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PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Published 8 first author papers, advisor for 5 student's papers, co-authored 24 more. NESSF Fellow (2015). 51 Pegasi b Fellow (2020). Cassini RADAR Associate Team Member. Rosetta OSIRIS Graduate Student Collaborator. CAESAR Co-Investigator. NEAT Co-Investigator. AGU Planetary Sciences Section Early Career Representative (2019–2021). GSA PGD Officer (2020–current). Co-advisor for 14 graduate, undergraduate and high school students (5 presently).

CURRENT AFFILIATION

Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. – Cornell University, Ithaca NY	December 2017
- Concentration: Planetary Science (Minors: Geophysics/Astronomy)	
- B.A. (High Honors) – University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA	May 2014
- Concentration: Geophysics	
ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	
- Heising-Simons Foundation 51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellowship	2020
- Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Excellence in Research Award	2018
 NASA Group Achievement Award – Cassini RADAR 	2018
- NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship	2015
- Berkeley Distinguished Honors in Geophysics	2014
PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS	
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology – 51 Pegasi b Postdoctoral Fellow	2020 - 2023
- Cornell University – Research Associate	2018 - 2020
- Cornell University – Ph.D. Student	2014 - 2018
- Cornell University – REU Summer Intern	2013
- University of California Berkeley – Geological Fluid Dynamics Lab	2013 - 2014
CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS	
- Theme: Connecting the Evolution of Planetary Landscapes with Long-Term Climate C	hange
- Titan Geomorphology & Surface Processes	
- Cometary (and Small Body) Geology & Surface Processes	
- Sublimation-Driven Erosion on Icy Moons	
- Numerical Landscape Evolution Modeling	
JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (* = student advisee)	. I 1240 2017
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- [30] J.D. Hofgartner, S.P.D. Birch, and 15 others. Hypotheses for Triton's Plumes: New Analyses and Future Remote Sensing Tests. *Icarus* 375, 114835 (2022).

- [29] O.M. Umurhan, W.M. Grundy, M.K. Bird, R. Beyer, J.T. Keane, I.R. Linscott, S.P.D. Birch., and 15 others. A Near Surface Temperature Model of Arrokoth. *Planetary Science Journal*, accepted (2022).
- [28] A.M. Schoenfeld, R.M.C. Lopes, M.J. Malaska, A. Solomonidou, D.A. Williams, S.P.D. Birch, and 8 others. Geomorphological map of the South Belet Region of Titan. *Icarus* 366, 114516 (2021).
- [27] *J.W. Miller, S.P.D. Birch, A.G. Hayes, M.J. Malaska, R.M.C. Lopes, A.M. Schoenfeld, P.M. Corlies, D.M. Burr, T.G. Farr, and J.T. Perron. Fluvial Features on Titan: Lessons from Planform Images in Low-resolution SAR. *Planetary Science Journal* 2, 4 (2021).
- [26] S.M. MacKenzie, S.P.D. Birch, and 31 others. Titan: Earth-like on the Outside, Ocean World on the Inside. *Planetary Science Journal* 2, 112 (2021).
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- [18] A. Solomonidou, A. Le Gall, M. Malaska, S.P.D. Birch, and 17 others. Spectral and emissivity analysis of the raised ramparts around Titan's northern lakes. *Icarus* 344, 113338 (2019).
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- [11] A.G. Hayes, S.P.D. Birch, and 12 others. Topographic constraints on the evolution and connectivity of Titan's lacustrine basins. GRL 44, 11745-11753 (2017).
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- [8] S.P.D. Birch, *Y. Tang, A.G. Hayes, and 10 others. Geomorphology of Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. MNRAS 469, S50-S67 (2017).
- [7] S.P.D. Birch, A. Hayes, and 19 others. Geomorphologic Mapping of Titan's polar terrains: Constraining Surface Processes and Landscape Evolution. *Icarus* 282, 214-236 (2017).
- [6] V. Poggiali, M. Mastrogiuseppe, A.G. Hayes, R. Seu, S.P.D. Birch, R. Lorenz, C. Grima, and J.D Hofgartner. Liquid-filled canyons on Titan. GRL 43, 7887-7894 (2016).
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TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

Funding Proposals:

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-	Co-I* of Rosetta Data Analysis Program (0.5 FTE)	2019 - 2022
-	Co-I of Discovery Data Analysis Program (0.17 FTE)	2019 - 2022
-	Team Member, ESA Rosetta Zooniverse Project	2021 - 2023

*Cornell did not allow postdocs to be a PI

Journal Reviewer:

- Journal of Geophysical Research (3); Journal of Geophysical Research-Planets (3); Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (2); Planetary and Space Science (1); Astronomy & Astrophysics (2); Nature Communications (1); Planetary Science Journal (2); Icarus (2); Nature Astronomy (1).

