

# Sean I. Peters

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## Visiting Assistant Professor

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## EDUCATION

- 08.2020      **Ph.D. – Geological Sciences**, Arizona State University, USA.  
*Dissertation: Investigating lava flow emplacement: implications for volcanic hazards and planetary evolution*  
*Advisor: Dr. Philip R. Christensen*
- 08.2015      **M.S. – Geological Sciences**, Arizona State University, USA.  
*Thesis: Investigating Late Amazonian Volcanotectonic Activity on Olympus Mons, Mars using Flank Vents and Arcuate Graben*  
*Advisor: Dr. Philip R. Christensen*
- 05.2013      **B.S. – Psychology**, Mississippi State University, USA.  
*Minor: Geosciences*  
*Magna cum laude*

## RESEARCH THEMES

I am interested in: 1) the formation, evolution, and composition of the lithosphere of earth and other planets; and 2) the interactions between a planet's interior, surface, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and – on Earth – biosphere.

Volcano formation, evolution, and hazards: I study volcanoes and their erupted products. My focus has been on effusive and mildly explosive eruptions which produce lava flows and proximal vent constructs.

Planetary geology: I study the origin and evolution of planetary interiors and surfaces using orbital-based data, laboratory analog experiments, and modeling.

With more collaborations, my interests will evolve to include other methodologies, geologic processes, planetary bodies, and mission involvement. Additionally, student involvement sits at the heart of my research, and I want to provide ample opportunities for students to participate in impactful science.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 07.2024 – present      **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Middlebury College
- 01.2023 – 06.2024      **Postdoctoral Fellow of Geology**, Middlebury College  
Faculty Instructor
- 08.2021 – 2022      **Postdoctoral Fellow of Geology**, University of Idaho  
Supervisor: Dr. Erika L. Rader
- 01 – 08.2021      **Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)**, Himeji Board of Education via  
Phoenix Sister Cities Teach Abroad Program  
Supervisors: Takayuki Kamata and Shigeo Furuta
- 08.2020 – 01.2021      **Senior Research Specialist**, Arizona State University  
Supervisor: Dr. Philip R. Christensen

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND THESES**

- Cooper, E.G.K., I.T.W. Flynn, **S.I. Peters**, E.W. Benson, S.B. Murphy, and E. Sterling (2026), Volcanism at Piton de la Fournaise as an Analog for Chloris Mons, Venus. *Journal of Geophysical Research Planets*, 131, Issue 5, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2026JE009756>.
- Flynn, I.T.W, and **S.I. Peters** (2025), The Usefulness of Notebook LM's Audio Overview for Planetary Scientists, *Perspectives of Earth and Space Scientists*, vol. 6, Issue 1, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1029/2025CN000282>.
- Russo, F.P., I.T.W. Flynn, **S.I. Peters**, and M.S. Ramsey (2025), The Effects of Measured Slope on Martian Lava Flow Modeling. *Icarus*, 434, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2025.116544>.
- Peters, S.I.**, A.B. Clarke, and E.L. Rader (2024), The impacts of lulls and peaks in effusion rate on lava flow propagation, *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, 451, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvolgeores.2024.108099>.
- Rader, E.L., **S. Peters**, L. Vanderkluysen, A.B. Clarke, and H. Sheth (2024), Morphological transitions between resurfacing and distal breakout lava flows in flood basalts: insights from analog experiments, *Bulletin of Volcanology*, Volume 86, Article 8, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-023-01693-6>.
- Peters, S.I.**, A.B. Clarke, and E.L. Rader (2022), The effects of unsteady effusion rates on lava flow morphology and emplacement: results from laboratory analogue experiments, *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, 432, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.volgeores.2022.107674>.

**Peters, S.I.,** P.R. Christensen, and A.B. Clarke (2021), Lava flow eruption conditions in the Tharsis Volcanic Province on Mars, *Journal of Geophysical Research – Planets*, 126, Issue 7, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JE006791>.

