

# Dr. Cameron J. Batchelor

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## ■ EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI **2018–February 2022**

**Ph.D., Geoscience, Minor: Geography**

*Dissertation:* Reconstructing high-resolution paleoclimate for portions of the last 250,000 years from Cave of the Mounds speleothems, *Advisor(s): Dr. Shaun Marcott & Dr. Ian J. Orland*

Research foci: Geochemistry, paleoclimatology, micro-analytical techniques

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI **Fall 2016–2018**

**M.S. Geoscience**

*Thesis:* A high-precision U-Th chronology of calcite deposition at Cave of the Mounds, Wisconsin, and its implications for climate and permafrost in the late Pleistocene, *Advisor(s): Dr. Shaun Marcott & Dr. Ian J. Orland*

Appalachian state University, Boone, NC **Fall 2012–December 2015**

**B.S. Geology in Quantitative Geoscience, Minor in Mathematics**

*Undergraduate Thesis:* Constraining ages of Late Devonian Extinction Events in the Central Asian Orogenic Belt: U-Pb Geochronology and Igneous Petrology

## ■ PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, “Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences” division **2022–present**  
of the National Science Foundation

*\*Host Institution: Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

**Research Assistant**, Department of Geoscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison **2016-2017, 2018-2022**

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Geoscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison **Fall 2017–Spring 2018**

## ■ TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Fall 2017:** Introduction to Geology

**Spring 2018:** Introduction to Oceanography

## ■ LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

- McGee Lab for Paleoclimate and Geochronology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology** **2022-present**  
Lab PI: Dr. David McGee  
Experience: Uranium-Thorium (U-Th) disequilibrium lab column chemistry
- Wisconsin Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer (WiscSIMS) Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison** **2018-present**  
Lab PI: Dr. John Valley  
Experience: Micro-analytical ( $\mu\text{m}$ -scale), in-situ stable oxygen isotope ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) geochemistry
- Optical Imagine Core Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison** **2018-present**  
Lab PI: Lance Rodenkirch  
Experience: Confocal laser fluorescent microscopy
- Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison** **2016-2018**  
Lab PI: Dr. Lawrence R. Edwards  
Experience: U-Th disequilibrium lab column chemistry and the Neptune multi-collector inductively-coupled-plasma mass spectrometer (Neptune MC-ICP-MS)
- Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** **2013-2016**  
Lab PI: Dr. Drew Coleman  
Experience: U-Th disequilibrium lab column chemistry and the Neptune multi-collector inductively-coupled-plasma mass spectrometer (Neptune MC-ICP-MS)

## ■ FIELD EXPERIENCE

- Field Researcher in Wisconsin caves, Wisconsin** **2016-2022**  
Experience: Worked with the Department of Natural Resources to explore caves around the state of Wisconsin to collect samples (speleothems) for geological research
- Astrostratigraphy field course, Gubbio, Italy, 4-day field excursion** **Summer 2019**
- New Zealand Geology Field Course, South Island, New Zealand, 12-day field excursion and semester-long course** **April 2018**
- Field assistant for surface exposure dating, Beartooth Mountains, Montana, 10-day field excursion** **Summer 2017**
- Field camp participant, Apennine Mountains, Italy, 6-week field Mapping course run through Appalachian State University** **Summer 2015**

**Field researcher for the International Geoscience Program (IGCP)  
586 & 580, Belgium, 10-day field excursion**

**Fall 2015**

**Field researcher for IGCP 586 & 580, Mongolia, 14-day field  
Excursion in the Gobi Desert**

**Summer 2014**

## ■ PUBLICATIONS

*Published:*

4. **Batchelor, C.J.**, Marcott, S.A., Orland, I.J., Kitajima, K., 2022. Late Holocene increase of winter precipitation in mid-continental North America from a seasonally resolved speleothem record: *Geology*. DOI:10.1130/G50096.1
3. **Batchelor, C.J.**, Orland, I.J., Marcott, S.A., Slaughter, R., Edwards, R. L., Zhang, P., Li, X. and Cheng, H., 2019. Distinct permafrost conditions across the last two glacial periods in midlatitude North America. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 46(22), pp. 13318-13326.
2. Suttner, T. J., Kido, E., Ariunchimeg, Ya., Sersmaa, G., Waters, J.A., Carmichael, S.K., **Batchelor, C.J.**, et al., "Conodonts from Late Devonian island arc settings (Baruunhuurai Terrane, western Mongolia). *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* (2019).
1. Carmichael, S. K., Waters, J.A., **Batchelor, C. J.**, Coleman, D. M., Suttner, T. J., Kido, E., ...& Chadimová, L. (2016). Climate instability and tipping points in the Late Devonian: detection of the Hangenberg Event in an open ocean island arc in the Central Asian Orogenic Belt. *Gondwana Research*, 32, 213-231

*In Review:*

**Batchelor, C.J.**, Marcott, S.A., Orland, I.J., He, F., 2022, Decadal warmings in central North America during the Last Glacial Period. *Nature Geoscience*, *In Review*.

