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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Ongoing – 2020 **University College London (UCL), [Earth Sciences](#)**, London, UK
Honorary Research Assistant.
- Ongoing – 2019 **Macau University of Science and Technology, Space Science Institute ([SSI](#)), State Key Laboratory (SKLplanets), Macau**
Assistant Professor. Working on several projects including analysis of data from the Chinese Moon and Mars missions, crater statistics analysis, and lunar igneous processes. Teaching various undergraduate courses including Astronomy and Earth Sciences, plus Comparative Planetology to post-graduates.
- 2019 – 2016 **Macau University of Science and Technology, Space Science Institute ([SSI](#)), Macau**
Research Professor. Working on a variety of projects including analysis of data from the Chinese lunar missions, crater statistics analysis, and lunar igneous processes.
- 2015 – 2012 **Birkbeck, University of London ([BBK](#)), Centre for Planetary Sciences ([CPS](#)), London, UK**
Joined the [MoonZoo](#) citizen science team as a Leverhulme-funded post-doc researcher. Leading the data analysis and the project's publishing output. Head of outreach and educational activities. Supervisor of two PhD candidates. Based at the Centre for Planetary Sciences at UCL ([CPS](#)) and Oxford University.
- 2012 – 2008 **Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research ([MPS](#)), Göttingen, Germany**
Post-doctoral position within the SIR-2 team (Spectrometer InfraRed) working on data analysis and geological interpretation. Developed a new spectral analysis technique (CNA). Other tasks include the development of both content and artwork for the mission's website, delivery of intradepartmental geological seminars, PR, outreach, etc.
- 2008 – 2003 **Sound Base Studios Trust, [Hitchin](#) (Herts), UK**
Head Tutor, organizing and coordinating teaching staff and resources, teaching Multimedia, Music Technology, and English. Also setting up, running, and engineering Sound Base's professional recording studio.

Earlier employment records available on request

EDUCATION (HIGHER)

- 2006 – 2001 **PhD in Geology (Planetary Science)**
University College London ([UCL](#)), London, UK
"The Nubium and Imbrium Regions on the Moon: A History of Mare Flows".
Prof. John Guest (UCL) and Dr Paul Spudis (LPI) supervisors. The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI), USA, provided the necessary hardware and software required for analysing Clementine's multispectral image data.
- 2000 – 1999 **Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)**
Institute of Education ([IE](#)), London, UK
Qualified as a science Secondary School teacher. Apprenticeship and teaching at the IE, Farnham College, and Dulwich College (UK).
- 1999 – 1996 **B.Sc. (Hon) degree in Planetary Science**
University College London (UCL), London, UK

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ONLY, abstracts not included)

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- Wang, P., ✉ **Bugiolacchi, R.** & Su, Y. **2023**. A new compositional, mineralogical and chronological study of the Leibnitz crater within the SPA basin. *Planetary and Space Science*, Vol. 227, 105640, doi: [10.1016/j.pss.2023.105640](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2023.105640)
- Cao, H., Xu, Y., Xu, L., Zhang, L., **Bugiolacchi, R.**, & Zhang, F., **2023**. From Schrödinger to Von Kármán: An intriguing new geological structure revealed by the Chang'e-4 Lunar Penetrating Radar. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 50, e2022GL101413, doi: [10.1029/2022GL101413](https://doi.org/10.1029/2022GL101413)
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- ✉ **Bugiolacchi R.**, Spudis P. D., and Guest J. E. **2006**. Stratigraphy and composition of lava flows in Mare Nubium and Mare Cognitum. *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* 41, **Nr2**, pp. 285-304(20), doi: [10.1111/j.1945-5100.2006.tb00210.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1945-5100.2006.tb00210.x)

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-Highlight of [2020 Nature Comms.](#) papers.

+ Mention in SCIENCE journal as Editors' Choice (Vol. 352, Issue 6289, pp. 1072-1073, doi: [10.1126/science.2016.352.6289.twil](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.2016.352.6289.twil))

^One or more figures are used as the cover image of the journal issue.

*Selected as one of the 14 papers "best representing the advances in scientific insight and understanding..." in "Virtual Issue on the Surface Composition of the Moon", Icarus, 2014.

