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RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor	2022 – present
<i>Dept. of Earth Science; University of California, Santa Barbara, USA</i>	
Assistant Professor	2016 – 2022
<i>Dept. of Earth Science; University of California, Santa Barbara, USA</i>	
Postdoctoral Research Associate	2016 – 2017
<i>Dept. of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences; Brown University, USA</i>	

EDUCATION

PhD, Seismology , Columbia University in the City of New York, USA,	2016
<i>New Constraints on Extensional Environments through Analysis of Teleseisms.</i> <i>Advisor: Geoffrey A. Abers</i>	
MPhil , Columbia University in the City of New York, USA,	2014
MSci, Natural Sciences (Physical) , University of Cambridge, UK,	2009 - 2010
MA (Cantab), Natural Sciences (Physical) , University of Cambridge, UK,	2006 - 2009

RECENT/RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- Petruska*, J. and Z. Eilon, (2022) “[Distributed Extension across the Ethiopian Rift and Plateau Illuminated by Joint Inversion of Surface Waves and Scattered Body Waves](#)”, *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems*, doi:10.1029/2021GC010179.
- Brunsvik*, B., Z. Eilon, and C. Lynner, (2021) “[Anisotropic S-wave tomography across the rift-drift transition of the eastern North American margin: constraints on mantle structure and flow](#)”, *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems*, 22, e2021GC010084.
- Eilon, Z., J. B. Gaherty, L. Zhang, J. B. Russell, S. McPeak, J. Phillips, D. W. Forsyth, and G. Ekström, (2021) “[The Pacific OBS Research into Convecting Asthenosphere \(ORCA\) experiment](#)”, *Seismological Research Letters - Data Mine*, doi:10.1785/0220210173.
- Mosher, S.*, Z. Eilon, H. Janiszewski, and P. Audet, (2021) “[Probabilistic Inversion of Seafloor Compliance for Oceanic Crustal Shear Velocity Structure Using Mixture Density Neural Networks](#)”, *Geophysical Journal International*, 227 (3), 1879-1892, doi:10.1093/gji/ggab315.
- Xiao*, H., Z. Eilon, C. Ji, and T. Tanimoto, (2020) “[COVID-19 societal response captured by seismic noise in China and Italy](#)”, *Seismology Research Letters*, 91(5), 2757-2768; doi:10.1785/0220200147.
- Eilon, Z. and D. W. Forsyth, (2020) “[Depth dependent azimuthal anisotropy beneath the Juan de Fuca plate system](#)”, *Journal of Geophysical Research*, doi:10.1029/2020JB019477.
- Russell, J., Z. Eilon, and S. Mosher, (2019) “[A new tool for the precise remote location of ocean bottom seismometers](#)”, *Seismological Research Letters*, doi:10.1785/0220180336.

- [Eilon, Z., K. M. Fischer, and C. A. Dalton, \(2018\) “An adaptive Bayesian inversion for upper mantle structure using surface waves and scattered body waves”, *Geophysical Journal International*, 214, 232-253, doi:10.1093/gji/ggy137.](#)
- [Eilon, Z. and G. A. Abers, \(2017\) “High seismic attenuation at a mid-ocean ridge reveals the distribution of deep melt”, *Science Advances*, 3, e1602829, doi:10.1126/sciadv.1602829.](#)
- [Dannberg, J., Z. Eilon, U. Faul, R. Gaßmüller, P. Moulik, R. Myhill[†], \(2017\) “Investigating the geodynamic and seismological importance of grain size in the Earth”, *Geochemistry Geophysics Geosystems*, doi:10.1002/2017GC006944.](#)

[†]Collaborative research from 2014 CIDER workshop; equal authorship credit.