*In Preparation*

**Batchelor, C.J.**, Marcott, S.A., Orland, I.J., Disparate seasonal climate conditions between the Last Interglacial Period and the Holocene from two mid-continental North American speleothems, *In prep*.

**Batchelor, C. J.**, Marcott, S.A., Orland, I. J., Tan, R. Q., A high-resolution reconstruction of climate during the Penultimate Interglacial Period in central North America from a seasonally resolved speleothem: *In prep*.

## ■ RESEARCH FUNDING

National Science Foundation “Atmospheric and Geospace Science” (AGS) Postdoctoral Fellowship ( <b>\$190,000</b> )	<b>2021</b>
National Science Foundation “Paleo Perspectives on Climate Change” (P2C2) grant ( <b>\$180,000</b> ) <i>*Written in collaboration with Dr. Kaustubh Thirumalai (University of Arizona) and Dr. Jud Partin (University of Texas-Austin)</i>	<b>2021</b>
Geological Society of America Student Research Grant ( <b>\$840</b> )	<b>2017</b>
Mark DeBroder Memorial Scholarship ( <b>\$1600</b> )	<b>2015</b>
Explorers Club Youth Explorers Grant ( <b>\$1500</b> )	<b>2014</b>
James E. Strickland Geology Scholarship ( <b>\$1000</b> )	<b>2013</b>
Charlotte Gem and Mineral Scholarship ( <b>\$1000</b> )	<b>2013</b>

## ■ SELECTED ABSTRACTS AND INVITED TALKS

*\*denotes abstract selected as a talk, \*\* denotes invited talk*

**\*\*Batchelor C.J.**, et al., “Resolving high-resolution paleoclimate variability from subarctic Canada speleothems across three Pleistocene interglacial periods,” *Geological Society of America 2022 Annual Meeting*, Denver CO **Antic. October 2022**

**\*\*Batchelor C.J.**, “Resolving high-resolution paleoclimate records from subarctic Canada speleothems across three Pleistocene interglacial periods,” *2022 Comer Climate Conference*, virtual. **September 2022**

**\*\*Batchelor C.J.**, et al., “Late Holocene increase of winter precipitation in midcontinental North America from a seasonally resolved speleothem record,” *AMQUA 2022 Biennial Meeting*, Madison, WI. **June 2022**

**\*Batchelor, C.J.**, et al., “Resolving decadal-scale warming events in the interior of North America during the Last Glacial Period,” *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, USA. **December 2021**

**\*\*Batchelor, C.J.**, “Reconstructing late Pleistocene seasonal climate in mid-continental North America from relatively slow growing speleothems,” *Appalachian State University, Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences*, Boone, NC. **November 2021**

**\*\*Batchelor, C.J.**, “What caves tell us about mid-continental paleoclimate: an important terrestrial archive,” *Rowan University, Department of Geology*, Glassboro, NJ. **February 2021**

**\*Batchelor C.J.**, et al., “A high-precision U-Th chronology of calcite deposition at Cave of the Mounds, Wisconsin, and its implications for climate and permafrost in the late Pleistocene”, *Geological Society of America North-Central Section*, Ames, IA. **October 2018**

**\*\*Batchelor C.J.**, “What caves tell us about past climate,” *The Annual Wisconsin State Bat Festival*; Milwaukee, WI **September 2018**

**\*\*Batchelor C.J.**, “What caves tell us about past climate,” *The Annual Wisconsin State Bat Festival*; Ashland, WI **September 2017**

**\*\*Batchelor, C.J.**, “A high-precision U-Th chronology of calcite deposition at Cave of the Mounds, Wisconsin and its implications for climate and permafrost, *Climate, People, and the Environment Program Colloquium (University of Wisconsin-Madison)*, Madison, WI. **September 2017**

## ■ SHORT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

**Inclusive Mentoring Workshop**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology **May 2022**

**Summer School of Speleothem Science (“S4”)**, *Online* **Spring 2022**

**URGE (Unlearning Racism in the Geoscience) participant** **Fall 2020–Spring 2021**  
**And Pod Leader**, *Online*. (\*16-week curriculum/seminar training).

