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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford California
PhD in Geophysics

September 2018 - June 2024
GPA: 3.94

Stanford University, Stanford California
B.S in Physics, M.S. in Geophysics

September 2010 - June 2014
GPA: 3.81, 3.89

PUBLICATIONS

Summers, P.T.; Jackson, R. H.; Robel, A. A. "Sub-grid Parameterization of Iceberg Drag in a Coupled Iceberg-Ocean Model", *The Cryosphere*, (In Review), Preprint pending

Hoffman, Andrew O.; **Summers, P.T.**; Suckale, J; Christianson, K.; Catania, G.; Conway, H. "Late Holocene Stabilization of Conway Ice Ridge," *The Cryosphere*, (In Review), Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-2025-1239>

Teisberg, T. O.; Schroeder, D. M.; **Summers, P.T.**; Morlighem, M. "Measurement of englacial velocity fields with interferometric ice-penetrating radar," *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface*, (In Review)

Summers, P.T.; Schroeder, D. M.; May, D. F.; Suckale, J. "Evidence for and against temperate ice in Antarctic shear margins from radar-depth sounding data," *Geophysical Research Letters*, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023GL106893>

Summers, P.T.; Elseworth, C.W.; Dow, C.F.; Suckale, J. "Migration of the Shear Margins at Thwaites Glacier: Dependence on Basal Conditions and Testability Against Field Data," *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface*, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022JF006958>

Siegfried, M.; Venturelli, R; Patterson, M; Arnuk, W.; Campbell, T.; Gustafson, C.; Michaud, A.; Galton-Fenzi, B.; Hausner, M.; Holzschuh, S.; Huber, B.; Mankoff, K.; Schroeder, D.; **Summers, P. T.**; Tyler, S.; Carter, S.; Fricker, H.; Harwood, D.; Leventer, A.; Rosenheim, B.; Skidmore, M.; Priscu, J. and SALSA Science Team. "The life and death of a subglacial lake in West Antarctica," *Geology* , 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1130/G50995.1>

Bienert, N.; Schroeder D. M.; **Summers, P.T.** "Bistatic Radar Tomography of Shear Margins: Simulated Temperature and Basal Material Inversions," *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1109/TGRS.2022.3213047>

Summers, P.T.; Dustin M. Schroeder, Matthew R. Siegfried. "Constraining Ice Sheet Basal Sliding and Horizontal Velocity Profiles Using a Stationary Phase Sensitive Radar Sounder," *IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium*, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1109/IGARSS47720.2021.9554535>

AWARDS

Department Citizenship Award
Stanford Department of Geophysics Award

June 2024

ARCS Scholar
Northern California Chapter of the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, 2x recipient for total of \$101,000

2022 - 2024

Best Graduate Poster
Research Review Symposium
Radar Attenuation Signature of Temperate Antarctic Shear Margins

May 2023
Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

Stanford Earth Graduate Student Research Grant
Grant of \$575 for 2021-22 Antarctic field work.

Sept 2021

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University & Georgia Institute of Technology
Postdoctoral Researcher
Numerical modeling of ice Mélange and interactions with ocean currents and glacial dynamics.
Extending existing numerical modeling packages MITgcm and GLACIOME1D in fortran, python.

August 2024 - Present
Atlanta, Georgia

Stanford University Department of Geophysics
PhD Candidate

September 2018 - June 2024
Stanford, CA

Physical processes controlling Antarctic Shear margin locations, applied to Thwaites Glacier and other ice streams.
 Thermomechanical ice flow modeling and ice sounding radar processing techniques focused on Antarctic shear margins.
 Physical modeling using finite element analysis in Matlab. Worked with satellite, atmospheric, radar sounding data sets.

Dropbox Inc.

Software Developer

Designed, built and tested custom APEX solutions within Salesforce CRM for Sales, Finance and Product to meet business requirements.

August 2014 - July 2018

San Francisco, CA

Stanford University Department of Geophysics

Researcher, M.S. Candidate

Authored article investigating mechanics of pre-explosive harmonic tremor in the 2009 Redoubt Volcano eruption.
 Physical modeling using finite element analysis and PDEs in Matlab.

June 2013 - June 2014

Stanford, CA

TEACHING AND MENTORING

JIRP Teaching Faculty

Juneau Icefield Research Program

Lead lectures, discussions, and in-field instruction for 30 Undergraduate and graduate students

July 2024

Juneau Icefield

Mentor Graduate Student

Peer Mentor for Stanford 1st year PhD students (1 hours per week)

October 2019 - June 2024

Tutor Graduate Student

1:1 Tutor Master's student for upper level math and engineering courses (2 hours per week)

October 2022 - June 2023

SESUR Program Assistant

Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

Coordinate Stanford Earth Summer Undergraduate Research Program including field trips, weekly seminars, various social events. (10 hours per week)

April 2022 - October 2022

Mentor for Undergraduate Intern

Stanford Department of Geophysics

Mentored Stanford undergraduate modeling subglacial meltwater routing at Thwaites Glacier, Antarctica. Student presented work at AGU 2022 (3 hours per week)

