

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. in Geophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1989.

Dissertation: *The Morphology and Dynamics of Subducting Lithosphere*.

B.S. in Geology and Geophysics, *summa cum laude*, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1983.

Professional Appointments

7/19 - present	Louis and Elizabeth Scherck Distinguished Professor of Geological Sciences, Brown University
7/02 - 6/19	Professor of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Brown University
7/04 - 6/07	Royce Family Professor in Teaching Excellence, Brown University
7/96 - 6/02	Associate Professor of Geological Sciences, Brown University
9/90 - 6/96	Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences, Brown University
2/89 - 9/90	Postdoctoral Fellow, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University
11/88 - 1/89	Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
9/83 - 10/88	Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Research Focus

Using seismic waves to understand the structure, dynamics and evolution of Earth's interior

Honors

Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences - 2025
Inge Lehmann Medal, American Geophysical Union - 2023
Meenakshi Narain Excellence in Research Mentoring Award, Brown University - 2023
W. S. Jardetzky Medal, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University - 2022
Harry Fielding Reid Medal, Seismological Society of America - 2019
Beno Gutenberg Lecturer, American Geophysical Union - 2016
Jack E. Oliver Visiting Professor, Cornell University - 2013 to 2015
Fellow of the American Geophysical Union - 2010
Karen T. Romer Award for Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring, Brown University - 2009
Royce Family Professor in Teaching Excellence, Brown University - 2004 to 2007

Service (Selected)

Profession:

Chair, Gordon Research Conference: Interior of the Earth - 6/23 to 7/25 (Co-chair 6/19 to 6/23)
Nominating Committee, EarthScope Consortium – 1/24 to present
Seismological Society of America Board of Directors - 4/21 to 4/24
College of Fellows Distinguished Lecturer, American Geophysical Union - 2021 and 2022

NSF Division of Earth Sciences Geophysical Facilities Portfolio Review Committee - 7/20 to 4/21

Board of Directors, IRIS Consortium - 12/15 to 12/18, 12/04 to 12/07

Organizing Committee, EarthScope National Meeting - 8/16 to 5/17

Organizing Committee, EarthScope Synthesis Workshop on the Evolution of the Southern Appalachian Lithosphere - 3/16 to 3/17

National Science Foundation EarthScope Lecturer - 2017 and 2018

Associate Editor, Science Advances - 9/14 to 9/16

Co-chair, Workshop on Future Seismic and Geodetic Facility Needs in the Geosciences - 12/14 to 9/15

Chair, Committee of Visitors, Deep Earth Processes Section, EAR Directorate, GEO Division, National Science Foundation - 1/14 to 10/14

NSF Geosciences Advisory Committee - 3/12 to 12/14

President, Seismology Section, American Geophysical Union - 1/13 to 12/14 (President-elect 7/10 to 12/12; Past President 1/15 to 12/16)

Secretary, Seismology Section, American Geophysical Union - 7/06 to 7/08

American Geophysical Union Ethics Committee - 7/11 to 12/12

American Geophysical Union Grand Challenges Committee - 1/12 to 12/12

American Geophysical Union Lehman Award Committee – 2007 and 2009

National Science Foundation Review Panels for the EarthScope (2006, 2008, 2010), Continental Dynamics (2008, 2009, 2011) and Geophysics (2000-2003) Programs

International Development Seismology Committee, IRIS Consortium -9/06 to 12/11

Co-convener, Geophysical Hazards and Plate Boundary Processes in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean: A Workshop to Build Seismological Collaboration and Capacity (NSF/USAid) - 1/09 to 11/10

Co-chair, NSF EarthScope Science Plan Workshop and Report - 7/09 to 2/10

Co-convener, MARGINS Theoretical and Experimental Institute: Volatiles in the Subduction Factory - 07/08 to 3/10

National Science Foundation MARGINS Distinguished Lecturer - 2006 and 2008

Editor, Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems (G³) - 2/03 to 8/05

Review Panel for the Mellon Foundation Career Enhancement Awards for Junior Faculty from Underrepresented Groups - 12/01 to 2/06

Global Seismic Network Committee, IRIS Consortium - 1/04 to 12/04

American Geophysical Union Excellence in Geophysical Education Award Committee - 7/00 to 12/03

Education and Outreach Committee, IRIS Consortium - 12/96 to 12/98

Executive Committee, IRIS Consortium - 12/95 to 12/97

Data Management System Standing Committee, IRIS Consortium - 1/93 to 12/95

Associate Editor, Journal of Geophysical Research (Solid Earth) - 1/92 to 12/95

National Science Foundation Site Review Panel for the Southern California Earthquake Center - 8/96

U. S. Geological Survey NEHRP Proposal Evaluation Panels (1993, 1994, 1997, 1998)

University:

Mentor, Junior Faculty Mentoring Program, Dean of the Faculty Office - 9/15 to present

Workshop on Navigating the NSF Grant System for the Brown Postdoc Council Skills 101 Workshop Series - 3/23

