JINGTAO LAI

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EDUCATION

PhD candidate in Geology

2015-present

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Advised by Dr. Alison Anders Expected Graduation: May 2020

B.Sc. in Geology

Aug. 2011-July 2015

Peking University, China

Thesis: Using surface roughness to understand spatial scale of erosional and tectonic

processes

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Landscape evolution model

Mechanism for erosional processes related to glaciers

Coupling of climate, erosion and uplift in mountain belts

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

IML-CZO project, participate

Aug. 2015-present

Advisor: Dr. Alison Anders

Topic: Numerical modeling of fluvial network organization on post glacial landscape

Undergraduate thesis research

Sept. 2014-June 2015

Advisor: Dr. Jianqing Ji

Topic: Using surface roughness to understand spatial scale of erosional and tectonic

processes

Supervised independent study

May 2012-Sept. 2014

Advisor: Dr. Shuguang Song

Topic: Origin and geological implication of A-type granite from Gongshan, Yunnan,

China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• GEOL 401, Geomorphology, UIUC, Fall 2017

o as teaching assistant, in charge of glacier dynamics part

- GEOL 118, Natural Disasters, UIUC, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 (as teaching assistant)
- GEOL 107 Physical Geology, UIUC, Spring 2018 (as teaching assistant)

SKILLS

Computer skills

Python (main tool for data analysis and visualization), C/C++ (basic), ArcGIS, Matlab, bash (basic), GMT (The Generic Mapping Tools),

Experience in linux-based supercomputing environments

Language skills

Chinese (native language), English (fluent)

Field skills

Geological mapping

APPOINTMENTS

•	Graduate Teaching Assistant, UIUC	Aug. 2017-present
•	Graduate Research Assistant, UIUC	June 2016-present
•	Predoc fellow, UIUC	Aug. 2015-May 2016
•	Undergraduate Researcher, Peking University	May 2012-Sept. 2014

FIELD EXPERIENCE

•	Southeast Tibet, China	Sept. 2014
•	The Three Gorges area, Hubei, China	July 2014
•	Wutai Mountain, Shanxi, China	July 2014
•	Xingcheng area, Liaoning, China	July 2013

AWARDS & HONORS

- SESE Research Review Outstanding Poster Award, Geology 2nd place, UIUC, 2017
- Graduate Fellowship, Department of Geology, UIUC, 2015-2016
- Model Student of Academic Records, Peking University, 2013
- Merit Student, Peking University, 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Geophysical Union
- Geological Society of America