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### **Research Interests:**

My research focuses on understanding the chemical and physical evolution of continental and oceanic lithosphere over different periods of Earth history. In particular, I am interested in interpreting geophysical data sets, especially seismic wave speed and heat flow, in terms of geochemical and geological processes using interdisciplinary methods like thermodynamic modelling.

### **Education:**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Cambridge, MA/Woods Hole, MA, Geophysics,	Ph.D., 2021
Brown University, Providence, RI, Geology/Physics/Mathematics	B.Sc. 2015
Brown University, Providence, RI, German Studies	A.B. 2015

### **Appointments:**

NSF EAR Postdoctoral Research Fellow, CU Boulder	2021–2023
Ph.D. student, MIT/WHOI Joint Program	2015–2021
Research Assistant, Brown University	2011–2015
Summer Student Fellow, WHOI	2014
Research Intern, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, NYU	2010–2011

### **Teaching Experience:**

Lecturer for Exploring Earth (GEOL1010), CU Boulder	2022
MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate	2020
Teaching Assistant for Flow, Deformation, and Fracture in Earth and Other Terrestrial Bodies (12.202), MIT	2019
Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Geophysics and Planetary Science (12.002), MIT	2019
Teaching Assistant for Essentials of Global Geophysics (12.201), MIT	2016
Teaching Assistant for Geochemistry: Earth and Planetary Materials and Processes (GEOL 0230), Brown University	2015
Teaching Assistant for Computational Approaches to Modeling and Quantitative Analysis in Natural Sciences (GEOL 0250), Brown University	2013

## Service and Outreach:

Elementary School Outreach Teacher: 'Rock On', Blue Mountain Elementary School, Longmont, CO	2022
AGU Session Chair: Liu, T., Blatter, D. B., Russell, J. B., & <b>Shinevar, W. J.</b> (2021)	
Interdisciplinary Studies of the Lithosphere-Asthenosphere System	2021
EAPS REFS, Resource for Easing Friction and Stress	2018–2021
Elementary School Outreach: , Blue Mountain Elementary School, Longmont, CO	2018
MIT Chemical Oceanography, Geochemistry, Geophysics, and Geology Seminar Organizer	2016–2018
Elementary School Outreach: 'Questions for Scientists!' San Diego Cooperative Charter School, San Diego, CA	2017
Elementary School Outreach: 'What is the Earth?' Excel Academy, Boston, MA	2016
Cambridge Science Fair Outreach, MIT, Cambridge, MA	2016

## Funding (\$185,000 Total):

<i>EAR Postdoctoral Fellowship</i> , National Science Foundation, 2020	\$174,000
<i>Student Research Fund</i> , MIT, 2018–9	\$900
<i>Ocean Venture Fund</i> , WHOI, 2018	\$7,700
<i>Graduate Student Research Grant</i> , Geological Society of America, 2018	\$2,400

## Honors & Awards:

*Charles M. Vest Presidential Fellow*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fall 2015  
*Member of Phi Beta Kappa*, Brown University Chapter, inducted Spring 2015  
*Member of Sigma Xi*, Brown University Chapter, inducted Spring 2015  
*Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Senior Award*, 2015  
*Adolf Conrad Ely Prize*, Brown University German Studies Department, 2015  
*Sarah LaMendola Award*, Brown University Geology Department, 2014  
*Member of Delta Phi Alpha, National German Honor Society*, inducted Spring 2014  
*Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award*, Advisor: Marc Parmentier, Summer 2012  
*Eagle Scout*, Boy Scouts of America, 2008

## Publications:

**Shinevar, W. J.**, Golos, E. M., Jagoutz, O., Behn, M. D., & van der Hilst, R. (in prep.)  
Mantle Thermochemical Variations beneath the Continental United States  
Through Petrologic Interpretation of Seismic Tomography  
**Shinevar, W. J.**, Jagoutz, O., & Behn, M. D. (subm.) WISTFUL: Whole-rock  
Interpretative Seismic Toolbox for Ultramafic Lithologies *in review at*  
*Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems*  
**Shinevar, W. J.**, Jagoutz, O., & VanTongeren, J. (2021) Gore Mountain Garnet