April 2022 - August 2022

Teaching Assistant

Stanford University Department of Geophysics

Undergraduate geophysical methods course for imaging and characterizing groundwater systems. Partnership with community decision makers to recharge ground water. (12 hours per week)

April 2022 - June 2022

Co-Mentor for Undergraduate Intern

Stanford University Department of Geophysics

Mentored Stanford undergraduate on processing ice sounding radar film archive. (3 hours per week)

June 2021 - August 2021

Teaching Assistant

Stanford University Department of Geophysics

Undergraduate and Graduate course. Continuum mechanics applied to ice sheets and glaciers, water waves and tsunamis, and volcanoes. (6 hours per week)

January 2019 - April 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CIRTL@Stanford Teaching Certificate Program

Associate Level

Recognition of commitment to undergraduate education, demonstrated through independent and collaborative learning at Stanford University and through the multi-institution Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) Network.

August 2023

Stanford, CA

Outdoor Leadership Apprenticeship

Apprentice

Apprenticeship in Outdoor Leadership, focused on rock climbing skills through experiential learning. Co-instructed 2x week long, field-based traditional rock climbing courses for 8 students in Joshua Tree National Park, as well as multiple vertical self-rescue clinics on campus.

March 2023 - June 2024

Stanford, CA

Preparing Future Professors

Mentee

10 week shadowing program gave the opportunity to experience faculty life first-hand at a comprehensive, teaching-focused university or community college.

November 2022 - Jan 2023

West Valley College, Saratoga, CA

Center for Teaching and Learning Course Design Institute

Student

June 2022 - July 2022

Stanford, CA

6 week summer course on drafting curricula using evidence-based frameworks. Developed framework of glacial dynamics course focused on mass balance methods.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Juneau Icefield Research Program

July 2024

Teaching Faculty

Taku Glacier, Juneau Icefield

Lead RTK GPS survey of 2 transects of Taku Glacier with students to measure glacier velocity and surface elevation changes.

Thwaites Interdisciplinary Margin Evolution

Oct 2023 - Feb 2024

Field Scientist

Thwaites Glacier, West Antarctica

Wide offset (up to 4 km) bistatic, polarimetric radar survey using wireless and fiber optic synchronization techniques using modified pRES radar. Assisted with 2-D and 3-D active seismic survey. Surveyed and Deployed seismic nodes with GPS, assisted in active seismic explosive sources. 7 weeks in the deep field in a team of 16 with 2 guides.

Near-Surface Geophysics: Imaging Groundwater Systems

May 2022

Teaching Assistant

Coyote Valley, California

Co-lead a class of 20 undergraduates to completed a 100 m seismic (hammer and betsy gun), 200 m electrical resistivity tomography, and towed transient electromagnetic survey imaging ground water connectivity in the top 40 meters of the subsurface. Worked with community decision makers to inform development of newly acquired public lands.

Thwaites Interdisciplinary Margin Evolution

Oct 2021 - Jan 2022

Field Scientist

Thwaites Glacier, West Antarctica

Completed a 5 km offset bistatic, polarimetric radar survey. Deployed and recovered seismic nodes in an active seismic survey using hammer source. Recovered passive seismic nodes and GPS stations. 3 weeks in the deep field in a team of 4 scientists and 2 guides.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	MATLAB, Python, FORTRAN, JAVA, SQL, APEX, SOQL, Javascript
Tools	HPC, Git, MITgcm, vim, MATLAB, L ^A T _E X, Sublime IDE
Field Skills	ApRES, Seismic Surveying (Ice and Land), ERT, GPS, Digging in Snow, Roped Travel, Snowmobiling, Crevasse Rescue, Vertical Rock Rescue
First Aid	Red Cross AED, CPR, Basic First Aid Certified (exp March 2024), WFA (lapsed)

OPEN SOURCE CODE REPOSITORIES

Zenodo

For Publications

<https://zenodo.org/records/14721713>
<https://zenodo.org/records/15116445>
<https://zenodo.org/records/10783426>
<https://zenodo.org/record/7106136>

Model developed for (Summers, et al. 2025)
 Data for (Summers, et al. 2025)
 (Summers, et. al. 2024)
 (Summers, et. al. 2023)

Github

Ongoing Research and Personal Projects

<https://github.com/somonesummers>

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Graduate Student Advisory Council Member

2019 - 2020

Liaison between graduate students in the Stanford School of Earth and department and school level administration. (1 hour per week)

School of Earth Social Czar

2018 - 2019

Host weekly social events for the Stanford School of Earth. (2 hours per week)

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

AGU 2024

Dec, 2024

Summers, P. T.; Schroeder, D. M.; May, D. F.; Suckale, J. (2024, Dec). Constraints on the Thermal State of Antarctic Shear Margins from Integration of Thermodynamic Modeling and Airborne Ice Penetrating Radar Data.

AGU 2024

Dec, 2024

May, D. F.; Schroeder, D. M.; **Summers, P. T.**; Teisberg, T. (2024, Dec). Multi-Offset Fiber Optic-Based Radar Arrays For Time-Lapse Imaging of Englacial and Subglacial Processes.

