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## EDUCATION

- 2018 – present      **Ph.D., Astronomy & Planetary Science**, Northern Arizona University  
Advisor: Dr. Lillian Ostrach, Chair: Dr. Joshua Emery
- 2021                    **M.S., Astronomy & Planetary Science**, Northern Arizona University  
Advisors: Dr. Mark Salvatore and Dr. Tyler Robinson
- 2018                    **B.A., Geology**, Lawrence University  
Thesis: *Orientation of Calcium Sulfate Veins and Their Implication for Fluid Circulation Events at Gale Crater, Mars*  
Advisors: Dr. Marion Nachon and Dr. Marcia Bjørnerud

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 – present      National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
- 2018, 2023 – present      Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northern Arizona University
- 2018 – 2023              Graduate Research Assistant, Northern Arizona University

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: PUBLISHED OR ACCEPTED (1 first author, 7 co-author)

1. Power, S. N., Salvatore, M. R., Sokol, E. R., Stanish, L. F., **Borges, S. R.**, Adams, B. J., Barrett, J. E. (2024). Remotely characterizing detection of photosynthetic biocrust in snowpack-fed microhabitats of Taylor Valley, Antarctica. *Science of Remote Sensing*, 9. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.srs.2024.100120>.
2. **Borges, S. R.**, Jones, G. G., Robinson, T. D. (2024). Detectability of Surface Biosignatures for Directly-Imaged Rocky Exoplanets. *Astrobiology*, 24(3). <https://doi.org/10.1089/ast.2023.0099>.
3. Schaible, M. J., Szeinbaum, N., Bozdog, G. O., Chou, L., Grefenstette, N., Colón-Santos, S, Rodriguez, L. E., Styczinski, M. J., Thweatt, J. L., Todd, Z. R., Vázquez-Salazar, A., Adams, A., Araújo, M. N., Altair, T., **Borges, S. R.**, Burton, D., Campillo-Balderas, J. A., Cangi, E. M., Caro, T., Catalano, E., Chen, K., Conlin, P. L., Cooper, Z. S., Fisher, T. M., Mestre Fos, S., Garcia, A., Glaser, D. M., Harman, C. E., Hermis, N. Y., Hooks, M., Johnson-Finn, K., Lehmer, O., Hernández-Morales, R., Hughson, K. H.G., Jácome, R., Jia, T. Z., Marlow, J. J., McKaig, J., Mierzejewski, V., Muñoz-Velasco, I., Nural, C., Oliver, G. C., Penev, P. I., Govinda Raj, C., Roche, T. P., Sabuda, M. C., Schaible, G. A., Sevgen, S., Sinhac, P., Steller, L. H., Stelmach, K., Tarnas, J., Tavares, F., Trubl, G., Vidaurri, M., Vincent, L., Weber, J. M., Weng, M. M., Wilpiszeki, R. L., Young, A. V. (*Accepted*). Chapter 1: The Astrobiology Primer 3.0. *Astrobiology*.
4. Chou, L., Grefenstette, N., **Borges, S. R.**, Caro, T., Catalano, E., Harman, C., McKaig, J., Govinda Raj, C., Trubl, G., Young, A. V. (*Accepted*). Chapter 8: Searching for Life Beyond Earth. *Astrobiology*.
5. Trubl, G., Stedman, K. M., Bywaters, K. F., Matula, E. E., Sommers, P., Roux, S., Merino, N., Yin, J., Kaelber, J. T., Avila-Herrera, A., Johnson, P. A., Johnson, J. C., **Borges, S. R.**, Weber, P. K., Pett-Ridge, J., Boston, P. J. (2023). Astroviology: How viruses enhance our understanding of life in the Universe. *International Journal of Astrobiology*, 1-25. doi:10.1017/S1473550423000058
6. Salvatore, M. R., Barrett, J. E., **Borges, S. R.**, Power, S. N., Stanish, L. F., Sokol, E. R., & Gooseff, M. (2021). Counting Carbon: Quantifying Biomass in the McMurdo Dry Valleys through Orbital & Field Observations. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 42(22), 8597-8623. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01431161.2021.1981559>
7. Nachon, M., **Borges, S. R.**, Ewing, R. C., Rivera-Hernández, F., Stein, N., & Van Beek, J. K. (2020). Coupling Mars ground and orbital views: generate viewsheds of Mastcam images from the Curiosity rover, using ArcGIS® and public datasets. *Earth and Space Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020ea001247>