**Peters, S.I.** and P.R. Christensen (2017), Flank Vents and Graben as Indicators of Late Amazonian Volcanotectonic Activity on Olympus Mons, *Journal of Geophysical Research – Planets*, 112, Issue 3, <https://doi.org/10.1002/2016JE005108>.

### **SUBMITTED – UNDER REVIEW**

Richardson, J.A., **S.I. Peters**, A. M. Ostwald, P.L. Whelley, J.R. Voigt, and E.L. Rader (in revision), Volcanism on Mars, *The Encyclopedia of Volcanoes: Third Edition*.

**Peters, S.I.,** M. Gor, S. W. R. Tsang, and I.T.W. Flynn (in revision), A review of thermomechanical erosion in lava emplacement within the inner solar system. To *Geomechanics and Geophysics for Geo-Energy and Geo-Resources special issue*.

### **IN PREPARATION**

K. L. Derenoncourt and **S.I. Peters** (antic. 2026 submission), Sinuous rilles on the Tharsis Montes Rift Aprons, Mars: distribution, characteristics, and implications for large shield evolution. To *Journal of Geophysical Research Planets*.

**Peters, S.I.,** A.B. Clarke, E.L. Rader, and A.E. Thompson (antic. 2026 submission), The role of slope on lava flows erupted under variable effusion rates. To *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*.

### **SCIENCE ARTICLES**

**Peters, S.I.** (2019) Volcanoes on Other Planets, *Ask an Earth and Space Scientist* (ASU) <https://dev-aaess-drup-7.ws.asu.edu/explore/alien-lava>.

### **CREATIVE WRITING**

**Peters, S.,** A Museum of Personal Mystery, *Authors of Tomorrow*, 2008.

**Peters, S.,** WE, *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*, vol. LXXXVII, 2002 Edition.

### **FUNDING**

### **PENDING – SUBMITTED/UNDER REVIEW**

Quantifying the thermal evolution and mass distribution of lava flows in 4D

Collaborator

2025 – 2028

Initial Degrading Processes of Volcanic Fissure Vents on Mars and Iceland

Co-Investigator

2026 - 2029

Quantifying the Emplacement of Welded Spatter Deposits on Earth and Mars

Co-Investigator

2026 - 2029

AWARDED

| Duration                | Title                                                             | Funder                                                 | Role/Personnel  | Amount                                      | Status      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Summer 2026</i>      | Summer Research Assistant (SRA)                                   | Middlebury College Undergraduate Research Office (URO) | Faculty Advisor | \$4800                                      | In Progress |
| <i>Spring 2026</i>      | UCRF                                                              | Middlebury URO                                         | Faculty Advisor | \$912                                       | Complete    |
| <i>2025-2026</i>        | Faculty Professional Development Fund (FPDF)                      | Middlebury College                                     | Recipient       | \$2400                                      | Complete    |
| <i>EPSC-DPS Meeting</i> | DPS Travel Grant                                                  | American Astronomical Society                          | Recipient       | \$1000                                      | Complete    |
| <i>Summer 2025</i>      | SRA                                                               | Middlebury URO                                         | Faculty Advisor | \$6160                                      | Complete    |
| <i>Spring 2025</i>      | Undergraduate Collaborative Research Fund (UCRF)                  | Middlebury URO                                         | Faculty Advisor | \$1460                                      | Complete    |
| <i>2024-2025</i>        | FPDF                                                              | Middlebury College                                     | Recipient       | ~\$3,952                                    | Complete    |
| <i>2024-2027</i>        | Evolving volcanic eruption styles as recorded in Valles Marineris | NASA MDAP                                              | Co-Investigator | ~\$159,000 (subaward)<br>~\$1,000,000 total | In Progress |
| <i>Summer 2024</i>      | SRA                                                               | Middlebury URO                                         | Faculty Advisor | \$5700                                      | Complete    |
| <i>Summer 2024</i>      | SRA                                                               | Middlebury URO                                         | Faculty Advisor | \$4864                                      | Complete    |
| <i>Spring 2024</i>      | Undergraduate Collaborative Research Fund (UCRF)                  | Middlebury URO                                         | Faculty Advisor | \$1000                                      | Complete    |
| <i>2023-2024</i>        | FPDF                                                              | Middlebury College                                     | Recipient       | \$3993                                      | Complete    |
| <i>2022-2023</i>        | FPDF                                                              | Middlebury College                                     | Recipient       | \$2997                                      | Complete    |

