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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Low-T stable isotope geochemistry; Chemical sedimentology & diagenesis; Geobiology; Ancient environments

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Chicago** 2017

Ph.D. in the Geophysical Sciences

Dissertation: *Subduction and uplift of continental crust in the India-Asia collision zone: Clumped-isotope paleothermometry and paleoaltimetry of the Lhasa block, southern Tibet*

**Chicago Center for Teaching Certificate Program** 2016

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** 2011

B.S. Cum Laude with Honors in Geology

Thesis: *A study of the temporal evolution of the El Capitan granite using high-precision U/Pb zircon geochronology*

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Geosciences, Pennsylvania State University 2020-present

**Barr Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow**, California Institute of Technology 2018-2020

**Postdoctoral Research Associate**, University of Colorado, Boulder 2017-2018

**Visiting Faculty**, Miami University Geological Field Station (Idaho & Wyoming). June-July 2016

**Physical Scientist**, U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Rocky Mountain Research Center 2011

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Accepted or In Review Journal Articles

**Ingalls, M.**, Snell, K.E., Tools for comprehensive assessment of solid-state and water-mediated alteration of carbonates used to reconstruct ancient elevation and environments, invited contribution to *Reaching New Heights: Recent Progress in Paleotopography* issue of *Frontiers in Earth Sciences*.

### Refereed Journal Articles

**Ingalls, M.**, Blättler, C., Higgins, J., Magyar, J.S., Eiler, J., and Fischer, W.W. (2020) P/Ca in carbonates as a proxy for alkalinity and phosphate levels, *Geophysical Research Letters*, doi: 10.1029/2020GL088804.

Smith, B.P., **Ingalls, M.**, Trower, E.J., Lingappa, U.F., Present, T.M., Magyar, J.S., and Fischer, W.W. (2020) Physical and chemical controls on flat-pebble deposits: an analog from the Great Salt Lake, Utah, *Sedimentology*, doi: 10.1029/2020JF005733.

**Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., Currie, B.S., and Colman, A.S., (2020) Reconsidering the uplift history and peneplanation of the northern Lhasa terrane, Tibet, *American Journal of Science*, 320: 479-532, doi: 10.2475/06.2020.01.

**Ingalls, M.**, Frantz, C.M., Snell, K.E., and Trower, E.J., (2020) Carbonate facies-specific stable isotope data record climate, hydrology, and microbial communities in Great Salt Lake, UT, *Geobiology*, 18: 566-593, doi: 10.1111/gbi.12386.

