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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Continental Rifting and the Evolution of Rift Basins

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geology, Duke University, 1989
M.S. Geology, University of Minnesota, May 1985
B.A. Geology, University of Vermont, 1981

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2008-Present	Professor , Dept. of Earth Sciences, Syracuse University
1998-2008	Associate Professor , Dept. of Earth Sciences, Syracuse University
1998	Associate Professor : Division of Marine Geology and Geophysics, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Univ. of Miami
1994-1998	Assistant Professor : Division of Marine Geology and Geophysics, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Univ. of Miami
1991-1994	Research Assistant Professor : Duke University Marine Laboratory (School of the Environment) and Department of Geology
1990-1991	Research Associate : Duke University Marine Laboratory
1989	Visiting Assistant Professor : Department of Geology, Duke University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Geophysical Union
Geological Society of America
American Association of Petroleum Geologists

AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS, SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

National Continental Scientific Drilling Facility, hosted by Univ. of Minnesota and funded by National Science Foundation – Facility Committee member
Visiting Scientist, Brown University, Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences (2023-2024)
Israel C. Russell Award, Geological Society of America, Limnogeology Division (2022)
Science, Education, Environment Advisory Committee for planning the Onondaga County (NY) Aquarium (2022)
Co-Convener - International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) planning workshops on 1) Deep Drilling in the Turkana Basin and 2) Lake Victoria (July 2022)
Lead-Instructor EMPOWER Basin & Range Field School (2021)
Senior Research Associate – Turkana Basin Institute (Kenya, Stony Brook Univ.)

Co-Convener, International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) workshop – scientific drilling on Lake Tanganyika (June 2019)
 Distinguished Lecturer - American Association of Petroleum Geologists (2018)
 Lead-Instructor EMPOWER Lake Kivu Feld School – Rwanda (2018)
 Chancellor's Citation for Faculty Excellence and Distinction 2017 (Syracuse University)
 Science Committee – Continental Scientific Drilling Coordination Office (CSDCO)
 Distinguished Lecturer – NSF GEOPRISMS– 2013-2015
 Instructor – Geophysics Short Course for African Scientists, Hosted by International Center for Theoretical Physics, Kigali, Rwanda, 2014
 SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) William H. Twenhofel Award Selection Committee
 Lead Investigator – Lake Malawi Scientific Drilling Project
 Director of Undergraduate Studies and Advisor to majors and prospective majors, Department of Earth Sciences, Syracuse University, 2007-2011
 Environmental Sciences Program Advisor, Syracuse University - 2007-2011
 Associate Editor –*Sedimentology* 2008-2011
 NSF- Margins/GEOPRISMS Program – Rift Initiation and Evolution working group
 Guest Editor – Special Issue of *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 2011
 Board of Directors – Tri-County Skaneateles Lake Pure Water Association, 2008-2011
 Science Advisory Group of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) 2001-2006
 American Association of Petroleum Geologists – Distinguished Lecturer Committee: 2007-2010
 Board of Directors – Skaneateles Lake Eurasian Milfoil Eradication Corporation: 2006-2010

PUBLICATIONS

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In Review/Revision/Progress:

Scholz, CA, Greenlee¹, JM, Berke, MA, Wood, DA, Ollemoita¹, L., Kashindye, B.B., and Shaban, S., Quaternary Hydroclimate of Lake Victoria, East Africa, *Geology*, In revision.

Streib LC¹, Stone JR, Brown ET, and **Scholz CA**, Sea Surface Temperatures Drive Quaternary Eastern African Hydroclimate, *Nature Communications*, In revision.

Greenlee¹, J.M., **Scholz, C.A.**, Xue², L., Shillington, D.J., Moucha, R. and Chindandali, P., (in review) Influence of surface processes on intrarift fault displacement: Observations of 1.38 million years of fault slip in the Lake Malawi (Nyasa) Rift, *Journal of Geophysical Research – Solid Earth*, In revision.

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hyperpycnal flows in Lake Malawi (Nyasa), East Africa, for *Sedimentology*, In Progress.