## **TEACHING**

- 2023 – *present*      **Faculty Instructor**, Middlebury College  
*Natural Hazards (ECSC 111)*  
*Physical Volcanology (ECSC 375)*  
*Readings & Research (ECSC 500)*  
*Geology of Rocky Planets (ECSC 1005)*  
*Collaborative Capstone Research Seminar (ECSC 705)*  
*First-Year Seminar: Space for Society – one small step or a giant leap? (FYS 1106)*  
*Data in Earth Science (ECSC 140)*  
*Petrology (ECSC 300) – F 2026*
- 10–11.2022      **Guest Instructor**, University of Idaho  
*Introduction to Volcanology (Dr. Erika L. Rader)*  
*Exploring the Solar System*
- 2021      **Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)**, Himeji Board of Education, Himeji, Hyogo, Japan  
- *Himeji Shiritsu Hanada Junior High*  
- *Himeji Shiritsu Masui Junior High*  
- *Himeji Shiritsu Masui Elementary School*  
- *Himeji Shiritsu Mizukami Elementary School*  
- *Himeji Shiritsu Tohori Elementary School*  
- *Himeji Shiritsu Hanada Elementary School*
- 2019      **Prison Teaching Intern**, ASU  
*Teaching Assistant (Dr. Cornelia Wells)*  
*Introduction to Geology / Astronomy*
- 2013 – 2015      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, ASU  
*Introduction to Physical Geology Lab, (J. Johnson), Spring 2014/2015*  
*Fundamentals of Planetary Geology, (Dr. M. S. Robinson), Fall 2014*  
*Physical Geology, (Dr. D. DeVacchio & T. Perkins), Fall 2013/2014*  
*Historical Geology, (Dr. D. Burt), Fall 2013*
- 2011 – 2012      **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, MSU  
*Introductory Psychology Statistics (lab section)*  
Dr. C. Williams, *Fall 2011*  
Dr. M. Giesen, *Spring 2012*  
Dr. J. Keeley, *Fall 2012*
- 2011      **Guest Lecturer**, Mississippi State University  
*Social Psychology (online), Dr. E. Colleen Sinclair*

## **RESEARCH**

- 2023 – present      **PRESSURE (Planetary Research, Earth Science, and Space Undergraduate Experience) | Department of Earth and Climate Sciences | Middlebury College**  
*Faculty Supervisor*
- 2021 – 2022      **Crystallinity effects on lava flow morphology | University of Idaho Department of Earth and Spatial Sciences and Geological Sciences**  
*Supervisor: Dr. Erika L. Rader*
- 2016 – 2020      **Effects of unsteady effusion rates on lava flow morphology and emplacement | ASU Experimental Volcanology Laboratory**  
*Project supervisor: Dr. Amanda B. Clarke*  
*Graduate Research Assistant*
- 2014 – 2020      **Lava flow dimensions and eruption conditions on Mars | Mars Space Flight Facility**  
*Advisor: Dr. Philip R. Christensen*  
*Graduate Assistant*
- 2012      **Undergraduate Research Fellow, Human-Environment Regional Observatory (HERO), Clark University**  
*Advisors: Drs. Deborah Martin, John Rogan, and Verna DeLauer*
- Policy Making Assessment Group – Investigated the socio-economic and ecological consequences of the Asian long-horned beetle infestation of central Massachusetts on the urban forest of Worcester and surrounding towns. Focus: place making, decision making, archival research, interviews, transcription
- 2010 – 2011      **Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advanced Social Psychology Lab, Mississippi State University**  
*Principal Investigator: Dr. H. Colleen Sinclair*
- Investigated the effect of familial and peer influences on relationship decision making and the role of conformity on attitude change toward social policy