- Salvatore, M. R., **Borges, S. R.**, Barrett, J. E., Sokol, E. R., Stanish, L. F., Power, S. N., & Morin, P. (2020). Remote characterization of photosynthetic communities in the Fryxell basin of Taylor Valley, Antarctica. *Antarctic Science*, 16, 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.1017/s0954102020000176>

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: IN REVIEW OR SUBMITTED** (1 first author, † co-first author)

- Borges, S. R.** †, Schaible, G. A. †, Sagasti, A. J., Teece, B. L., Barlow, E. V., Soares, G. G., Gangidine, A. (Submitted). Towards process-driven research in geobiology: Stepping away from the binary biogenicity vs. abiogenicity approach. *Geobiology*.

**PUBLISHED DATASETS** (2 first author)

- Borges, S.R., Stanish, L.F., Power, S.N., Salvatore, M.R., Barrett, J.E., Sokol, E.R., and Davis, M.R. 2023. *Spectral and biological characteristics of microbial mats and mosses across Fryxell Basin, Taylor Valley, Antarctica (2018-2019)*. Environmental Data Initiative. DOI: 10.6073/pasta/4b06d939260f89de7119fc9662fd5ece
- Borges, S.R., Salvatore, M.R., Stanish, L.F., Power, S.N., Sokol, E.R., Barrett, J.E., and Tai Udovicic, C.J. 2023. *Distribution models of microbial mats and mosses across Fryxell Basin, Taylor Valley, Antarctica (2018-2019)*. Environmental Data Initiative. DOI: 10.6073/pasta/de796f76bc4aa7cbff001733805adf72

**WHITE PAPERS** (2 co-author)

- Trubl, G., Sommers, P., Boston, P. J., Stedman, K., **Borges, S. R.**, Matula, E. E., Zaharescu, D. G., Anto Johnson, P., Johnson, J. C., Buongiorno, J., Nability, J., Brum, J. R. (2021). Viruses as Modulators of Cellular Metabolism: Implications for Human Health and Life-Support Systems in Space. A National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine White Paper for the *Decadal Survey on Biological and Physical Sciences Research in Space 2023-2032*. [http://surveygizmoreponseuploads.s3.amazonaws.com/fileuploads/623127/6378869/188-8805b4c0f36f4cd747d8170a08dea29d\\_Trubl\\_Gareth.pdf](http://surveygizmoreponseuploads.s3.amazonaws.com/fileuploads/623127/6378869/188-8805b4c0f36f4cd747d8170a08dea29d_Trubl_Gareth.pdf)
- Strauss, B. E., **Borges S. R.**, Faridani, T., Grier, J. A., Kiihne, A., Maier, E. R., Olsen, C., O'Neill, T., Rivera-Valentín, E. G., Sneed, E. L., Waller, D., Zamloot, V. (2020). Nonbinary Systems: Looking Towards the Future of Gender Equity in Planetary Science. A State of the Profession White Paper for the *Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey 2023-2032*. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.08247.pdf>

**CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS** (12 oral, 5 poster, \* mentee)

- March 2023 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Allen, R., Juarez Rivera, M., Sumner, D., Ostrach, L., Newly Discovered Antarctic Laminated Carbonate Rock Coatings as an Additional Analog to Potential Biosignatures on Mars, Arizona Imaging and Microanalysis Society (AIMS) 2023 conference
- May 2022 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Sumner, D. Y., Dijkstra, P., Salvatore, M. R., Robinson, T. D., Ostrach, L. R., Juxtaposing Martian Biosignature Analogs from Cold and Hot Environments: Newly Discovered Antarctic Carbonate Structures and Hot Spring Silica Sinters, Astrobiology Science Conference (AbSciCon) 2022
- May 2022 Talk. **Borges, S.**, Saleh, O., Chung, A. F., Fox, R. K., Leddin, E., Boll, A. M., THRIVE Lifeline: A Resource for People in STEMM with Marginalized Identities, Astrobiology Science Conference (AbSciCon) 2022
- May 2022 Talk. Jones, G. G.\* , **Borges, S. R.**, Robinson, T. D., Detectability of Surface Biosignatures for Directly Imaged Exoplanets, Astrobiology Science Conference (AbSciCon) 2022
- May 2022 Poster. STROMATOLITE Syndicate, Barlow, E. V., **Borges, S. R.**, Cassady, V. C., Dobson, M. J., Galar, A., Gangidine, A., Hartz, J., Lyon, B., Meyer, A. C. S., Sagasti, A. J., Schaible, G. A., Sevgen, S., Soares, G. G., Sriaporn, C., Steller, L., Teece, B. L., Introducing the STROMATOLITES (Studying Totally Rad Objects in Modern and Ancient Thermal, Oceanic, Lithified, and Interlayered Textures on Earth/Exoplanets Syndicate): an International Collaborative Early Career Research Group in Astrobiology, Astrobiology Science Conference (AbSciCon) 2022
- Apr. 2022 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Sumner, D. Y., Juarez Rivera, M., Dijkstra, P., Salvatore, M., Ostrach, L., Robinson, T., Juxtaposing Martian Biosignature Analogs from Cold and Hot Environments: Newly