Community Service/Engagement:

- AGU Planetary Sciences Section Early Career Representative (2019 Current)
- GSA Planetary Geology Division: Secretary/Treasurer (2020 2021), 2nd Vice-Chair (Current)
- AGU Fall Meeting OSPA Judge (2018-2021), LPSC Dwornik Award Judge (2019)
- Co-Chair Titan Surface Workshop (2016); Session Co-Chair/Chair AGU Fall Meeting (2018-2021); Session Chair DPS (2020); Session Co-Chair EPSC (2021).
- Organizing Committee LPSC 2021–2022
- LPSC Dwornik Award Coordinator (2022)
- Pellas-Ryder Committee (2022)
- NASA ROSES Review Panelist (3x)

White Paper Co-Authorships for the Planetary Science & Astrobiology Decadal Survey 2023-2032:

- Titan Science; New Frontiers Titan Orbiter; Comet Surface Sample Return

MISSION PARTICIPATION

-	NEAT [NASA SIMPLEx 3] – Science Investigation Lead; Co-Investigator	Current	
-	CAESAR [NASA New Frontiers 5] - Comet Surface Science; Co-Investigator	Current	
-	Dragonfly [NASA New Frontiers 4] – Associate Team Member	Current	
-	Perseverance Rover [NASA Flagship] - Mastcam-Z; Geology & Geophysics Working Group	Current	
-	Trident (Not Selected) [NASA Discovery] - Geology Working Group; Co-I (Post-Launch)	2019 - 2021	
-	Rosetta [ESA] – OSIRIS; Graduate Student Collaborator	2017 - 2019	
-	Cassini [NASA/ESA/ASI] – RADAR Team; Associate Team Member	2016 - 2019	
-	Oceanus (Not Selected) [NASA New Frontiers 4] – Science Team; Graduate Student Co-I	2016 - 2017	
-	CAESAR (Not Selected) [NASA New Frontiers 4] - Science Team; Graduate Student Co-I	2015 - 2019	

INVITED TALKS & COLLOQUIA

2022

- Piecing Together Planetary Surfaces. DEEPS Colloquium (*Faculty Interview*), Brown, February 2021

- Directly Measuring Erosion & Fallback on Comet 67P, NASA Small Bodies Assessment Group, June

- Piecing Together Planetary Surfaces. EAPS Colloquium (Faculty Interview), MIT, February

- 2019:
- Evolution of Cometary Surfaces. Department of Geological Sciences Colloquium, University of Idaho, June

- The Lakes and Seas of Titan. Geology & Geophysics Seminar, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, April 2018:

- Sediment Transport and Landscape Evolution on Comet 67P/C-G. PICS Seminar, MIT, April

- Investigating the Morphology and Topography of Titan's Polar Lacustrine Features. PALS Seminar, University of Maryland, March

PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- Invited speaker for Create & Learn "Explore Planets and Moons"	March 2022
- Invited speaker for Tecnológico de Costa Rica's planetary science webinar	August 2020
- Invited speaker for Cornell's Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy event	November 2019
- Keynote speaker at AstroFest, Kopernik Observatory, Vestal NY	October 2018
- Cornell Astronomy "Ask an Astronomer" Team Member	2015 - 2020
- Volunteer with New York 4-H summer program "Focus for Teens"	2015 - 2020
- Volunteer with Cornell's Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility	2014 - 2020
- Creator of Winnipeg Planet Walk (under development)	Current
- Consultant for James Cameron's Lightstrom Entertainment	2015 - 2016
- Named "Winnipeg Lacus," and "Buzzell Planitia" on Titan	

SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE TALKS (>30 total author/co-author abstracts in the last 3 years) 2022:

- Reconstructing River Flows on Earth, Mars, and Titan. With Dimensionless Hydraulic Geometry *LPSC 53*, Woodlands, March

2021:

- Reconstructing River Flows on Earth, Mars, and Titan. With Dimensionless Hydraulic Geometry AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, December
- Reconstructing River Flows on Titan. Titan Through Time 5, August