## **STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANTS AND ADVISEES**

***Undergraduate research assistants in PRESSURE – Middlebury College. In order of most recent.***

*Yannick Waltemode*

Anne Thompson

Springer Moore

Peter Warner

Calder Lange

Nico McGee

Kijani Derenoncourt – thesis advisor (AY 25 – 26)

Riley Nebolsine

Aris Xanthoudakis

Noor Bhatti

Will McDonald– thesis advisor (S 2024)

Phi Nguyen

Asa Stone

Henry Ericson

Cal Hobson

Remi Beauharnois

Piper Harring – summer 2024

***Served as committee member on senior theses – Middlebury College***

|             |                                                    |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 – 2026 | Kristyn Carroll<br>Lucinda Pollitt<br>Lake Willett |
| 2024 – 2025 | Piper Harring                                      |
| 2023 – 2024 | Eliza Todd<br>Erin Hansbrough<br>Lizzy Vanderkloot |
| Spring 2023 | Abby Santis<br>Max Hanscom                         |

**MENTORING**

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Summer 2023 | <b>Research Mentor (Hybrid)</b> , University of Texas Austin<br><i>Strengthening Traineeships and Research Opportunities for Next Generation (STRONG) Geoscientists</i> |
| 2022 – 2023 | <b>Mentor (Virtual)</b><br><i>Geosciences Education &amp; Mentorship Support (GEMS) Mentor Match Program</i>                                                            |
| 2019 – 2020 | <b>Graduate Mentor</b> , ASU<br><i>SESE Graduate Mentoring Program</i>                                                                                                  |

2015 – 2016      **Mentor (General and research), ASU**  
*Sundial Mentoring Program (Dr. Anna Zaniwski)*

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2022                      Meet A Scientist – American Geophysical Union (AGU) Volcanology,  
Geochemistry, and Petrology (VGP) Committee

2018 – 2019              ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Student Leader

2012                      MSU Dean’s Scholar

2012                      Nominated for membership in Golden Key International Honour Society

2009 – 2012              Mississippi State University President’s Scholar

2008 – 2013              Shackhous Honor College, MSU

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **TALKS AND PANELS**

*\*Denotes an invited talk*

2026                      **Middlebury College** – Preview Days  
*Exploring (extraterrestrial) volcanoes (2026)*

2023 – 2026              **Middlebury College** – Fall Faculty Forum  
*Whodunit? Lava or water? (2025)*  
*Doing geology in space: exploring volcanoes on Mars (2024)*  
*Linking Lab Experiments to the Natural World (2023)*

2024                      **Middlebury College** Carol Rife Faculty Series  
*The volcanic evolution of Mars: insights from comparative planetology*

2023                      **\*Vermont State University – Johnson** Science Colloquium Series  
*From the lab to Mars: applying physical volcanology to extraterrestrial surfaces*

2023                      **\*Bates College** Earth and Climate Sciences Seminar Series  
*From the lab to Mars: volcanic investigations using analog experiments and remote sensing*

- 2023                    **\*Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (Columbia University)** Marine Geology and Geophysics / Seismology, Geology, and Tectonophysics (SGT) Seminar Series  
*From the lab to Mars: volcanic investigations using analog experiments and remote sensing*
- 2023                    **\*University of Maryland** Department of Geology Colloquium  
*The effects of unsteady eruption rates on lava flow morphology and propagation*
- 2022                    **\*AGU Fall Meeting**, Virtual  
*Early Career-Led DEI Initiatives: Actionable Insights Toward a More Just, Equitable, and Inclusive Scientific Environment Panel*
- 2022                    **\*Sweet Science Seminar, USGS**, Virtual  
*Lava flow eruption conditions in the Tharsis Volcanic Province on Mars*
- 2022                    **\*Planetary and Astrobiology Seminar**, Georgia Tech, Virtual  
*Lava flow eruption conditions in the Tharsis Volcanic Province on Mars*
- 2022                    **\*Goddard Space Flight Center**, Virtual  
*Lava flow eruption conditions in the Tharsis Volcanic Province on Mars*
- 2022                    **\*Carnegie Institute of Science Planetary Reading Group**, Virtual  
*Lava flow eruption conditions in the Tharsis Volcanic Province on Mars*
- 2020                    **\*University of Texas Institute of Geophysics Brown Bag Seminar**, Virtual  
*The emplacement of lava flows: implications for hazards and planetary evolution.*

## CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

### Talks

*\*Denotes an invited talk*

- 2026                    **GSA Northeast Section Meeting**, Hartford, CT  
**\*K. L. Derenoncourt and S.I. Peters** (2026), A Catalog of Sinuous Rilles on the Tharsis Montes Rift Aprons, Mars, *2026 Geological Society of America Section Meeting*, Abstract #13228.
- 2025                    **GSA Connects**, San Antonio, TX  
**\*Matiella Novak, M.A., Whelley, P.L., Richardson, J.A., Meyer, H.M., and Peters, S.I.** (2025), Searching for Mars' Ancient Tephra: Alteration

mineral sequences as a window into pre-Amazonian volcanism, 2025 *Geological Society of America Connects*, volume 57, number 6. <https://doi.org/10.1130/abs/2025AM-7253>

**Peters, S.I.**, Flynn, I.T.W., Bhatti, N., Goddard, Z.E., Mahmoud, D., and Rodriguez, A.X. (2025), A Catalog of Volcanic Vents in the Elysium Volcanic Province, Mars, 2025 *Geological Society of America Connects*, volume 57, number 6. <https://doi.org/10.1130/abs/2025AM-7616>

- 2025 **EPSC-DPS**, Helsinki, Finland  
**Peters, S.I.**, W.T. McDonald, and K. Derenoncourt (2025), Assessing the Origin and Evolution of Effusive Volcanic Channels on Mars, *Europlanet Science Congress – Division of Planetary Sciences Joint Meeting 2025*.
- 2025 **IAVCEI**, Geneva, Switzerland  
**Peters, S.I.**, A.B. Clarke, and E.L. Rader (2025), The effects of lull and peaks in effusion rate on lava flows propagated on slopes: insights from analog experiments, *The International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior Scientific Assembly 2025*, Abstract.
- 2024 **\*AGU24 Fall Meeting**, Washington, DC  
**Peters, S.I.**, (2024) Engaging Students in Space Science at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions, Abstract #ED34B-01.
- 2023 **Geological Society of America (GSA) Connects 2023**, Pittsburgh, PA  
**Peters, S.**, Clarke, A.B., and E.L. Rader (2023) The impact of lulls and peaks in eruption rate on lava flow propagation, Abstract #392740.  
  
**\*Peters, S.**, (2023) Balancing research and teaching at a liberal arts college, Abstract #392687.  
  
Moore, S., Atkins, C. A., **Peters, S.**, Velazquez Santana, L., Ulrich, R., and E., Wilson (2023) What we learned from intentional mentoring of STEM majors from minority serving institutions, Abstract #396120.

## **Posters**

<sup>†</sup>Denotes student presenter

<sup>°</sup>presenting on behalf of student(s)

- 2026 **European Geophysical Union (EGU)**, Vienna, Austria  
**°S.I. Peters** and K. L. Derenoncourt (2026), A Catalog of Sinuous Rilles on the Tharsis Montes Rift Aprons, Mars, 2026 *European Geophysical Union*, Abstract, 14066.