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Scholz, C. A., Skaneateles Lake Science Summit, "Bathymetric Mapping of Skaneateles Lake using a Multibeam Echosounder," Skaneateles Lake Association, SUNY-ESF.

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PROPOSALS SUBMITTED/DEVELOPED IN 2025

Supplement to NSF award “Characterizing Quaternary Fault Behavior and Surface Processes of an Active Rift: The Lake Malawi (Nyasa) Rift, East Africa”. **\$44,184**. Scholz, PI, Funded.

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- (31) Landmark Graphics Corporation Strategic University Alliance Grant, **\$6,206,200** (Software grant) through December 31, 2014.
- (30) Tullow Oil plc, Surestream, and Beach Petroleum Ltd., Support for geophysical data archival, **\$145,000**, 1/1/07-12/31/12.
- (29) NSF – Earth System History Program, The Lake Malawi Drilling Project - A long, high-resolution record of abrupt climate change in the southern tropics of East Africa **\$340,525**, 9/15/06-8/31/09.
- (28) Industrial Associates of the Lacustrine Rift Basin Research Program of Syracuse University; Ongoing support (1/1/2000-12/2011): **\$2,105,048**.
- (27) NSF – Earth System History Program, High resolution, low-latitude paleoclimatology from newly acquired drill cores from Lake Bosumtwi, Ghana, **\$268,687**, 9/15/06-8/31/09.
- (26) Skaneateles Lake Eurasian Milfoil Eradication Corporation, **\$163,280**, 6/1/2007-5/31/2008.
- (25) Tullow Oil, plc, Geochemical Stratigraphic Correlation of Lake Albert Rift Exploration Wells, Uganda, **\$102,524**, 7/1/2007-6/30/2009.
- (24) Landmark Graphics Corporation, Software grant for commercial seismic interpretation and mapping software. (Multiple awards since 1995). Value of current software grant to Syracuse University = **\$4,108,859**, in force through December 31, 2008.
- (23) NSF-Earth System History Program- Scientific Drilling on Lake Malawi, East African Rift, **\$2,192,078**, ended Jan 2006.
- (22) International Continental Scientific Drilling Program - Scientific Drilling in Lake Malawi, **\$700,000**, ended Jan 2006.
- (21) International Continental Scientific Drilling Program: Tropical Paleoclimatology: Scientific

Drilling in Lake Bosumtwi, **\$112,141**, ended Aug 2006.

(20) NSF-Earth System History Program - Tropical Paleoclimatology: Scientific Drilling in Lake Bosumtwi, **\$268,687**, ended Oct. 2006.

(19) Hardman Resources Ltd. - Seismic Reflection Studies on Lake Albert, Uganda and Congo, **\$1,294,879**, ended 12/06.

(18) NSF/U. Arizona subcontract - instructional support for the Nyanza Project, **\$103,106**, ended 2003.

(17) NSF – Continental Dynamics. REU support for Lake Edward Project, **\$10,000** ended, 2003.

(16) NSF - ESH/Global Change: Seismic reflection site survey of Lake Edward, **\$403,660**, 1998-2003.

(15) NSF - ESH/Global Change: Seismic reflection site survey of Lake Bosumtwi, **\$314,058**, 1999-2002.

(14) NSF - Science Workshop on Scientific Drilling in Lakes Malawi and Tanganyika, **\$35,000**, 1999-2000.

(13) ICDP - Science Workshop on Scientific Drilling in Lakes Malawi and Tanganyika, **\$25,000**, 1999-2000.

(12) NSF - ESH/Global Change: Forcing of Tropical Continental Climate, **\$42,128**, 1999-2000.

(11) Lacustrine Rift Basin Industrial Associates - Seismic Analysis and Petrophysical Studies of Lacustrine Source Rock Facies Using Seismic Reflection and Drill Core Data from Lake Edward, East Africa, **\$336,000**, 1997-1999.

(10) NSF/U. Arizona subcontract - instructional support for the Nyanza Project - **\$7,605**, 1999.