- Discovered Antarctic Carbonate Structures and Hot Spring Silica Sinters, McMurdo Long-Term Ecological Research Spring Student Showcase, virtual
- Dec. 2021 Poster. Power, S. N., Salvatore, M. R., **Borges, S. R.**, Sokol, E. R., Stanish, L. F., Barrett, J. E., Investigating Detection Limits of Antarctic Microbial Communities Using Remote Sensing Data, American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2021 Fall Meeting
- Nov. 2021 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Stanish, L. F., Power, S. N., Sokol, E. R., Barrett, J. E., Ostrach, L. R., High-resolution Satellite Mapping of Microbial Mats in Antarctica's Fryxell Basin, AZ AstroBio Symposium 2021, virtual
- Nov. 2021 Talk. Jones, G. G.\*, **Borges, S. R.**, Robinson, T. D., Detectability of Surface Biosignatures for Directly Imaged Exoplanets, AZ AstroBio Symposium 2021, virtual
- Sept. 2021 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Stanish, L. F., Power, S. N., Sokol, E. R., Barrett, J. E., Ostrach, L. R., High-resolution Satellite Mapping of Microbial Mats in Antarctica's Fryxell Basin, Astrobiology Graduate Conference 2021, virtual
- Sept. 2021 Talk. Jones, G. G.\*, **Borges, S. R.**, Robinson, T. D., Detectability of Surface Biosignatures for Directly Imaged Exoplanets, Astrobiology Graduate Conference 2021, virtual
- Aug. 2021 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Detecting Remote and *In Situ* Biosignatures from Fryxell Terrestrial Microbial Mats, Sumner Antarctic Research Symposium, virtual
- Jul. 2021 Talk. Salvatore, M. R., Barrett, J. E., **Borges, S. R.**, Power, S. N., Sokol, E. R., Stanish, L. F., Counting Carbon I: Advances in Ecological Remote Sensing in Taylor Valley, Antarctica, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) 2021 meeting, virtual
- Jul. 2021 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Stanish, L. F., Power, S. N., Sokol, E. R., Barrett, J. E., Ostrach, L. R., Counting Carbon II: Spectral Endmember Diversity and Small-Scale Distributions, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) 2021 meeting, virtual
- Jul. 2021 Talk. Power, S. N., **Borges, S. R.**, Sokol, E. R., Stanish, L. F., Salvatore, M. R., Barrett, J. E., Counting Carbon III: Investigating Detection Limits of Microbial Communities Using Remote Sensing Data, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) 2021 meeting, virtual
- Mar. 2021 Poster. Strauss, B. E., Rasmussen, K. C., Maier, E. R., **Borges, S. R.**, Durbin, M., Erena, A., Faridani, T., Grier, J. A., O'Neill, T., Olsen, C., Riesbeck, L., Rivera-Valentín, E. G., Sneed, E. L., Wallach, A., Waller, D., Zamloot, V., Nonbinary Systems: Gender-Inclusive Study Methods in Planetary Science, Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC) 52, virtual
- Sept. 2020 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Robinson, T. D., Simulating the Detection of Microbial Life on Earth-like Exoplanets, Research Rotation Presentation, NAU, virtual
- Dec. 2020 Poster. Strauss, B. E., Rasmussen, K. C., Maier, E. R., **Borges, S. R.**, Durbin, M., Erena, A., Faridani, T., Grier, J. A., O'Neill, T., Olsen, C., Riesbeck, L., Rivera-Valentín, E. G., Sneed, E. L., Wallach, A., Waller, D., Zamloot, V., Non-binary Systems: Looking Toward the Future of Gender Equity in Planetary Science and Related Fields, American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2020 Fall Meeting, virtual
- Nov. 2019 Poster. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Rutledge, A., Astrobiologic Implications of Fryxell Rock Coatings, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual oSTEM Conference: Visibility Fuels Opportunity, Detroit, MI
- Sept. 2019 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Stanish, L. F., Power, S. N., Sokol, E. R., Barrett, J. E., Spectral Archive and Remote Characterization of Terrestrial Microbial Mats in the Fryxell Basin of Taylor Valley, Antarctica, Geological Society of America (GSA) 2019 Annual Meeting, #8-2
- Sept. 2019 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Stanish, L. F., Power, S. N., Sokol, E. R., Barrett, J. E., Spectral Archive and Remote Characterization of Terrestrial Microbial Mats in the Fryxell Basin of Taylor Valley, Antarctica, 2019 Fall Flagstaff Astronomy Symposium
- Aug. 2019 Poster. **Borges, S. R.**, Salvatore, M. R., Rutledge, A., Astrobiologic Implications of Fryxell Rock Coatings, McMurdo Dry Valleys Long Term Ecological Research (MCM-LTER) Project Annual Meeting in Denver, CO
- Mar. 2019 Talk. Salvatore, M. R., **Borges, S. R.**, Remote Characterization of Microbial Communities in Antarctica and Astrobiological Implications, 2019 Spring Flagstaff Astronomy Symposium
- Oct. 2018 Poster. **Borges, S. R.**, Nachon, M., Orientation of Calcium Sulfate Veins and Their Implication for Fluid Circulation Events at Gale Crater, Mars, Northern Arizona STEM Poster Session hosted by the Northern Arizona Planetary Science Alliance (NAPSA)

- Jun. 2018 Poster. **Borges S. R.**, Nachon, M., Orientation of Calcium Sulfate Veins and Their Implication for Fluid Circulation Events at Gale Crater, Mars, Lawrence University Senior Thesis
- Mar. 2018 Poster. **Borges S. R.**, Nachon, M., Orientation of Calcium Sulfate Veins and Their Implication for Fluid Circulation Events at Gale Crater, Mars, Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC) 49, The Woodlands, Texas, #2776
- Dec. 2017 Talk. Nachon, M., Sumner, D.Y., **Borges, S. R.**, Stack, K., Stein, N., Watkins, J. A., Banham, S., Rivera-Hernández, F., Wiens, R.C., l'Haridon, J., Rapin, W., Kronyak, R., Stratigraphic distribution of veins in the Murray and Stimson formations, Gale crater, Mars: Implications for ancient groundwater circulation, American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2017 Fall Meeting, #P24B-03
- Aug. 2017 Talk. **Borges, S. R.**, Nachon, M., Summary of Research Experience: Presentation presented at the University of California, Davis, Davis, CA