Search Committee for IBES Director - 11/19 to 1/20
 Doctoral Education Strategic Planning Committee - 9/12 to 5/13
 Search Committee for the Provost - 1/98 to 5/98 and 12/10 to 4/11
 Search Committee for the Vice-President for International Affairs - 6/09 to 8/09
 Science Advisory Board (Undergrad Science Resource Center and its programs) - 9/07 to 12/12
 Advisory Board, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning - 7/02 to 7/11 (Chair 7/06 to 7/08)
 ADVANCE Steering Committee - 5/06 to 12/11
 Chair of Undergraduate Science Education Committee - 9/06 to 9/07
 Tenure, Promotions and Appointments Committee (TPAC) - 7/03 to 12/05 (Vice-Chair 9/04 to 7/05, Chair 7/05 to 12/05)
 Search Committee for the Dean of the Admissions - 2/05 to 7/05
 Search Committee for the Dean of the Faculty - 1/04 to 5/04
 Resumed Undergraduate Education Policy and Admissions Committee (RUEPAC) - 7/01 to 7/04 (Chair 7/02 to 7/04)
 Committee on the Status of Women - 7/96 to 7/99 (Chair 7/97 to 7/99)
 College Curriculum Council - 7/98 to 7/00 (Vice-chair 9/99 to 7/00)
 University Benefits Review Committee - 7/92 to 1/99

Department:

PI of Dynamic Earth in the 21st Century, the DEEPS-Leadership Alliance summer undergraduate research program - 1/16 to present (NSF EAR REU since 1/19)
 Advisor to Geophysics and Climate Physics Concentration (formerly Geology-Physics/Math) - 9/90 to 12/19, 7/24 to present
 First-year and Sophomore Advisor - most recently 9/24 to present
 Director of Undergraduate Studies - 7/20 to 12/23
 Diversity and Inclusion Action Committee - 1/17 to 12/23
 Chair's Advisory Committee - 7/97 to 7/00, 7/04 to 12/05, 7/06 to 12/13, 7/14 to 7/22
 Curriculum Committee - 7/94 to 7/97, 7/02 to 7/03, 7/05 to 12/05, 7/08 to 7/09
 Numerous search, promotion and mentoring committees

Seismometer Deployments

(All data archived at the IRIS Data Management System)

Missouri to Massachusetts Broadband Seismometer Experiment, U.S. - 1995 to 1996
 NOMAD Broadband Seismometer Experiment, northeastern U.S. - 1997 to 1999
 Florida to Edmonton Broadband Seismometer Experiment, U.S. and Canada - 2001 to 2002
 TUCAN Broadband Seismometer Experiment, Costa Rica and Nicaragua - 2004 to 2006
 SESAME Broadband Seismometer Experiment, southeastern U.S. - 2010 to 2014

Teaching

Courses:

2024-2025:

Semester I: EEPS 0220 – Understanding Earth and Environmental Processes (with Greg Hirth)

Semester II: EEPS 2920K – Understanding the Mantle, Ice Sheets and their Interactions in Antarctica (with Victor Tsai)

2023-2024:

Semester I: EEPS 0220 – Understanding Earth and Environmental Processes (with Greg Hirth)

Semester II: Sabbatical

2022-2023:

Semester I: EEPS 0220 – Understanding Earth and Environmental Processes (with Greg Hirth)

Semester II: EEPS 1650 - Earthquake Seismology

Student and Postdoc Research Advising

Ph.D. Students:

Xiaoping Yang ('95)

Matthew Fouch ('99)

Aibing Li ('00, with Don Forsyth)

Chad Hall ('02, Marc Parmentier primary advisor)

Dayanthie Weeraratne ('05, Don Forsyth primary advisor, Marc Parmentier co-advisor)

Sarah Zaranek ('05, Marc Parmentier primary advisor)

Catherine Rychert ('07)

David Abt ('09)

Heather Ford ('13)

Julia MacDougall ('14)

Emily Hopper ('16)

Junlin Hua ('22)

Isabella Gama Dantas ('22)

Hannah Krueger ('23)

Sarah Brown

Jessica Wen

Masters Students:

Mariela Salas ('09)

Daniel Friedman ('17)

Post-docs:

Stéphane Rondenay (2001-2003)

Vedran Lekić (2010-2011)

Margarete Jadamec (2011-2014)

Nicholas Mancinelli (2016-2018)

Zachary Eilon (2016-2017)

Eva Golos (2020-2022)

Kai-Xun Chen (2021-2023)

Michael Mann (2022-2025)

Brown Senior Theses: Michael Pasyanos ('91); Chad Nelsen ('92); Erich Roth ('93); Morgan Kinniburgh ('93); Eddy Gonzalez ('94); Julia Zaslow ('96), Alexander Stine ('96, with Marc Parmentier), Kristin Soule ('99), Colleen Dalton ('00), Ursula Manners ('00), Margaret Welsh ('02), Ellen Syracuse ('03), Lindsey Doermann ('04), Elliot Grunewald ('05), Laura Martin ('06), Scott French ('07), Marsella Kachingwe ('11), Jocelyn West ('13), Alec Miller