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- Li, S., Currie, B.S., Rowley, D.B., **Ingalls, M.**, Qiu, L., and Wu, Z. (2019) Diagenesis of shallowly buried Miocene lacustrine carbonates from the Hoh Xil Basin, northern Tibetan Plateau: Implications for stable-isotope based elevation estimates, *Sedimentary Geology*, 388: 20-36, doi:10.1016/j.sedgeo.2019.05.001.
- Ingalls, M.** (2019) Reconstructing carbonate alteration histories in orogenic sedimentary basins: Xigaze forearc, southern Tibet, *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 251: 284-300, doi:10.1016/j.gca.2019.02.005.
- Rowley, D.B., and **Ingalls, M.**, (2017) Reply to 'Unfeasible subduction?', *Nature Geoscience*, 10: 879-880, doi:10.1038/s41561-017-0016-1.
- Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., Currie, B.S., Olack, G., Li, S., Tremblay, M., Schmidt, J., Shuster, D., Zeitler, P., Lin, D., and Colman, A.S., (2017) Paleocene to Pliocene low-latitude high elevation of southern Tibet: Implications for tectonic models of India-Asia collision, Cenozoic climate, and geochemical weathering, *GSA Bulletin*, doi:10.1130/B31723.1.
- Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., Currie, B.S., and Colman, A., (2016) Large-scale subduction of continental crust implied by India-Asia mass-balance calculation, *Nature Geoscience*, doi:10.1038/ngeo2806.
- Currie, B.S., Polissar, P.J., **Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B. and Freeman, K.H., (2016) Multiproxy paleoaltimetry of the late Oligocene-Pliocene Oiyug basin, southern Tibet, *American Journal of Science*, 316(5): 401-436.
- Li, Shanying, Currie, BS, Rowley, DB, and **Ingalls, M** (2015) Cenozoic paleoaltimetry of the SE margin of the Tibetan Plateau: Constraints on the tectonic evolution of the region, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, 432: 415-424.
- Putnam, R., AF Glazner, DS Coleman, ARC Kylander-Clark, T Pavelsky, and **M Ingalls** (2014) Plutonism in three dimensions: field and geochemical relations on the southeast face of El Capitan, Yosemite National Park, California: *Geosphere*, 11(4): 1-25.
- ### Oral Presentations & Select Conference Activity (\*invited)
- \***Ingalls, M.**, P/Ca in carbonate as a proxy for alkalinity and phosphate levels on early Earth, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 18, 2021.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, P/Ca in carbonate as a proxy for alkalinity and phosphate levels on early Earth, University of Miami, November 9, 2020.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, P/Ca in carbonate as a proxy for alkalinity and phosphate levels on early Earth, University of Maryland, October 30, 2020.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, P/Ca in carbonate as a proxy for alkalinity and phosphate levels on early Earth, Lehigh University, October 23, 2020.
- Ingalls, M.**, Fetrow, A., Frantz, C.M., Snell, K.E., and Trower, E.J., 2020, What controls giant stromatolite formation and cessation? SEPM International Sedimentary Geosciences Congress, 26-29 April, 2020, Flagstaff, AZ (postponed).
- \***Ingalls, M.**, Frantz, C.M., Snell, K.E., and Trower, E.J., 2020, Leveraging the carbonate record from regional hydroclimate to microbial ecology, American Chemical Society Annual Meeting, 24-26 March, 2020, Philadelphia, PA (postponed).
- Ingalls, M.**, Blättler, C., Higgins, J., Phelan, J., Magyar, J.S., Eiler, J., and Fischer, W.W., 2020, Carbonate-bound phosphate and Ca isotopes as measures of cation availability and relative alkalinity, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 9-13 Dec., 2019, San Francisco, CA.
- Ingalls, M.**, Snell, K., 2019, Reconstructing carbonate alteration histories and proxy fidelity in orogenic basins, International Clumped Isotope Workshop, Long Beach, CA, 26 Jan.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2019, Reconstructing carbonate alteration histories and proxy fidelity in orogenic basins, Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences, Caltech, 24 Jan.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2018, Reconstructing Earth's surface and sub-surface carbonate environments via orogenic sedimentary basins, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, UC Davis, 28 Nov.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., Currie, B.S., and Colman, A.S., 2018, Proxy fidelity assessment critical for robust environmental and tectonic reconstructions, oral presentation at 2018 Annual Meeting, Geological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN, 4-7 Nov.