(9) Lacustrine Rift Basin Industrial Associates - Sequence Stratigraphy and Sedimentology of Lacustrine Carbonates and Mixed-System Turbidites: Modern Analogs for Lacustrine Reservoirs, Lake Tanganyika, East Africa, **\$325,000**, 1996-1997.

(8) South Florida Water Management District - Seismic Stratigraphic Studies along South Florida Canals: A Pilot Study, **\$29,291**, 1996-1997.

(7) NSF-EAR (Instrumentation and Facilities) - Modernization of the RSMAS seismic processing facility, **\$29,524**, 1997.

(6) Lacustrine Rift Basin Industrial Associates - Deep water sands and sublacustrine fans in Lakes Malawi and Tanganyika (consortium of 7 oil companies). Two years (1994-1995) totaling **\$472,272**.

(5) National Science Foundation - Continental Dynamics Program - Multichannel Seismic Investigation of Lake Baikal: Structure and Stratigraphy of the Upper Crust. Principal Investigator (Joint proposal with the University of Michigan, University of South Carolina and USGS, Atlantic Branch of Marine Geology). Three years (1992-1995) totaling \$763,810, U. Miami component = **\$211,357**.

(4) National Science Foundation - EAR Global Change - IDEAL Paleoclimate Studies on Lake Victoria. Collaborative with U. of Minnesota. Three years, \$681,200, 7/1/93-9/30/97, U. Miami component = **\$58,527**.

(3) Lacustrine Rift Basin Industrial Associates - Malawi Rift Lake Delta Study, Principal Investigator, (consortium of 7 oil companies), **\$200,000**, 10/92-12/93.

(2) Petrofina - Planning a Multichannel Seismic Reflection Investigation of Lakes Mobutu (Albert) and Edward, Uganda and Zaire. Principal Investigator, **\$25,600**, 7/92-1/93.

(1) Lacustrine Rift Basin Industrial Associates Studies of deltaic sand body geometry in Lake Malawi, East Africa. Co-Principal Investigator with T.C. Johnson, (consortium of 6 oil companies), 10/90-9/92, totaling **\$600,000**.

COURSES TAUGHT

“Fundamentals of Geology” Professional Examination Preparation
The Energy Transition: Earth Science of Energy (Syracuse University)
Climate Change and Human Origins (Syracuse University)
History of Earth and Life (Syracuse University)
Sedimentary Processes and Systems (Syracuse University)
Sedimentary Basin Analysis (Syracuse University, Univ. of Miami)
Reflection Seismology (Syracuse University)
Tropical Paleoclimatology Seminar (Syracuse University)
Extensional Tectonics Seminar (Syracuse University)
Introduction to Oceanography (U. Miami)
Applied Environmental Geophysics (U. Miami)
Geological Oceanography (Duke Marine Lab.)
Lacustrine Sedimentation (Oil and Gas Industry Short course)
Exploration Seismology (Duke University)

CRUISE AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

JACKSON LAKE, Multibeam Bathymetry & Backscatter Survey, June 2025, Co-Chief Scientist.
SKANEATELES LAKE, Multibeam Bathymetry & Backscatter Survey, June-August 2025, Chief Scientist.
LAKE MALAWI, MALAWI, High-resolution seismic reflection and multibeam echosounder acquisition, Chief Scientist & PI, January 2024.
LAKE VICTORIA, TANZANIA, High-resolution seismic acquisition, Chief Scientist & PI, January 2023.
ONEIDA LAKE, NEW YORK, Multichannel seismic acquisition, Lead Scientist & PI, July 2019.
LAKE KIVU, RWANDA, EMPOWER FIELD SCHOOL – Water and Energy in the Developing World – Lead Instructor – June 2018
LAKE MALAWI, Active Source Seismic Acquisition, SEGMeNT Project, Co-Chief Scientist, 2015

