

John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences Faculty

The following faculty list represents those appointed in the 2026 spring semester.

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Getty Oil Company Centennial Chair in Geological Sciences
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, University of Notre Dame, 2009

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John A and Katherine G Jackson School of Geosciences
PhD, University of Southampton, 2017

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Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2024

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John A and Katherine G Jackson School of Geosciences
PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1979

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Bureau of Economic Geology
PhD, St Petersburg State University, 1996

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PhD, Columbia University (New York), 1991

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Fred M. Bullard Professorship in Geological Sciences
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1986

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The First Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Yager Professorship
Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, University of New Mexico-Albuquerque, 2006

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Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

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Department of Business, Government and Society, Department of Finance, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering, and Energy and Earth Resources Graduate Program
PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

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PhD, Harvard University, 2002

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Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
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Bureau of Economic Geology
PhD, West Virginia University, 2016

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PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1989

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PhD, Pennsylvania State University Park, 2021

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Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, The Ohio State University Main Campus, 1995

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PhD, University of Arizona, 2001

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PhD, University of Oklahoma Norman Campus, 2009

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Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 2006

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PhD, University of Washington - Seattle, 2004

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PhD, University of California-Los Angeles, 2000

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Bureau of Economic Geology
PhD, Universite de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, 2020

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PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 2015

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Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences
PhD, Yale University, 2002

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PhD, Stanford University, 2008

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PhD, University of Edinburgh, 1963

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PhD, Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay, 2019

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PhD, University of Southern California, 2018

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PhD, University of Sydney, 2019

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PhD, University of London, 1994

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PhD, Virginia State University, 2008

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PhD, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2010

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PhD, Cornell University, 1990

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PhD, University of Grenoble, 2012

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PhD, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2022

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PhD, Columbia University (New York), 2015

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PhD, University of Hamburg, 1998

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PhD, University of California-Santa Cruz, 2015

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PhD, University of Arizona, 1998

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PhD, Wuhan University, 2021

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PhD, Stanford University, 2001

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