain Size**. Software for automated analyses of grain size from images of sediment. Source code currently available in Matlab and Python. Webpage <http://dbuscombe-usgs.github.com>
- 2 **PyHum**. Software for reading, processing and analysis of Humminbird sidescan data. Source code available in Python/Cython. Webpage <http://dbuscombe-usgs.github.com>
- 3 **Benthic Analysis Tool**. Software for the semi-automation of species identification and measurement in deep-sea ROV/drop frame images. Source code available in Matlab.
- 4 **Sand Simulation Toolbox**. Software for generating 3D discrete particle models consisting of realistic particles (with a size- and shape-distribution) with user-defined properties. Source code available in Matlab. Webpage <http://dbuscombe-usgs.github.com>
- 5 **MATSCAT**. Software for analysis of multiple-frequency acoustic backscatter for suspended sediment concentration and particle size. Source code available in Matlab.
- 6 Generic software for serial data acquisition and real-time display. Source code available in Python.
- 7 Software for interfacing with machine-vision ethernet video cameras. Source code available in C.
- 8 **PySESA: Python program for spatially explicit spectral analysis** Software for spatially explicit analysis of point clouds and spatially distributed data. Source code available in Python. Webpage <http://dbuscombe-usgs.github.com>

FUNDED PROPOSALS

- 1 Principal-Investigator, *British Geomorphological Society Postgraduate award* (£300) to attend and present at Coastal Sediments 2007, in New Orleans, USA
- 2 Principal-Investigator, *American Geophysical Union Student travel grant* (\$600) to attend the AGU 2007 Fall Meeting in San Francisco, USA
- 3 Principal-Investigator, *International Association of Sedimentologists Grant* (700 euros) to investigate nearshore bedload transport and bedforms with stereo underwater video cameras.
- 4 Principal-Investigator, *International Association for Mathematical Geology research grant* (\$2000) to develop and trial algorithms for quantification of granular properties and coarse-grain sediment transport from images of the sea bed
- 5 Principal-Investigator, *Society for Sedimentary Geology Grant* (\$500, President's Fund) to investigate nearshore bedload transport and bedforms with stereo underwater video cameras.
- 6 Principal-Investigator, *Challenger Society for Marine Science travel grant* (£150) to attend and present at ICCE Hamburg 2008
- 7 Principal-Investigator, *Plymouth Marine Science Education Fund* (£250) to attend and present at ICCE Hamburg 2008
- 8 Co-Investigator; G. Masselink (PI), D.C. Conley, D. Buscombe., (2012 - 2014) *Proto-type Experiment and Numerical Modelling of Energetic Sediment Transport under Waves (PESTS)*. Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK. EPSRC EP/K000306/1 (£240,000)
- 9 Co-Investigator (multiple PIs J. Schmidt and others), (2013 - 2014) *Sandbars and sediment storage dynamics: long-term monitoring and research at the site, research and ecosystem scales*, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center Biennial Work Plan. Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (\$2,911,400)
- 10 Co-Investigator (multiple PIs P.E. Grams and others), (2014 - 2017) *Geomorphic Processes and Relations Among Flow Regime, Sediment Flux and Resource Conditions on the Green River in Canyonlands National Park*. National Park Service (\$232,016)
- 11 Co-Investigator (multiple PIs J. Schmidt and others), (2015 - 2017) *Sandbars and sediment storage dynamics: long-*

term monitoring and research at the site, research and ecosystem scales, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center Triennial Work Plan. Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (\$4,253,400).

- 12 Principal-Investigator (2015 - 2016) *LOBOS (Limnological and Oceanographic Benthic Observation System): The next generation dual-scale submersible benthic imaging system*, jointed funded by the USGS Innovation Fund (\$16,497), the Innovation Center for Earth Science Director's Fund (\$17,497) and the USGS Southwest Biological Science Center (\$15,000) (\$48,994 total).
- 13 Principal-Investigator (2015 - 2016) *The digital grain size web and mobile computing application*, funded by the USGS Center for Data Integration (\$46,417).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Membership

British Society for Geomorphology; International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS); American Geophysical Union (AGU); Coastal Zone Network (COZONE); The Challenger Society for Marine Science.