LAKE KIVU, RWANDA, Geophysical data acquisition, sediment coring, 5 cruises: 2010- 2014 (Chief Scientist).
 LAKE TURKANA RIFT, KENYA, Geophysical data acquisition (airgun, high-resolution reflection seismic, side scan sonar) and sediment sampling (Kullenberg and Vibrocoring), Chief Scientist, 2009-2011.
 DEATH VALLEY, *Rift Systems Field School*, Lead Instructor, 2008-2014.
 KENYA RIFT, *Rift Systems Field School*, Lead Instructor, 2006-2011
 BASIN AND RANGE *Saline Lakes Field School*, 2011-2015
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, Chief Scientist for the *Lake Malawi Scientific Drilling Project*, Feb-Mar 2005.
 LAKE BOSUMTWI, GHANA, *GLAD800 Scientific Drilling*, co-PI, Jul 2004.
 LAKE BOSUMTWI, GHANA, *R/V Kilindi*, Single channel seismic acquisition, Chief Scientist, May 2004.
 LAKE ALBERT, UGANDA/CONGO, Deep-basin multichannel seismic acquisition, 2003.
 LAKE EDWARD, UGANDA/CONGO, Single channel seismic acquisition, Chief Scientist, May 2003.
 SENECA & CAYUGA LAKES, NY, *R/V William Scandling*, Multichannel seismic acquisition, Chief Scientist, Oct. 2002.
 SKANEATELES LAKE, NY, Single channel seismic acquisition, Chief Scientist, Aug 2002.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *R/V Ndunduma*, Single, Multichannel seismic acquisition, sediment sampling. Chief Scientist, Nov-Dec 2001.
 LAKE BOSUMTWI, GHANA, WEST AFRICA, *R/V Kilindi*, High-resolution and Multichannel seismic reflection profiling, Piston Coring, Chief Scientist, Dec 1999, May-Jun 2000.
 LAKE TANGANYIKA, EAST AFRICA, *R/V Tanganyika Explorer*, Electric deep-water vibrocoring, Multichannel seismic acquisition. Co-Chief Scientist, Feb-Mar 1997.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *R/V Ndunduma*, Multichannel seismic acquisition, electric deep-water vibrocoring, Chief Scientist, Jan-Feb 1995.
 LAKE VICTORIA, EAST AFRICA, *R/V Ibis*, Multichannel and single -channel seismic acquisition, Co-chief Scientist, Mar-Apr 1995.
 NORTH CAROLINA CONTINENTAL SLOPE, *R/V Cape Hatteras*, Seismic acquisition, electric deep-water vibrocoring. Chief Scientist, Apr 1994.
 LAKE BAIKAL, SIBERIA, *R/V Balkash*, Multichannel Seismic Reflection Acquisition, Co-Chief Scientist, Aug-Sep 1992.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *S/V Timba*, Digital Seismic Acquisition, High-resolution Seismic and SideScan Sonar, Gravity- and Vibro-Coring. Chief Scientist, Jan-Feb 1992.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *Percussion Drilling and Vibrocoring Program* on Subaerial Deltas, Jul-Aug 1991.
 CARIBBEAN AND WESTERN ATLANTIC, *R/V Cape Hatteras*, Digital single channel seismic acquisition, Jun 1990.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *S/V Timba*, Single channel seismic profiling, Chief Scientist, Apr-May 1990.
 GEORGES BANK, WESTERN ATLANTIC, *R/V Probe Researcher*, Multichannel seismic acquisition, May 1988.
 BLAKE OUTER RIDGE, WESTERN ATLANTIC, *R/V Cape Hatteras*, Sediment coring, high-resolution seismic profiling, 1987.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *R/V Nyanja*, Multichannel seismic acquisition Numerous cruises over 7 months, 1986.
 LAKE MALAWI, EAST AFRICA, *R/V ORION*, Single channel high-resolution seismic profiling, sediment piston coring, 1986.
 LAKE SUPERIOR, *R/V Viking*, Single channel seismic profiling, sediment gravity coring, 1984.
 LAKE CHAMPLAIN, *R/V Melosira*, Sediment coring, single channel seismic profiling, 1979.

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS:

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