- †A. Xanthoudakis, **Peters, S.I.**, Meyer, H.M., Matiella Novak, M.A., Whelley, P.L., and Richardson, J.A. (2026) Investigation of Ancient Volcanism in Valles Marineris: Evidence for Effusive Activity and Possible Plutonic Intrusions, *2026 European Geophysical Union*, Abstract, 14022.
- 2025 **GSA Connects**, San Antonio, TX  
 †Cooper, E.G.K., Flynn, I.T.W., **Peters, S.I.**, Benson, E.W., Murphy, S.B., and Sterling, E.D. (2025), Piton de la Fournaise as a Terrestrial Analog to Chloris Mons, Venus, *2025 Geological Society of America Connects*, volume 57, number 6. <https://doi.org/10.1130/abs/2025AM-8077>
- †Nebolsine, R.N., and **S.I. Peters** (2025), Constraining eruption parameters for terrestrial and Martian lava flows, *2025 Geological Society of America Connects*, volume 57, number 6. <https://doi.org/10.1130/abs/2025AM-9283>
- 2025 **IAVCEI**, Geneva, Switzerland  
 †K. L. Derenoncourt and **S. I. Peters**, (2025), Sinuous volcanic channels on Tharsis Montes (Mars) Rift Aprons, *International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior Scientific Congress 2025*, abstract.
- 2025 **LPSC**, Houston, TX  
 †McDonald, W.T. and **S.I. Peters** (2025), Lava channel formation on Martian central volcanoes, *Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2025*, abstract, 2247.
- 2024 **AGU24 Fall Meeting**, Washington, DC  
 †P. Harring, †R. Beauharnois, **S. I. Peters**, and I.T.W. Flynn (2024), Observed Differences in Martian Channelized Lava Flow Rheologies and Emplacement, *American Geophysical Union 2024*.
- 2024 **Goldschmidt**, Chicago, IL  
 †McDonald, W.T., †K. Derenoncourt, and °**S. I. Peters** (2024), Lengths and Distribution of Lava Channels on Martian Central Volcanoes, *Goldschmidt 2024*, Abstract, 22973. <https://doi.org/10.46427/gold2024.22973>
- 2024 **Earth and Climate Sciences Dept. Seminar**, Middlebury College  
 †McDonald, W.T., †K. Derenoncourt, and **S.I. Peters** (2024), Lengths and Distribution of Lava Channels on Martian Central Volcanoes
- 2024 **COV12**, Antigua, Guatemala  
**Peters, S.I.**, A.B. Clarke, and E.L. Rader (2024) The impacts of lulls and peaks in eruption rate on lava flow propagation: insights from analog experiments, *Cities on Volcanoes 12*, Abstract, 17.

- 2023 **LPSC**, The Woodlands, TX  
**Peters, S.I.** (2023) A survey of volcanically emplaced rilles, *2023 Lunar and Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, 1713.
- 2023 **IAVCEI**, Rotorua, Aotearoa (NZ)  
**Peters, S.I.**, A.B. Clarke, and E.L. Rader (2023) The effects of unsteady vent conditions on lava flow propagation, morphology, and surface texture, *The International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior Scientific Assembly 2023*, Abstract, 589.
- 2022 **LPSC**, Virtual  
**Peters, S.I.**, and E. L. Rader (2022) Potential contributions of VNIR imaging and laboratory analogue experiments to inform modeling efforts, *2022 Lunar Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, 1150.
- 2020 **LPSC**, The Woodlands, TX  
**Peters, S.I.**, and P.R. Christensen (2020) Constraining Martian lava flow eruption rates in the Tharsis Volcanic Province, *2020 Lunar Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, accepted. Conference cancelled due to Covid-19.
- 2019 **AGU Fall Meeting**, San Francisco, CA  
**Peters, S.I.**, and A.B. Clarke (2019), The role of unsteady effusion rates on lava flow emplacement: results from laboratory analogue experiments, *2019 American Geophysical Union*, Abstract, V23F-0270.
- 2019 **GSA Fall Meeting**, Phoenix, AZ  
**Peters, S.I.**, and A.B. Clarke (2019), The effects of unsteady effusion rates on lava flow morphology and emplacement: results from laboratory analogue wax experiments, *2019 Geological Society of America fall meeting*, Abstract, 337812.
- 2018 **LPSC**, The Woodlands, TX  
**Peters, S.I.**, P.R. Christensen, and A.B. Clarke (2018) Constraining lava flow eruption rates on Mars using laboratory analogue wax experiments, *2018 Lunar Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, 3002.
- 2017 **AGU Fall Meeting**, New Orleans, LA  
**Peters, S.I.** and A.B. Clarke (2017), Controls on lava flow morphology and propagation: Using laboratory analogue experiments, *2017 American Geophysical Union*, Abstract, V43F-0586.
- 2017 **LPSC**, The Woodlands, TX  
Schaefer, E.I., C.W. Hamilton, C.D. Neish, M.M. Sori, A.M. Bramson, S.P. Beard, **S.I. Peters**, T.A. Miller, and E.L. Rader (2017), Seeing Pahoehoe

from Orbit (Without Squinting), *2017 Lunar Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, 2343.