**The Urbino Summer School in Paleoclimatology (USSP)**, Urbino, Italy (*3-week course curriculum*) **Summer 2019**

## ■ PRESS RELEASE/MEDIA

**Featured guest speaker**, “*Under Our Feet*” podcast (Episode 6, “Secrets of the Underground.”) \*Podcast creator: Rudy Molinek **Fall 2021**

**Featured photo**, front cover of the University of Wisconsin-Madison “College of Letters & Science” magazine: “*Black-light image of the oldest stalagmite sample in the Midwest.*” **Fall 2020**

**Featured article**, University of Wisconsin-Madison “College of Letters of Science” magazine: “*What can caves reveal about glaciers?*” \*Article written by: Kelly April Tyrrell **Spring 2020**

**Featured article**, “Echolater” newsletter, Volume 8 Issue I: “*Wisconsin Caves hold keys to climate 250,000 years ago.*” **Spring 2019**

## ■ PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

**Reviewer**, Geophysical Research Letters, *Commentary* **2022**

**Reviewer**, Geophysical Research Letters, *Article* **2022**

**Reviewer**, Geochronology, *EGU* **2022**

**President**, Geoscience Graduate Student Association (GGSA), University of Wisconsin-Madison **Fall 2020–Spring 2021**

**Pod Leader** for URGE (Unlearning Racism in the Geosciences), pod: “UW-GGSA” (University of Wisconsin-Geoscience Graduate Student Association) **Fall 2020–Spring 2021**

**Treasurer**, Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG), the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chapter **Fall 2020–Spring 2021**

**Reviewer**, Climate of the Past, *EGU* **2020**

**Reviewer**, Climate of the Past, *EGU* **2020**

**Chair of the Graduate Student Research Symposium**, Department of Geoscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison **Spring 2020**

**Professional Development Chair**, GGSA **Fall 2019-Spring 2020**

**Vice President**, AWG, University of Wisconsin-Madison Chapter **Fall 2019-Spring 2020**

**Reviewer**, Geophysical Research Letters, *article* **2020**

**Public Relations Chair**, GGSA **Fall 2017-Spring 2019**  
*\*Served two consecutive terms*

## ■ AWARDS

**AMQUA Denise Gaudreau Award for Excellence in Quaternary Research** **2022**  
*(\$1000)*

**Editor’s Citation for Excellence in Refereeing**, *Geophysical Research Letters* **2020**

<b>Winner of “Cool Science Image Contest,”</b> <i>image of a speleothem (\$100)</i>	<b>2020</b>
<b>The Reid Bryson poster contest award, first place (\$750)</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Stanley A. Tyler Excellence in Teaching Award, for “Introduction to Geology”</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Most Outstanding Geology Major</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Appalachian Global Leadership Award</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Most Outstanding Mineralogy Student</b>	<b>2015</b>

## ■ UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTEES

<b>Markey Freudenberg-Puricelli, “Geochemistry of Nahanni Cave Speleothems to explore paleoclimate history of the last 400,000 years”</b>	<b>2022–present</b>
<i>B.S., Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, class of 2026, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	
<b>Rui Tan, “Assessing the Crystal Fabrics and Minerology of Speleothems from Cave of the Mounds, WI”</b>	<b>2018–2019</b>
<i>B.S., Geoscience, class of 2019, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>	
<b>Olivia Paschall, “Exploring Late Devonian Mass Extinctions and Ocean Anoxia Events in Understudied Paleoenvironments of Asia”</b>	<b>2014–2015</b>
<i>B.S., Geological and Environmental Science, class of 2018, Appalachian State University</i>	

## ■ OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEERING

<b>Field Trip Leader for “Weather and Climate” course, Cave of the Mounds WI, Professor: Dr. Michael Notaro (Atmospheric and Ocean Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison)</b>	<b>July 2022</b>
<i>*This course was for the “Summer Collegiate Experience” program, which consist of first-generation students</i>	
<b>AMQUA Field Trip Leader, AMQUA 2022 Annual Meeting, Madison, WI</b>	<b>June 2022</b>
<b>Leader of Cave of the Mounds staff “Boot Camp,” Cave of the Mounds, Blue Mounds, WI</b>	<b>Summers of 2017-2022</b>
<i>Description: Worked closely with 20-30 Cave of the Mounds staff to share with them the findings of my research and how they can incorporate these scientific findings to the public during daily cave tours</i>	

- Geology Museum Open House Volunteer**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *800 people in attendance* **Spring 2019**
- Science Night Volunteer**, Falk Elementary School, Madison, WI, *300 people in attendance* **Spring 2019**
- Visiting lecturer for an A.P. Chemistry class**, D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, WI. *Teacher: William Heeran* **Fall 2018**
- Field Trip Leader for Geomorphology class**, Cave of the Mounds, WI *30 students in attendance* **Spring 2017**

## ■ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Women Geoscientists **2018–present**
- American Geophysical Union **2017–present**
- Geological Society of America **2016–present**