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2022 NASA Astrobiology Early Career Collaboration Award: \$3,248
- 2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship: ~\$150,000
- 2018 Cum laude, Lawrence University
- 2018 Lantern Community Service Award, Lawrence University: \$500
- 2017 – 2018 Chandler Senior Experience Grant, Lawrence University: \$1,200
- 2015 – 2018 Franke D. Memorial Scholarship, Lawrence University
- 2014 PG&E PrideNetwork Scholar: \$6,000
- 2014 Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California Scholarship: \$500

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2023 Invited Panelist for Womanium Astrobiology Program
- 2023 Invited Panelist for Labor in Space Panel, Space Science in Context 2023 conference
- 2022 Ocean World Analog Field Site Assessment Workshop
- 2021 Executive secretary for NASA funding program
- 2021 Discussion panel moderator for the Astrobiology Graduate Conference 2021
- 2021 Co-moderator for a session at the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research 2021 Meeting
- 2020 Executive secretary for NASA funding program

### **SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIUMS**

- Oct. 2021 Seventh Semester Presentation, *Detecting Remote and In Situ Biosignatures from Fryxell Terrestrial Microbial Mats*, Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, Northern Arizona University, virtual
- Sept. 2020 Research Rotation Project Presentation, *Simulating the Detection of Microbial Life on Earth-like Exoplanets*, Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, Northern Arizona University, virtual

### **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Guest Lecturer**

- AST 210: Celebrating Diversity in Astronomy (Northern Arizona University, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, & Spring 2024)
- AST 183 & AST 184L: Life in the Universe class and laboratory (Northern Arizona University, Fall 2019 & Fall 2020)

#### **Teaching Experience**

- AST 201L: Indigenous Astronomy (Northern Arizona University, Fall 2023 & Spring 2024)
- AST 184L: Life in the Universe (Northern Arizona University, Fall 2018)
- PHY 111L: General Physics I (Northern Arizona University, Fall 2018)

#### **Mentoring Experience**

- Gabrielle G. Jones – Currently Space Systems Engineer at Katalyst Space Technologies
- Undergraduate mentee (Northern Arizona University, 2020 – 2022)

## **PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Community Engagement: International Activities**

- 2021 – present Early Career Council, Network for Life Detection
- Member and co-lead of journal club discussions
- 2020 – present The STROMATOLITES (Studying Totally Rad Objects in Modern and Ancient Thermal, Oceanic, Lithified, and Inter-layered Textures on Earth/Exoplanets Syndicate)
- Co-founder and member
- 2020 – present Astrobiology Primer 3.0
- Co-authored Chapter 1 & 8
- 2020 – 2022 Crisis Responder, Training Assistant, Mentor, and Organizer for THRIVE Lifeline
- Train, mentor, provide crisis response, and logistically support the trans-owned suicide hotline, THRIVE Lifeline, which is staffed by and for people with marginalized identities in STEM
- 2019 – 2020 Conference Vice Chair, oSTEM (Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- Facilitate the production of annual oSTEM conferences dedicated to LGBTQIA2S+ people in STEM