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- Ingalls, M.**, Trower, E., Frantz, C., and Snell, K., 2018, Spatial stable isotope variability in modern lacustrine carbonate: How do local processes translate to the sedimentary record?, oral presentation at the Lake Bonneville Workshop, Salt Lake City, UT, 3-5 Oct. Published Proceedings Volume: [https://ugspub.nr.utah.gov/publications/misc\\_pubs/mp-170/mp-170-1.pdf](https://ugspub.nr.utah.gov/publications/misc_pubs/mp-170/mp-170-1.pdf)
- Ingalls, M.**, Trower, E., Frantz, C., and Snell, K., 2018, Spatial stable isotope variability in modern lacustrine carbonate: How do local processes translate to the sedimentary record?, oral presentation at the Goldschmidt Conference, Boston, MA, 12-17 Aug.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2018, Reconstructing Earth history through carbonate clumped isotopes: Ancient orogens to modern lakes, UC Berkeley Isotope Geochemistry Seminar Series.
- Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., Colman, A.S., Currie, B.S., and Snell, K., 2017, Cryptic carbonate alteration in sedimentary basins: Saving the signal, oral presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 11-15 Dec.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2017, Reconstructing Earth history through carbonate clumped isotopes: Ancient orogens to modern lakes, California Institute of Technology, 8 November.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2017, Examining carbonate proxy fidelity: From Tibet to California, University of Colorado at Boulder, 12 October.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2017, Reconstructing Earth history through carbonate clumped isotopes: Ancient orogens to modern lakes, Penn State University, Department of Geosciences, 5 October.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2017, Low-latitude high elevation throughout the Lhasa Block, University of Kentucky Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, 21 April.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2017, Subduction, uplift, and cryptic carbonate alteration of the Lhasa Block, southern Tibet, Western Washington University Department of Geology, 1 March.
- \***Ingalls, M.**, 2016, A tale of two plates: the elevation history of the Tibetan Plateau & mass balance of the Indo-Asian collision, N.C. State University Department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences, 30 March.
- Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., Colman, A.S., Olack, G., Currie, B., and Li, S., 2016, Low-latitude high elevation of the leading edge of southern Eurasian throughout the Cenozoic, oral presentation at 2016 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 12-16 Dec.
- Ingalls, M.**, Colman, A.S., and Rowley, D.B., 2016, Can we use clumped isotopes in tectonically complex regions?, oral presentation at 2016 Annual Meeting, GSA, Denver, CO, 24-28 Sept.
- Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, D.B., and Colman, A.S., 2015, Paleocene-early Eocene high elevation of the Linzizong Arc implies large-scale subduction of continental crust during India-Asia collision, oral presentation at 2015 Annual Meeting, GSA, Baltimore, MD, 1-4 Nov.
- Ingalls, M.**, Rowley, DB, Olack, G, and Colman, AS, 2015, Paleocene-Eocene Lhasaplano paleoaltimetry: Implications for mass balance in the India-Asia collision, presented at 2015 Goldschmidt Conference, Prague, CZ, 16-21 Aug.
- Ingalls, M.**, 2011, A study of the temporal evolution of the El Capitan granite using high-precision U/Pb zircon geochronology, Anadarko Research Symposium: Chapel Hill, NC (thesis defense).

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### FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

US Environmental Protection Agency — Region 4  
2024

May 2021-April

Grant number TBD, “Quantifying the impact of shallow wastewater injection on groundwater nutrient fluxes to surface waters in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary” [\$322,946]

Awarded to Miquela Ingalls

National Science Foundation – Geobiology and Low-Temperature Geochemistry  
2022

July 2020-July

EAR 1826805 “A predictive framework for micro-scale carbonate diagenesis: Towards more accurate reconstructions of global climate and environmental change” [\$184,321]

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Awarded to Miquela Ingalls and Kathryn Snell (CU-Boulder)

National Science Foundation –Sedimentary Geology & Paleobiology 2021	Sept. 2018-Aug. 2021
EAR 1826850 “Collaborative Research: Assessing the Sensitivity of High-altitude Environments to Global Increased Temperature as Recorded by Lacustrine Microbialite Carbonates” [\$317,570] Awarded to Kathryn Snell and Elizabeth Trower; M. Ingalls wrote proposal as postdoc ghost co-I	
Barr Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, Caltech 2020	2018-
Agouron International Geobiology Course geobiology research support [\$1500] 2017	
Association for Women Geoscientists Sand Award [\$500] 2017	
Agouron International Geobiology Course postdoctoral support [\$4000] 2017	
Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research [\$1000]	2017
Geological Society of America Graduate Student Research Grants [\$3800] 2017	2015,
Chicago Center for Teaching Fellowship [\$3600]	2016-2017
Physical Sciences Division Undergraduate Teaching Award, nominated by students	2016
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention	2012
USGS-National Association of Geoscience Teachers Cooperative Field Training Fellowship	2011
Carolina Undergraduate Research Fellowship [\$3600] 2011	2010-
James Johnston Scholar of the College; UNC-Chapel Hill [full academic scholarship] 2011	2007-