- Amphibolite records UHT Conditions: Implications for the Rheology of the Lower Continental Crust During Orogenesis, *Journal of Petrology* <https://doi.org/10.1093/petrology/egab007>
- Guo, L. Jagoutz, O., **Shinevar, W. J.**, Zhang, H.F (2020) Formation and composition of the Late Cretaceous Gangdese arc lower crust in southern Tibet. *Contributions to Mineralogy and Petrology* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00410-020-01696-y>
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Mark, H. F., Clerc, F., Codillo, E. A., Gong, J., Olive, J. A., Brown, S. M., Smalls, P. T., Liao, Y. Le Roux, V., & Behn, M. D. (2019) Causes of oceanic crustal thickness oscillations along a 74-Myr Mid-Atlantic Ridge flow line. *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems* [doi.org/10.1029/2019GC008711](https://doi.org/10.1029/2019GC008711)
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., & Jagoutz, O. (2018). Inferring crustal viscosity from seismic velocity: Application to the lower crust of Southern California. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 494, 83-91. [doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2018.04.055](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2018.04.055)
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., & Hirth, G. (2015). Compositional dependence of lower crustal viscosity. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 42(20), 8333-8340. [doi.org/10.1002/2015GL065459](https://doi.org/10.1002/2015GL065459)

### **Invited Presentations:**

- Shinevar, W. J.** (2022) The Rheology of Active and Extinct Arcs, Invited Oral Presentation at Gordon Research Conference for Rock Deformation
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Jagoutz, O., & VanTongeren, J. (2021) Gore Mountain Garnet Amphibolite records UHT Conditions: Implications for the Rheology of the Lower Continental Crust During Orogenesis, Invited Seminar at The Department of Mineral Sciences, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., & Jagoutz, O. (2018) Inferring Crustal Viscosity From Seismic Velocity: Applications to the Lower Crust of Southern California, Invited Oral Presentation at the *2018 SCEC Community Rheology Workshop*.

### **Presentations:**

- Shinevar, W.J.**, Golos, E. M., Behn, M.D., & Jagoutz, O. (2021). Stability of the North American Craton from Petrologic Interpretations of Seismic Tomography, Poster Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Shinevar, W.J.**, Golos, E. M., Behn, M.D., & Jagoutz, O. (2020). Constraining Modal Error in Ultramafic Thermodynamic Solution Models: Validating Interpretations of Seismic Wave Speed, Oral Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Shinevar, W.J.**, Jagoutz, O., & VanTongeren, J.A. (2020). Gore Mountain Garnet

- Amphibolite records UHT Conditions: Implications for the Rheology of the Lower Continental Crust During Orogenesis, Oral Presentation at the *Geological Society of America Annual Meeting*
- Shinevar, W.J.**, Golos, E. M., Behn, M.D., & Jagoutz, O. (2019). WISTContin & WISTFUL: New Toolboxes for Interpreting Seismic Wave Speed into Whole Rock Compositions, Oral Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Golos, E. M., **Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M.D., Jagoutz, O., & van der Hilst, R. D. (2019). WISTFUL thinking: seismic evidence for mantle iron enrichment beneath the Midcontinent Rift, Oral Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Montesi, L., Izquierdo, K., Holt, W. E., Bahadori, A., & **Shinevar, W. J.** (2019) The strength of Southern California from rheological and geodynamical approaches, Poster Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Mark, H. F., Clerc, F., Codillo, E. A., Gong, J., Olive, J. A., Brown, S. M., Smalls, P. T., Liao, Y. Le Roux, V., & Behn, M. D. (2018) Temporal variability of seafloor spreading processes documented along an 80-Myr geophysical transect across the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Poster Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., and O. Jagoutz, (2018) Inferring Crustal Viscosity from Seismic Wavespeeds: Applications to the Rheologic Structure of Southern California, Poster Presentation at *SCEC Annual Meeting, 2018*
- Shinevar, W. J.**, & Jagoutz, O. (2018) Origin and Tectonic Implications of the Megacrystic Gore Mountain Garnet Granulites, *Oral Presentation at Goldschmidt Conference*.
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., & Jagoutz, O. (2017). Inferring Crustal Viscosity from Seismic Wavespeeds: Applications to the Rheologic Structure of the Himalayas, *Poster Presentation at the American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., and O. Jagoutz, (2017) Inferring Crustal Viscosity from Seismic Wavespeeds: Applications to the Rheologic Structure of Southern California, Poster Presentation at *SCEC Annual Meeting, 2017*
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., and O. Jagoutz, (2017) Inversion of seismic velocity for rheology, Oral Presentation at *SCEC Annual Meeting Workshop: Community Rheology Model*
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., & Jagoutz, O. (2016). Inferring Crustal Viscosity Structure from Seismic Velocity Data, Poster Presentation at the *American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting*.
- Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M. D., Hirth, G., and O. Jagoutz (2016), Inferring Crustal

Viscosity Structure From Seismic Velocity Data, Poster Presentation at Gordon  
Research Conference for Rock Deformation

**Shinevar, W. J.**, Behn, M., & G. Hirth (2014), Crustal Viscosity Structure Estimated  
from Multi-Phase Mixing Theory Poster Presentation at *AGU Fall Meeting*