### **Community Engagement: Local Activities**

- 2024 Arizona Astrobiology (AZ Astrobio) Symposium 2024 conference organizer
- 2023 Arizona Astrobiology (AZ Astrobio) Symposium 2023 conference organizer
- 2018 – present Guest lecturer for elementary school students in Bakersfield, CA, teaching them about geology, astronomy, biology, and Antarctic science
- 2021 Co-leader of NAU Astronomy & Planetary Science Graduate School 101 Summer Workshop
- 2021 Northern Arizona University Dept. of Astronomy & Planetary Science Unlearning Racism in Geoscience (URGE) pod member
- 2021 Invited speaker for the Northern Arizona University Astronomy Club
- 2021 Invited speaker for the Northern Arizona University Society for Women in Space Exploration
- 2020 – 2021 Social Justice Group Co-Chair, Dept. of Astronomy & Planetary Science Graduate Club, Northern Arizona University
- 2020 – 2021 Talked with 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Cranford, NJ about Antarctic science and astrobiology
- 2020 Assisted teaching elementary students about magnetic fields on Earth and Mars through Flagstaff's "Scientist in the Classroom" program
- 2019 – 2021 Assist in educational science outreach with the American Indian Mobile Educational Resources (AIMER), which is a NASA/Northern Arizona University Space Grant project
- 2019 – 2020 Co-developing of a Planetary Science Field Course at Northern Arizona University
- 2018 Talked with an elementary school robotics team from Virginia through "Skype a Scientist"
- 2018 Talked with 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders from Howell, MI about mining asteroids for the "Ask a Geologist" Michigan section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)
- 2017 – 2018 Council on Community Service and Engagement Chair, Student Government, Lawrence University
- 2017 Assisted in teaching children ages 6-12 about the Curiosity rover, Sacramento Science Center, CA
- 2016 – 2018 President and Founder, RiseUp, Lawrence University
- 2015 – 2018 Co-President, Lawrence University Geological Society, Lawrence University

### **Media Appearances and News Articles**

- Nov. 2022 Space.com, "NASA's Perseverance rover opens a window into Mars' watery past," <https://www.space.com/mars-perseverance-rover-story-fire-water>
- Sept. 2022 The Astro Show, Wyoming Stargazing Special Guest: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MyG9VIT\\_R8&list=PLTL-DoT\\_0H9jqitb-PdL5Qd52BmP330-I&index=30](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MyG9VIT_R8&list=PLTL-DoT_0H9jqitb-PdL5Qd52BmP330-I&index=30)
- Oct. 2021 Grad Chat by PhD Balance podcast, Navigating Academia as a Queer and Trans Person w/ Schuyler Borges, <https://anchor.fm/phd-balance>
- Feb. 2021 Storytellers of STEM, #99 - Antarctica Series 16: Schuyler Borges, podcast by Rachel Villani, <https://anchor.fm/storytellersofSTEMM>

- Jan. 2021 Astronomy and Astrophysics Outlist: <https://astro-outlist.github.io/>
- Aug. 2020 Arizona Daily Sun, “Biosignatures in rock: NAU doctoral student researching life on Mars using Antarctic data,” [https://azdailysun.com/news/local/education/biosignatures-in-rock-nau-doctoral-student-researching-life-on-mars-using-antarctic-data/article\\_30039944-0f44-56a1-a1fc-d2bc43c7357d.html](https://azdailysun.com/news/local/education/biosignatures-in-rock-nau-doctoral-student-researching-life-on-mars-using-antarctic-data/article_30039944-0f44-56a1-a1fc-d2bc43c7357d.html)
- Jun. 2020 NAU News, “With prestigious NSF fellowship, NAU grad student tackling the question of life on Mars by way of Antarctica,” <https://news.nau.edu/grfp-schuyler-borges/#.X5YI1NKjBI>
- Apr. 2019 500 Queer Scientists: <https://500queerscientists.com/>

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Remote Sensing Techniques:** gravity, reflected and refracted seismic, resistivity, magnetic, controlled source audio-frequency magnetotellurics (CSAMT), GPR, magnetic and LiDAR mapping, visible/near-infrared (VNIR), short-wave infrared (SWIR), and thermal infrared (TIR) spectroscopy (field and lab), polarization techniques (field), satellite imagery and raster data (e.g., DEMs), Structure from Motion (SfM) photogrammetry

