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EDUCATION

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Columbia University

Princeton University

New York, NY

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Postdoctoral Research Scientist

September 2024 -

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory With Prof. Peter Kelemen

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

PhD. Ultramafic alteration and the cooling of Earth and Mars.

September 2018 - August 2024

Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences Advised by Prof. Oli Jagoutz

Princeton, NJ

A.B. A deterministic approach to geochemical stratigraphy.

September 2014 - June 2018

Concentration in Geosciences. Certificate in Applications of Computing

PUBLICATIONS

• Sub-aerial formation of carbonate on Mars

Joshua Murray, PB Kelemen, JA Leong, JF Mustard

In review - preprint available upon request

• Sedimentary constraints on silicate weathering during the Taconic orogeny in Newfoundland

• Palaeozoic cooling modulated by ophiolite weathering through organic carbon preservation

Joshua Murray, Oliver Jagoutz, Kristin Bergmann. In prep - preprint available upon request

• Olivine alteration and the loss of Mars' early carbon Joshua Murray, Oliver Jagoutz. Science Advances (2024)

• Clay minerals store organic carbon and cool Earth's climate over millions of years

Joshua Murray, Oliver Jagoutz. Nature Geoscience - Research Briefing (2024)

Joshua Murray, Oliver Jagoutz. Nature Geoscience (2023)

• Eruption history of the Columbia River Basalt Group constrained by high-precision U-Pb and 40Ar/39Ar geochronology

Jennifer Kasbohm, Blair Schoene, Darren Mark, Joshua Murray, Stephen Reidel, Dawid Szymanowski, Dan Barfod, Earth and Planetary Science Letters, 617, 118269 (2023)

Talks and Presentations

Subaerial carbonate formation on Mars

Goldschmidt Conference 2025 - Prague

Invited: Palaeozoic changes in weathering and organic carbon burial

Pennsylvania State University Geochemistry - April 2025

Carbon cycle changes during the Taconic orogeny in Newfoundland, Canada

AGU Fall Meeting 2024 - Poster

How rocks keep Earth cool

MIT Abstracts - December 2024

Ultramafic alteration and the cooling of Earth and Mars

Lamont-Doherty Geodynamics Seminar - November 2024

Invited: Ultramafic weathering and the carbon cycle of Earth and Mars

Princeton University Department of Geosciences - April 2024

Invited: Glaciations induced by ophiolite weathering through clay formation

Stanford University Earth & planetary science seminar - February 2024

Invited: Ophiolite obduction and clay formation as a driver of Paleozoic glaciations

Brown University geochemistry, mineralogy, and petrology seminar - Fall 2023

Increased organic carbon burial through ophiolite obduction

NSF-FRES Climate-tectonics workshop 2023 - Talk

A sedimentary sink for Mars' early carbon

AGU Fall Meeting 2022 - Talk

Ophiolite-derived clays enhance organic carbon burial

AGU Fall Meeting 2022 - Poster

The natural levers of Earth's long-term climate

New England Aquarium Carlson lecture 2022 - Poster

Silicate weathering products of mafic and ultramafic rocks as a control on steady state climate

AGU Fall Meeting 2021 - Talk

HONOURS AND AWARDS

MIT EAPS Award for Excellence in Teaching

2021

Awarded to teaching assistants 'who have met the highest levels of performace'

MIT Presidential Fellowship

2018-2019

Funds tuition and living costs for the first academic year at MIT

William Bonini '48 Teaching Award

2018

Awarded to Princeton Geosciences Senior for commitment to teaching

Smith-Newton Environmental Scholar

2016-2018

Research funding (\$16,000) and support from the High Meadows Environmental Institute

Fulbright Sutton Trust US Programme

2012-2014

Supports first-generation, low-income UK state school students in attending university in the US

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MIT 12.116 - Analysis of Geologic Data

Spring 2024

TA. Lead digitization of field maps. Work through cross sections, stratigraphic columns, final report etc.

MIT 12.115/12.482 - Field Geology

January 2024

* TA. Organised 3-week trip to Muddy Mountains, NV. Instructed mapping techniques, paper and digital.

MIT 12.001 - Introduction to Geology

Fall 2020, Fall 2022

TA. Organised Western MA trip. Led labs and some lectures. Wrote exam questions. Graded.

MIT 12.S597 - Seminar on Teaching in Earth Science

January 2022

Participant in seminar on pedagogical concepts & strategies for teaching equitably, course design, feedback.

Princeton GEO 370 - Sedimentology

Spring 2018

TA. Organised trip to Shark Bay, Australia. Assisted problem sets.

Princeton GEO 373 - Structural Geology

Fall 2017

Field TA. Helped students with mapping and observation in Southern California.

LANGUANGES AND SKILLS

- Coding MATLAB, Java, OCaml, HTML, PHP, R
- Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere, InDesign
- Mapping GIS, MATLAB Mapping Toolbox, Paper & pencil
- Driving Automatic, Manual, Off-road
- Laboratory Mineral separation, Petrographic microscope, Mineral dissolution
- Interests Film photography, ultimate (frisbee), cooking and baking

MENTORING AND SERVICE

Geodynamics Seminar Organiser One of three organisers of Lamont-Doherty's interdisciplinary Geodynamics Seminar	2024-
Reviewer Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Journal of Geophysical Research	2024
COG3 Seminar Organiser One of two organisers of MIT's seminar in Chemical Oceanography, Geology, Geochemistry, and Geobiology	2022-2023
President - EAPS Student Advisory Committee (ESAC) Liaise with students and leadership to build meaningful community through events and dialogue	2020-2021
Mentor - Fulbright Sutton Trust US Programme Mentor Mentored two first-generation British students each year through US university and financial aid apps	2019-2024
Assistant Coach - MIT Men's Ultimate Lead practices, logistics, and strategy over short-term (tournaments) and long-term (seasons)	2019-2024
Mathey College RCA of the Year Acknowledged for my work building community within the residential college system	2017-2018
President - Princeton Undergraduate Geologic Society (PUGS) Organised community building events and a 40 person department field trip to Scotland	2017-2018

FIELD EXPERIENCE

- Isle of Arran, Scotland 1 week, November 2013
- Owens Valley, CA 1 week, March 2015
- Columbia River Basalt 11 weeks total. Summer 2015, 2016, 2017
- Orocopia Mountains, CA 3 weeks total, October 2015, 2017
- Andros Island, Bahamas 2 weeks, March 2016
- Iceland 1 week, Summer 2016
- Altiplano, Bolivia 4 weeks, Summer 2016
- Shark Bay, Australia 2 weeks, March 2018
- Western Scotland 1 week, May 2018
- Piute Mountains, CA 3 weeks, January 2020
- White Mountains, NH 1 week, April 2021
- Newfoundland, Canada 2 weeks, November 2021
- Muddy Mountains, Nevada 3 weeks, January 2024
- North Cascades, Washington 2 weeks, August 2025