Journal Review

Arctic; Continental Shelf Research; Earth Surface Processes and Landforms; Geo-Marine Letters; Geophysical Research Letters; Journal of Hydraulic Engineering; Journal of Mountain Science; Journal of Sedimentary Research; Marine Geology; Sedimentology; Sedimentary Geology; Water Resources Research.

Conferences Organised

On the organising committee for:

- 1 *The Quaternary Research Association's 4th International Postgraduate Symposium*, hosted by the School of Geography at the University of Plymouth 31st August - 2nd September 2005.
- 2 *Young Coastal Scientist and Engineers Conference, 2007 (YCSEC 2007)* hosted by the School of Geography at the University of Plymouth 19-21 April 2007.
- 3 *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, December 2007: H60. Linking sediment supply, bed-sediment particle size, sediment transport, and bed morphology in fluvial, marine, and aeolian settings. Co-convened with David Rubin (USGS), David Topping (USGS), and Scott Wright (USGS).
- 4 *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, December 2013: EP010. Fluvial sediment budgets: Can we do better? Co-convened with David Topping (USGS), Paul Grams (USGS), and Susannah Erwin (USGS).
- 5 *2nd Multibeam in Rivers Workshop*, March 2015. Co-convened with Paul Grams (USGS), Matt Kaplinski (NAU) and Joe Wheaton (USU).

SKILLS

- 1 Community models: General Ocean Turbulence Model (GOTM, <http://www.gotm.net/index.php>); Simulating Waves Nearshore (SWAN; <http://www.swan.tudelft.nl/>); Simulating Waves 'til Shore (SWASH; <http://swash.sourceforge.net/features/features.htm>).
- 2 Linux. High performance and distributed computing.
- 3 Programming/Scripting: Python, BASH, Matlab (proficient); Cython, Kivy, Fortran (experienced); C, R (beginner).
- 4 Full UK driving licence. Arizona State driving licence. LANTRA sit-astride ATV qualification.
- 5 Other interests: instrument control, machine vision, L^AT_EX GUI development, machine learning, spectral analysis, stochastic modelling, image analysis

INVITED TALKS

- 1 *Slapton Research Seminar, Field Studies Council, Slapton Ley*, 4th December 2004. Talk entitled 'A tale of two storms'.
- 2 *Slapton Research Seminar, Field Studies Council, Slapton Ley*, 18th November 2006. Talk entitled 'A view from the beach'
- 3 *Centre for Coastal Dynamics and Engineering (C-CoDE)*, University of Plymouth, 6th December 2006. Talk entitled 'Field observations of morphological change and sediment dynamics from the nearshore of a gravel beach'
- 4 *Slapton Research Seminar, Field Studies Council, Slapton Ley*, 3rd November 2007. Talk entitled 'A year in the life of Slapton Sands - but was it a typical year?' with Tom Deacon (SLFC).
- 5 *Lancaster University Environmental Imaging Network*, 20th May 2008. Talk entitled 'Optical sensing of gravel sediment transport and characteristics: recent advances and future challenges'.
- 6 *Coastal and Marine Geology, United States Geological Survey, Santa Cruz*, 28th January 2009. Talk entitled 'Morphodynamics and sediment dynamics of a macrotidal gravel beach'.

- 7 *Centre for Coastal Science and Engineering, University of Plymouth*, 17th February 2010. Talk entitled 'Turbulence, Sediment Stratification and Altered Resuspension under Waves'.
- 8 *Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, Flagstaff, Arizona*, 27th February 2012. Talk entitled 'Nearshore Sediment Transport Through the Looking Glass'.
- 9 *British Geological Survey, Marine Geosciences Division, Edinburgh*, 13th July 2012. Talk entitled 'Digital Grain Size'.
- 10 *Multibeam in Rivers Summit, Utah State University, Logan, Utah*, February 2014. Talk entitled 'Bed Sediment Classification Using High-Frequency Acoustic Backscatter'.
- 11 *Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program Adaptive Management Work Group Meeting, Flagstaff, Arizona*, August 2014. Talk entitled 'Measuring bed sediments for improved sediment budgets and physical habitat assessment'.
- 12 *USGS Coastal and Marine Geology, Woods Hole, MA*, February 2015. Talk entitled 'The Digital Grain Size Project: Past, Present and Future'.