AGU 2024

Dec, 2024

Teisberg, T.; Schroeder, D. M.; **Summers, P. T.**; Morlighem, M. (2024, Dec). Inferring Englacial Velocity from Interferometric Ice-Penetrating Radar Sounding: Opportunities and Challenges in Regions with Complex Internal Dynamics.

WAIS 2024

Nov, 2024

Summers, P. T.; Robel, A. A.; Jackson, R. H. (2024, Dec). Not Your Average Berg: Development of a Coupled Mélange/Ocean Model.

- EGU 2024** Apr 18, 2024
Emma C. Smith; **et. al.** (2024, April). Icequakes beneath Thwaites Glacier eastern shear margin.
- EGU 2024** Apr 19, 2024
Daniel May; **et. al.** (2024, April). Multi-Offset Radio-Echo Sounding for Estimation of Englacial and Subglacial Thermal Conditions and Material Properties.
- WAIS 2023 Meeting** Sept 26, 2023
Summers, P. T.; Andrew Hoffman; **et. al.** (2023, May). Historic Shear Margin Migration at Conway Ice Rise: An Integrated Data-Model Approach.
- SDSS 2023 Research Review** May 26, 2023
Summers, P. T.; Schroeder, D.; Suckale, J. (2023, May). Radar Attenuation Signature of Temperate Antarctic Shear Margins.
- AGU 2022 Meeting** Dec 13, 2022
Summers, P. T.; **et. al.** (2022, Dec). Response of Thwaites Glacier's Shear Margins to Ice Sheet Thinning and Surface-Slope Steepening. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- AGU 2022 Meeting** Dec 13, 2022
Cheng, C. **et. al.** (2022, Dec). Sensitivity of Subglacial Streams to Bed Topography: Introducing Small-Scale Bed Roughness Suggests Large Water Routing Uncertainties for Thwaites Glacier. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- AGU 2022 Meeting** Dec 13, 2022
Teisberg, T. **et. al.** (2022, Dec). Methods for Constraining Englacial Velocity Fields using Airborne Ice-penetrating Radar Data. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- WAIS 2022 Meeting** Sep 27, 2022
Summers, P. T.; Schroeder, D. (2022, Sep). Evidence for Temperate Ice in Shear Margins of Antarctic Ice Streams from Airborne Radar Surveys.
- AGU 2021 Meeting** Dec 14, 2021
Siegfried, M. R.; **et. al.** (2021, Dec). The life and death of a subglacial lake in West Antarctica. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- AGU 2021 Meeting** Dec 14, 2021
Sandra, R.; **et. al.** (2021, Dec). Informing Bistatic Radar Experiments at Thwaites Glacier Using Bistatic Data from Greenland and West Antarctica. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- WAIS Workshop 2021** Sep 22, 2021
Summers, P.T.; Elseworth, C.W.; Suckale, J.; TIME Science Team (2021, Sep). Inward Migration of the Shear Margins at Thwaites Glacier in Response to Thinning.
- WAIS Workshop 2021** Sep 23, 2021
Summers, P.T.; Schroeder, D ;Suckale, J(2021, Sep). Evidence for Temperate Ice in Shear Margins of Antarctic Ice Streams from Airborne Radar Surveys.
- IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium 2021** July 11, 2021
Summers, P.T.; Schroeder, D.; Siegfried, M.R. (2021, July). Constraining Ice Sheet Basal Sliding and Horizontal Velocity Profiles Using A Stationary Phase Sensitive Radar Sounder.
- AGU 2020 Meeting** Dec 16, 2020
Summers, P.T.; Elseworth, C.W.; Suckale, J; TIME Science Team (2020, Dec). Processed-Based Models in the Wild: A Forward Model Approach to Constraining the Processes Governing Basal Strength at Thwaites Glacier. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- WAIS Workshop 2020** Sep 29, 2020
Summers, P.T.; Elseworth, C.W.; Suckale, J; TIME Science Team (2020, Sep). Investigating Mechanisms of Basal Strength at Thwaites Glacier using a Forward Model Approach. Recording of talk on [waisworkshop.org](https://www.waisworkshop.org)
- AGU 2019 Meeting** Dec 13, 2019
Summers, P.T.; Elseworth, C.W.; Suckale, J (2019, Dec). Potential Formation of a New Shear Margin at Thwaites Glacier. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- AGU 2019 Meeting** Dec 13, 2019
Liu, W.; Räss, L.; **Summers, P.**; Papula, A.; Suckale, J. (2019, Dec). Impact of Complex Topography on Thermomechanical Coupled Ice Flow Using the Immersed Boundary Method. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
- SSA 2014 Meeting** May 2, 2014
Summers, P.T. & Dunham, E. M.D. (2014, May). Conduit Processes Driving Pre-explosive Harmonic Tremor in the 2009 Redoubt Volcano Eruption. In SSA 2014 Annual Meeting Announcement.
- AGU 2013 Fall Meeting** Dec 2013
Summers, P. & Dunham, E. M. (2013, December). Conduit Processes Driving Pre-explosive Harmonic Tremor in the 2009 Redoubt Volcano Eruption. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.