2020:

- NEAT: A Multi-Comet Flyby Mission that Performs Discovery-Level Science on a SIMPLEx Budget. DPS, October

2019:

- Deposition and Detectability of Deltas on Titan. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, December
- Local Migration of Smooth Terrain Material in Imhotep on Comet 67P. EPSC-DPS, Geneva, September
- A Numerical Landscape Evolution Tool with Applications to Titan. Titan After Cassini, Madrid, September
- Migrating Scarps on Comet 67P. LPSC 50, Woodlands, March

2018:

- Raised Rims around Titan's Small Lakes. COSPAR 2018, Pasadena, July
- Numerical Landscape Evolution Simulations Applied to Comet 67P. Rosetta SWT 49, Rhodes, June
- The Raised Rims of Titan's Small Lakes. LPSC 49, Woodlands, March

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cornell University; Lead Lecturer & Course Designer		
- EAS/Astro3150: "Geomorphology"	Spring 2019	
- Average Evaluation: 4.7/5 (n=14)		
Cornell University; Guest Lecturer		
- Astro1102: "Our Solar System"	(2x) Spring 2018	
- Astro2202: "A Spacecraft Tour of the Solar System"	(2x) Fall 2016 & (4x) Fall 2017 - 2019	
- Astro2212: "The Solar System: Planets, Small Bodies, New Worlds"	(1x) Fall 2017 & 2018	
 Astro6577: "Planetary Surface Processes" 	(2x) Spring 2017 & 2020	
Cornell University; Teaching Assistant		
- Astro1102: "Our Solar System"	Spring 2015 & 2016	
- Astro6577: "Planetary Surface Processes"	Spring 2017	
University of California Berkeley; Grader		
- EPS 3: "The Water Planet"	Spring 2014	
- EPS 20: "Earthquakes in your Backyard"	Fall 2013	

ADVISING

Graduate (*on secondary projects related to work with their primary advisor):

- Megan Barrington; Cornell University; 04/2019 Current
 - A Comprehensive Catalog of Change Detection on Comet 67P
 - Submitted a manuscript that will form a thesis chapter (Spring 2022)
- Ngoc Truong; Cornell University; 01/2019 Current
 - Modeling Volatile Entrapment in Cometary Ices
 - Finalizing a manuscript that will form a thesis chapter (expected Spring 2022)

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- Abhinav Jindal; Cornell University; 06/2018 Current
 - Measuring Fallback & Modelling Erosional Processes on Comet 67P
 - Finalizing two manuscripts (one submitted) that will form a thesis chapter (Spring 2022)

Undergraduate:

- Fiona Powers Ozyurt; Wellesley College; 08/2020 Current
 - Modeling Cometary Smooth Terrains using High Resolution Topography
- Alexandro Ochoa (Summer REU); 05/2019 08/2019
 - Evolution of 67P's Imhotep Region
- Samantha Moruzzi; Cornell University; 07/2018 <u>Current</u>
 Photometric modeling of smooth terrains on 67P
 - Submitted a manuscript to the Planetary Science Journal (Spring 2022)
 - Julia Miller; Cornell University; 08/2017 08/2021
 - A Complete Mapping of Titan's Hydrology
 - Published a manuscript in the Planetary Science Journal in July 2021
 - Alexandra Dobbs (Summer REU); 05/2018 08/2018
 - Photometric modeling of smooth terrains on 67P
- Andrew Nowak (Summer REU); 05/2018 08/2018
- SAR Backscatter Modeling of Representative Terrains on Titan
- Harry Tang; Cornell University; 04/2015 08/2018
 - Photoclinometry on 67P to Understand Transient Changes
 - Published a manuscript in Astronomy & Astrophysics in August 2018
- Ian Cullings; Cornell University; 01/2017 12/2018
- The longevity of the Jezero crater delta using DTMs
- Ryan de Freitas Bart; Cornell University; 04/2015 04/2017
 - Generating a fully three-dimensional model of Comet 67P/C-G

High School:

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- Leslie VanDeMark; Ithaca High School; New Visions Program; 11/2014 -05/2015
 - Hydraulic mapping on Titan
 - Nathan Degree; Regeneron STS Competition; 05/2018 -05/2019
 - An inter-comparison of Titan & Terrestrial Geology in Cassini SAR

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