**Laboratory Techniques:** fluorometer & chlorophyll extractions, ash-free dry mass measurements, VNIR, SWIR, and TIR spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction (XRD), X-ray fluorescence (XRF), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS), backscattering electron (BSE) imaging, light microscopy, thin section petrography, sample preparation

**Programming Languages & Computer Software:** Software: ArcGIS, ENVI, Stereonet, gravity and seismic modeling software, RESIST, Agisoft, Microsoft Office, Outlook, and Google suites, ImageJ, and Adobe Illustrator; Programming & Modeling: Python, R, Davinci, linear spectral unmixing model, Spectral Mapping Atmospheric Radiative Transfer (SMART) model, and telescope high-contrast imaging noise model

**Field Methods:** geological and biological sample collection, preparation, observations, and documentation, foundational geological field measurements, instrumentation, navigation (e.g., GPS, Trimble), and techniques (e.g., stream profiles, topographic surveys, stratigraphic columns), geophysical surveying measurements, instrumentation, and techniques (e.g., seismic, GPR), spectral ground truthing for reflectance spectroscopy, remote sensing field measurements, instrumentation, and techniques (e.g., field spectrometer), logistical duties affiliated with camp maintenance, environmental preparedness, and hazard mitigation.

## **FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2019 Field technician for a Planetary Science and Technology from Analog Research (PSTAR) proposal on geophysical surveying techniques of the San Francisco Volcanic Field with applications to the Moon  
Techniques and research utilized: GPR, magnetic and LiDAR mapping
- 2019 Planetary Analogs Field Course: Active and Ancient Fluvial Systems, Northern Arizona University  
Techniques and research utilized: investigated the detection of life using polarization as a remote sensing technique
- 2018 – 2019 PhD research, Lake Fryxell, McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica  
Techniques and research utilized: remote sensing techniques, biological sample collection, preparation, and analysis
- 2018 Introduction to Applied Geophysics, Northern Arizona University  
Techniques and research utilized: assisted the USGS with conducting a CSAMT survey in the Western Grand Canyon area to determine sources of water for the Hualapai Nation & conducted GPR survey of sinkholes at Lake Mary near Flagstaff, AZ
- 2018 Planetary Analogs Field Course: the San Francisco Volcanic Field, Northern Arizona University
- 2017 Geology of the Driftless Area Seminar Field Course, Lawrence University  
Techniques and research utilized: stream profiles, topographic surveys, and general understanding of the history of the Baraboo formation
- 2016 Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) environmental science and geology study abroad program with the Osservatorio Geologico di Coldigioco in Apiro, Italy

Techniques and research utilized: mapping of the Apennines, stratigraphic column of the Dolomites, soil sampling, determination of ancient paleocurrents and orientation of folds in bedding, cyclostratigraphic analysis of the Scaglia Rossa Cretaceous unit of limestone across the K-Pg boundary at Monte Conero, Italy, analyzed geomorphology of terraces and stream channels in Tuscany, general geologic history of Italy and Croatia

### **UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2015, 2017 Volunteer Researcher, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA  
Duties: Created a tool in ArcGIS that locates calcium sulfate veins in Mastcam images taken from the Curiosity rover on an orbital HiRISE image of Gale crater. Also investigated calcium sulfate vein orientation to determine possible formation mechanisms and timing of veins. Participated in lab group meetings focused on microbial mat communities in Lake Vanda and Lake Joyce, Antarctica. Advisors: Dr. Marion Nachon and Dr. Dawn Sumner
- 2015 Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bright Minds Scholarship Intern, San Ramon, CA  
Duties: Located transmission lines traveling over rivers and found equipment numbers of assets that were replaced and/or repaired and used the programs SAP, Clarity, Google Earth, Excel, and EDRS to record information. Supervisor: Erick Corona