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## TEACHING

### **Pennsylvania State University, Instructor**

Carbonate Seminar: Carbonate chemistry and paleoenvironments Fall 2020  
Principles of Stratigraphy Spring 2021

### **University of Colorado, Boulder, Co-instructor**

Spring 2018

Stable Isotope Tools

- Created course material and lectured on principles of carbon, oxygen, and carbonate clumped isotope theory and applications

### **Chicago Center for Teaching, Fellow**

2016-2017

- Teaching assistant for graduate course on College Teaching and Course Design; mentored 7 graduate students in designing college courses and provided feedback on practice teaching sessions and statements of Teaching Philosophy
- Created curricula on inclusive teaching in the physical and biological sciences, active teaching strategies, Constructivism, and backward course design

### **Miami University Geological Field Station, Instructor**

2016

- Co-instructed a 4-week field course in geological mapping, cross section composition, and field techniques for 27 undergraduate students from across the country
- Developed students' four-dimensional reasoning skills in the field and in the classroom

### **The University of Chicago**

2012-2017

Teaching Assistant or Head Teaching Assistant for nine courses, including:

Evolution of the Solar System and the Earth, *Head Teaching Assistant, 1 term*

Physical Geology, *Head Teaching Assistant, 2 terms*

- Guest lectured on plate tectonics, structural geology and crustal deformation

Global Tectonics & Structural Geology, *Teaching Assistant, 4 terms*

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- Designed and implemented a structural geology lab course consisting of 9 labs and a final mapping project [received a University teaching award for this course]
- Individual Teaching Consultation through the Chicago Center for Teaching; received high praise for my execution of the observed lab period (complete evaluation available upon request)
- 90-minute lessons for ~12 upper level undergraduate and graduate students
- Discussion and problem set sessions with 1-5 students

TA First-year training, *Instructor, 1 term*

Field Geology: Death Valley & Owens Valley, CA, *Teaching Assistant and Trip Organizer, 1 term*

- Co-designed a geology field course with two UChicago faculty

Ice Age Earth, *Teaching Assistant, 1 term*

**Duke Talent Identification Program, Teaching Assistant**

2009

Science on the Appalachian Trail: Geology and Environmental Science

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### TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

**Isotope ratio mass spectrometry** Gas Chromatography with continuous flow isotope ratio mass spectrometers (IRMS; Delta V, Thermo Scientific) Elemental Analyzer (EA) and GasBenchII; magnetic sector dual inlet IRMS (MAT253 and MAT253+, Finnigan)

**Thermal ionization mass spectrometry** VG Sector 54 TIMS with eight adjustable faraday cups; Radiogenic isotope geochemistry; U/Pb zircon geochronology of igneous plutons; Sr/Rb analysis of human teeth, fossils, and other biogenic materials; class 1000 and class 100 clean lab facilities; mineral separation

**Analytical techniques** Carbonate digestion on glass vacuum line for analyses of multiply substituted isotopologues of CO<sub>2</sub>; Organic carbon and oxygen in biogenic and sediment samples; inorganic carbon and oxygen in carbonates from fossils, metamorphic rocks, and sediments; field emission scanning electron microscopy (Zeiss Supra35 and TESCAN LYRA3 with electron backscatter diffraction, secondary and backscattered electron detector); optical petrography and cold-cathode luminescence petrography (Technosyn cold-cathode luminiscope, Cambridge Imaging) for characterization of carbonate alteration; Secondary ionization mass spectrometry, Cameca IMS-7fGEO

#### Facilities

Caltech, Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences, Postdoctoral Fellow; Directors: Drs. John Eiler, Alex Sessions, Woody Fischer, and John Grotzinger (June-August 2017; August 2018-2020)

University of Colorado, Boulder, Dept. of Geological Sciences, Postdoctoral Research Associate; Directors: Drs. Katie Snell and Brett Davidheiser-Kroll (2017-present)