- 2016            **LPSC**, The Woodlands, TX  
**Peters, S.I.** and P.R. Christensen (2016), Investigating the Volcanotectonic Evolution of Olympus Mons using Flank Vents and Arcuate Graben, *2016 Lunar Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, 209-1634.
- 2015            **AGU Fall Meeting**, San Francisco, CA  
**Peters, S.I.** and P.R. Christensen (2015), Investigating Late Amazonian Volcanotectonic Activity on Olympus Mons, Mars using Flank Vents and Arcuate Graben, *2015 American Geophysical Union*, Abstract, P33C-2139.
- 2015            **LPSC**, The Woodlands, TX  
**Peters, S.I.** and P.R. Christensen (2015), The Characterization and Implications of Flank Vents on Olympus Mons, *2015 Lunar Planetary Science Conference*, Abstract, 141-2008.
- 2014            **AGU Fall Meeting**, San Francisco, CA  
**Peters, S.I.** and P.R. Christensen (2014), The Implications of Flank Vents on Olympus Mons, *2014 American Geophysical Union*, Abstract, P41B-3898.

## **PLANETARY MISSION EXPERIENCE**

- 2020            Lucy Thermal Emission Spectrometer (LTES) thermal vacuum chamber (TVAC) Test Operator  
*Instrument operator and analyst for the EMIRS instrument during TVAC testing*
- 2019            Emirates Mars Infrared Spectrometer (EMIRS) TVAC Test Operator  
*Instrument operator and analyst for the EMIRS instrument during TVAC testing*
- 2015 – 2016    OSIRIS-Rex Thermal Emission Spectrometer TVAC Test Operator  
*Instrument operator and analyst for OTES instrument during TVAC testing*

## **LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2026            NASA Exploration Science Forum Science Organizing Committee  
*Member*
- 2026            DataFest @ Middlebury  
*Mentor | Judge*

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 – present | AGU Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology (VGP) Communications Committee<br><i>Member</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2025           | GSA Connects<br>Petrology, Volcanology, and Mantle Plumes across the Solar System (T163)<br><i>Session Convener</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2024           | GeoFutures 2024: Planetary Geoscience<br><i>Program Committee, GSA representative</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2020           | SESE Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force<br><i>Member</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2018 – 2019    | SESE Graduate Council<br><i>President</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2018           | 49 <sup>th</sup> Lunar Planetary Science Conference<br><i>Session chair</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2016 – 2019    | Volcano Listserv, collaborative venture among Arizona State University (ASU), Portland State University (PSU), the Global Volcanism Program (GVP) of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, and the International Association for Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IAVCEI).<br><i>Editor &amp; Moderator</i> |
| 2011 – 2012    | The International Honor Society in Psychology, MSU<br><i>Treasurer</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2010 – 2012    | Mississippi State University Peer Tutoring and Academic Mentoring Program<br><i>Tutor</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2010 – 2011    | Health & Wellness Service Program, Mississippi State University<br><i>Volunteer</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2009 – 2010    | MSU Astronomy Club<br><i>Secretary</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Reviewer

\*Reviewer assignments listed in alphabetical order, not chronologically, and may constitute multiple assignments.