('13.5), Greg Jordan-Detamore ('14), Adam Gilbert ('16), Camera Ford ('16), Alexandra Kim ('17), Emmanuel Guerzon ('17), Yichen Geng ('19), Samantha Ouertani ('22), Anna Novatney ('23)

Other Undergraduate Research Projects Advised: Mariela Salas (Leadership Alliance Intern), Octavia Crompton, Natacha Meyer, Alexis Walker, Mila Owen, Erika Lopez-Garcia, Jenna Washington (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2016), Joshua McDuffie (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2017), Yichen Geng (UTRA, Summer 2017), Angel Santiago (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2018), Zev Izenberg (UTRA, Summer 2019), Samantha Ouertani (UTRA, Summer 2019), Emily Carrero Mustelier (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2020), Kara Jaramillo (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2020), Grace Ward (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2021), Gabrielle Rose (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2023), Nicolas Valencia (Leadership Alliance Intern, Summer 2024)

Peer-reviewed Publications (113)

* = supervised student or postdoc

- *Brown, S. E., K. M. Fischer, Investigating the Antarctic Lithosphere through Sp Receiver Function Analysis, *Geochem. Geophys. Geosyst.*, submitted.
- Tao, Z., A. Li, J. Wu, K. M. Fischer, Revealing the Cape Verde hotspot track across the Great Lakes, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 52, e2024GL110777, doi:10.1029/2024GL110777, 2025.
- *Carrero Mustelier, E., K. M. Fischer, *J. Hua, *I. Gama, P. C. La Femina, M. Higgins, Relationships between upper plate structure, mantle wedge melting and fore-arc sliver transport in the Nicaraguan subduction zone, *The Seismic Record*, 4, 252-258, doi.org/10.1785/0320240026, 2024.
- *Golos, E., B. Brunsvik, Z. Eilon, K. M. Fischer, J. Byrnes, J. Gaherty, A new view of shear wavespeed and the lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary in the southwestern United States, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 129, e2024JB029220, doi:10.1029/2024JB029220, 2024.
- *Chen, K.-X., D. W. Forsyth, K. M. Fischer, A mid-lithospheric discontinuity detected beneath 155 Ma western Pacific seafloor using Sp receiver functions, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 51, e2024GL108347, doi:10.1029/2024GL108347, 2024.
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- *Mann, M. E., K. M. Fischer, J. A. Benowitz, Insights into inherited crustal features and Southern Alaska tectonic history from Sp receiver functions, *Tectonics and Seismic Structure of Alaska and Northwestern Canada: EarthScope and Beyond*, *Geophysical Monograph* 290, N. A. Ruppert, M. A. Jadamec, J. T. Freymueller eds., American Geophysical Union, 335-353, doi:10.1002/9781394195947.ch12, 2024.
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- Pavlis, G., M. Jadamec, *M. E. Mann, X. Yang, A. Schaeffer, S. Wei, K. M. Fischer, Synthesis of the Seismic Structure of the Greater Alaska Region: Subducting Slab Geometry, *Tectonics and Seismic Structure of Alaska and Northwestern Canada: EarthScope and Beyond*, *Geophysical Monograph* 290, N. A. Ruppert, M. A. Jadamec, J. T. Freymueller eds., American Geophysical Union, 237-266, doi:10.1002/9781394195947.ch8, 2024.

- Jadamec, M., G. Pavlis, X. Yang, K. M. Fischer, S. Wei, *M. E. Mann, A. Schaeffer, Synthesis of the Seismic Structure of the Greater Alaska Region: Geodynamics Implications, *Tectonics and Seismic Structure of Alaska and Northwestern Canada: EarthScope and Beyond, Geophysical Monograph 290*, N. A. Ruppert, M. A. Jadamec, J. T. Freymueller eds., American Geophysical Union, 267, doi:10.1002/9781394195947.ch9, 2024.
- *Hua, J., K. M. Fischer, T. W. Becker, E. Gazel, G. Hirth, Asthenospheric low velocity zone consistent with globally prevalent partial melting, *Nature Geo.*, 16, 175-181, doi: 10.1038/s41561-022-01116-9, 2023.
- *Hua, J., K. M. Fischer, E. Gazel, E. M. Parmentier, G. Hirth, Long-distance asthenospheric transport of plume-influenced mantle, *Geochem. Geophys. Geosyst.*, 24, e2022GC010605, doi:10.1029/2022GC010605, 2023.
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- *Hopper, E. and K. M. Fischer, The changing face of the lithosphere-asthenosphere boundary: Imaging continental scale patterns in upper mantle structure across the contiguous U.S. with Sp converted waves, *Geochem. Geophys. Geosyst.*, 19, doi:10.1029/2018GC007476, 2018.
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