University of California, Santa Barbara, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Visiting Researcher; Director: Dr. Brad Hacker (November 2017)

Miami University, Center for Advanced Microscopy and Imaging, Visiting Researcher; Director: Dr. Richard Edelmann (2012, 2013, 2016)

Miami University, Dept. of Geology & Environmental Earth Science, Visiting Researcher; Directors: Drs. John Rakovan & Brian Currie (2016)

The University of Chicago, Dept. of the Geophysical Sciences, Graduate Student Researcher; Directors: Drs. Albert Colman, Gerard Olack, and Nicolas Dauphas (2012-2017)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Dept. of Geological Sciences, Undergraduate Student Researcher; Director: Dr. Drew Coleman (2007-2011)

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### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

<b>International Geobiology Course</b> —Caltech, Agouron	2017
<b>Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry Workshop</b> —Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	2017

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## Geological Society of America Short Courses

Organic and stable isotope geochemistry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century  
2016

Strabospot for Sedimentary Field Geology 2018

## Building Future Faculty Program—NCSU, Raleigh, NC 2016

Highly selective national program for early career academics

## Chicago Center for Teaching

Independent Teaching Consultation (Structural Geology) 2016

College Teaching, Advanced Pedagogy Course 2015

Teaching@Chicago Conference 2015, 2016

Seminar & Workshop on the Teaching Portfolio 2014

Seminar & Workshop on Course Design 2014

Presenting Data and Information, Edward Tufte—Chicago, IL 2015

International Clumped Isotope Workshop – Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2012

The Queen Mary, Caltech, Long Beach, CA 2019

## Geology Field Trips/Field Seasons

Great Salt Lake carbonate sedimentology, aqueous geochemistry and geobiology  
present 2017-

Modern and Ancient Carbonate Environments: San Salvador, Bahamas 2016

Trip leader: Susan Kidwell and Michael LaBarbera, The University of Chicago

Paleoaltimetry of the Lhasa Block, Tibet 2014,  
2015

Geomorphology, Active Tectonics, and Landscape Evolution in the Mid-Atlantic Region 2015

Trip leader: Frank Pazzaglia, Lehigh University

Topics in Stratigraphy and Biosedimentology: Salton Trough, California 2015

Trip leader: Susan Kidwell, The University of Chicago

Geology of Death Valley & Owens Valley, California 2014

Trip leaders: David Rowley, Mark Webster, and *Miquela Ingalls*, The University of Chicago

Lehigh University Geology Field Camp, Utah & Colorado 2010

Instructor: Dr. Frank Pazzaglia

Magma ascent rates, igneous petrology: Sierra Nevadas, CA 2010

Rockfalls in Yosemite Valley, CA 2009

PI: Greg Stock

## Professional Affiliations

Society for Sedimentary Geology (2019-present), Geological Society of America (2009-present), American Geophysical Union (2013-present), Sigma Xi (2015-present), European Association of Geochemistry (2015-present), American Association of University Women (2015-present), Association of Women Geoscientists (2016-present)

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## SERVICE & OUTREACH

**Reviewer**, Nature Geoscience; Nature Communications; Geological Society of America Bulletin; Geophysical Research Letters; Earth and Planetary Science Letters; Chemical Geology; Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta; Paleogeography, Paleoclimatology, Paleoecology; Basin Research; Climates of the Past; Geology; National Science Foundation ad hoc reviewer

**University of Chicago**, Dept. of the Geophysical Sciences

Chair of the 2016-2017 graduate student-selected speakers seminar series

Organized the 2015 Exposition of Graduate and Undergraduate Research

**Geological Society of America**

Board Member, Graduate Student Research Grants, Tectonics Division 2019-  
2022

Mentor to "Onto the Future" URM Presenters Oct.  
2015

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### **Museum of Science & Industry**

Robotics Special Exhibit Facilitator  
ScienceWorks Career Fair, "Expert"  
2015  
School Group Facilitator  
2012

2015-2016  
2014,

2011-