American Academy of Science Planetary Science Journal  
Case Studies in Construction Materials  
Communications Earth & Environment  
Icarus  
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### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WORKSHOPS, AND FIELD EXPERIENCE**

- 2025                    **Bridging the gap between mathematical modelling of lava flows and field observations** | Edinburgh Futures Institute  
*Organizers: Hannah Dietterich, Edward Hinton, Herbert Huppert, and Christopher Kilburn*
- 2024                    Middlebury Language School  
*Japanese Immersion Program (2 of 8 weeks completed)*  
*Withdrew*
- 2023                    **Planetary Data Training Workshop**, Arizona State University  
*Led by David Williams and David Nelson*
- 2023                    **National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) Virtual Mentoring Workshop**  
*Led by Anne Eggers and Stefany Sit*
- 2022                    Krafla lava flow, Myvatn, Iceland  
*Led by Dr. Erika L. Rader*
- 2016                    El Pinacate y Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve, Mexico  
*Led by Dr. Amanda B. Clarke*
- 2016                    SP Crater Lava Flow, San Francisco Volcanic Field, Flagstaff, AZ  
*Independent field excursion*
- 2016                    **NASA Field Investigations to Enable Solar System Science and Exploration (FINESSE) team**, NASA Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute (SSERVI)  
*Organized by Dr. Scott Hughes; on behalf of Ethan Schaefer*
- 2016                    **NASA Volcanology Workshop**, NASA/Univ. of Hawai'i Manoa

*Led by Drs. S. K. Rowland, S. Fagents, & P. Mouginis-Mark*

## **OUTREACH**

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| 2025           | Weybridge Elementary, Weybridge, VT<br><i>Guest speaker</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2024           | International Observe the Moon Night, Montpelier, VT<br><i>Ask a NASA Scientist</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2024           | Solar Eclipse Event, Rumney Memorial, Middlesex, VT<br><i>Drs. Patrick and Nikki Whelley</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2017/2018/2022 | Phoenix Fan Fusion – Panelist or Judge<br><i>“Everything I Learned I Learned from Anime”</i><br><i>“Vulcan’s Wrath”</i><br><br><i>“Black Panther and the Culture of the Unconquered”</i><br><i>“This Just in from Deep Space”</i><br><i>“Political Science for Teens”</i><br><br><i>Panelist for “How Misinformation Spreads”</i><br><i>AZ Science Fair Judge</i> |
| 2019           | Graduate Professional Student Association (GPSA), ASU<br><i>Awards Reviewer</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2019           | Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)<br><i>Grand Awards Judge</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2018           | Intel STEM Fair, South Mountain Community College<br><i>“Walk on Mars” exhibit</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2018           | Earth and Space Exploration Day, Arizona State University<br><i>“Walk on Mars” exhibit</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2018           | Arizona State University Open Door Event<br><i>“Walk on Mars” exhibit</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2017           | Mountain Pointe High School<br><i>Guest speaker for Marilyn Raming’s Earth Science course</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2014 – 2017    | Mars Student Imaging Project (MSIP), Arizona State University<br><i>Guest scientist</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

2013 – 2014                      SESE Open House, Arizona State University  
                                         *Mars Exhibit*

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2014 – *present*                      American Geophysical Union  
2024 – *present*                      AAS Division of Planetary Sciences  
2023 – *present*                      Geological Society of America  
2022 – *present*                      International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's  
                                         Interior  
2012                                      The National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
2011 – 2012                      The International Honor Society of Psychology

### **RELEVANT / TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Fieldwork: Lava flow margin characterization (2016 – Idaho, USA); in situ sampling of lava flows (Arizona, USA and Iceland); characterization of tephra deposits by digging pits (Mexico); in situ characterization of lava flows using LIBS (2022 – Iceland)

Laboratory: analog experimentation using polyethylene glycol wax to simulate lava flow emplacement; infrared spectrometer; scanning electron microscope

AI /Program Languages/Software:

**Proficient** – *Image J, JMARS, MS Office Suite, Notebook LM, Overleaf (LaTeX), Tracker.*

**Some experience** – *Claude, Davinci, ESRI ArcGIS, HTML, ISIS3, Matlab, Rstudio*

Other Languages:

*Japanese, Spoken – Conversational level | Written – Hiragana & Katakana, some Kanji | Reading – Hiragana & Katakana, some Kanji*