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* denotes under/graduate student supervised at UC Santa Barbara

SERVICE

- [EarthScope Consortium Governance Workshop](#) committee member (early career representative) 2022
- [US InterRidge Selection Committee](#) 2022
- [UNOLS Ocean Bottom Seismometer Instrument Center Operations Sub-Committee](#), 2019-2020
- [IRIS PASSCAL standing committee](#), 2018-2020
- [AGU Beto Gutenberg Lecture selection committee](#), 2019-2020
- Organising committee: [Rift2Ridge Workshop 2021: Extensional Processes Across Tectonic Settings and Time Scales](#), June 2021; Co-author of white-papers: “U.S. InterRidge Membership”, “Call to expand ocean bottom seismograph (OBS) facilities and instrument pool for ambitious Rift2Ridge science”, “Rift to Drift and the Continent-Ocean Transition”. Member of workshop summary report writing committee.
- Co-convenor: [Early Career Investigator Virtual Workshop on a Community Vision for the Future Geophysical Facility](#), April 2020; Co-author of white-papers: “[Early Career community vision for Instrument Services](#)” white paper.
- AGU Fall Conference session convener (2016-2021); OSPA liaison/judge (2016-2021)
- UCSB Earth Science *Senior Thesis* committee Chair, 2021-present
- UCSB Earth Science *Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion* committee Chair, 2020-present
- UCSB Earth Science *Undocumented Students Scholarship* Chair, 2021-present
- Referee: *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems; Journal of Geophysical Research; Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors; Tectonics; Geophysical Journal International; NSF Geophysics Program; NSF Earthscope Program; NSF GeoPRISMS Program; NSF Marine Geology and Geophysics program; Seismological Research Letters; AGU books.*

FUNDING (active)

- [National Science Foundation - EAR - FRES-Frontier Research Earth Science - #2218695](#), “Collaborative Research: Towards a new framework for interpreting mantle deformation: integrating theory, experiments, and observations spanning seismic to convective timescales.”, (Co-PIs C. A. Dalton (lead PI), M. Turk, C. Havlin, B. K. Holtzman, H. C. P. Lau, L. N. Hansen, 9/22 - 8/27).
- [National Science Foundation - OCE - CAREER - #2143865](#), “CAREER: New Imaging of Mid-Ocean Ridge Systems at the Galapagos Triple Junction.”, (PI, 9/22 - 8/27).
- [National Science Foundation - OCE #2025577](#), “GeoPRISMS synthesis workshop: Extensional Processes Across Tectonic Settings and Time Scales”, (co-wrote proposal with multidisciplinary PI team - Lead PI Dennis Harry at Colorado State U., 9/20 - 2/22).
- [National Science Foundation - EAR #1753722](#), “Collaborative Research: Lithosphere-scale anisotropic imaging across the Eastern North American Margin’s ocean-continent transition”, (Co-PI Colton Lynner [U. Arizona], 1/18 - 12/23).
- [National Science Foundation - EAR #1723170](#), “Collaborative Research: The context for rifting in East Africa - melt distribution and lithospheric removal imaged from axis to flank”, (Co-PI Katie Keranen [Cornell U.], 5/18 - 4/23).
- [National Science Foundation - OCE #1658214](#), “Collaborative Research: Imaging small-scale convection and structure of the mantle in the south Pacific: a US contribution to an international PacificArray”, (Co-PIs Jim Gaherty [NAU], Göran Ekström [LDEO], Don Forsyth [Brown U.], 8/17 - 7/23).

TEACHING AT UCSB

Earth 2: Principles of Physical Geology

Introductory undergraduate course for the physical Earth sciences. Enrollment ~170.

Earth 133: Plate Tectonics and Mantle Dynamics

Upper-level undergraduate course for geophysics majors, covering topics in tectonic theory and geodynamics. Enrollment ~15.

Earth 175: Introduction to MATLAB for Earth Scientists

Crash course in MATLAB programming assuming no coding background, tailored to Earth Science applications. Enrollment ~25.

Earth 254: Geophysics seminar

Graduate seminar on diverse topics in geophysics and geodynamics of plate tectonics and the connection between plates and Earth’s deep interior. Enrollment ~8.

Earth 255: Advanced Seismology Seminar

Graduate seminar on single-station seismological methods. Enrollment ~6.

Earth 256: Geophysical Inverse Theory

Graduate seminar on inverse theoretical concepts and techniques. Enrollment ~8.