GRANTS

- 2022 – 2027** **National Key Research and Development Program of China** – Distribution, abundance, and formation environment and sedimentary sequence construction of Martian hydrous minerals. Co–Principal Investigator – 1,200,000 RMB (~\$ 180,000). It includes funding for a PhD candidate. 2021YFA0716100; OSO-22-010-SSI
- 2019 – 2022** **FDCT** – Small Craters as a New Investigative Planetary Tool: A Multidisciplinary Approach – Principal Investigator – MOP 1,663,200 (~\$ 206,000). It includes funding for a PhD candidate and a post-doc. 0079/2019/A2.
- 2022 – 2024** **Open Project** Outside PI: **Le Qiao**, Shandong Uni., PRC – Re-calibration of the Lunar Crater Chronology Using Chang'e-5 Mission Data: Revisiting the Chronology of Global Lunar Volcanism – MOP 100,000 (~ \$ 12,500).
- 2017 – 2019** **Open Project** Outside PI: **Jim Head III**, Brown Uni., US – Mare Imbrium Basin Evolution: Changes in style and flux with time and implications for lunar thermal evolution – MOP 80,000 (~ \$ 10,000).
- 2018 – 2020** **Open Project** Outside PI: **Christian Wöhler**, TU Dortmund Uni., De – Artificial Intelligence applied to crater detection and measurements: the dawn of a new era in geochronology and impact morphology – MOP 100,000 (~\$ 12,500).
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INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

- 15-27/01/2024 **Int. Training Workshop on Space Science and Utilization** – Tech. and Engin. Center for Space Util. (CSU) – Beijing, **China**
- 04/08/2023 **AOGS** – Asia Oceania Geosciences Society – (Chair) - **Singapore**
- 27/06/2023 **European Lunar Symposium** – Padua, **Italy**
- 06/12/2022 **Max Planck Institute** – Planetary Science Seminar Talk (2) - Göttingen, **Germany**
- 29/11/2022 **Max Planck Institute** – Planetary Science Seminar Talk (1) - Göttingen, **Germany**
- 22/10/2021 **Khalifa University** – (virtual) Planetary Science Seminar – Abu Dhabi, **UAE**
online conferences only
- 18/09/2019 **EPSC-DPS Joint Meeting** – Geneva, **Switzerland**
- 23/07/2019 **Lunar and Deep Space Exploration** (Chair) – Zhuhai, **China**
- 22/05/2019 **European Lunar Symposium** – Departmental Seminar – Manchester, **United Kingdom**
- 01/10/2018 **Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research** – Göttingen, **Germany**
- 26/09/2018 **Tu-Technische universität Dortmund** – Departmental Seminar – Dortmund, **Germany**
- 19/09/2018 **European Planetary Science Congress (EPSC2018)** – Museum of Natural Sciences – Berlin, **Germany**
- 14/06/2018 **International Symposium of Lunar and Planetary Science** – M.U.S.T. – Macau, **China**
- 13/02/2018 **Università degli Studi Gabriele d'Annunzio** – Department of Geology – Pescara, **Italy**
- 01/11/2017 **Georg-August-Universität** – Inst. Astrophys. - **Planetary Seminar** – Göttingen, **Germany**
- 21/09/2017 **3rd International Forum on Lunar and Deep Space Exploration** - Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, **China**
- 14/07/2017 **2017 International Symposium on Planetary Remote Sensing and Mapping** – HK Pol. Uni., **Hong Kong**
- 08/06/2016 **International Symposium on Lunar and Planetary Science** – (Chair) (ISLPS), Wuhan, **China**
- 10/09/2015 **2nd International Forum on Lunar and Deep Space Exploration** - Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, **China**
- 21/05/2015 **Workshop on iss. in Crater Studies and Dating of Planet. Surfaces** - John Hopkins University, APL, Laurel, **US**
- 14/05/2015 **European Lunar Symposium** - (ELS), Frascati, **Italy**
- 05/02/2015 **APEX talks** - UCL, London, **United Kingdom**
- 25/06/2014 **National Astronomy Meeting** - (NAM), Portsmouth, **United Kingdom**
- 15/05/2014 **European Lunar Symposium** - (NHM), London, **United Kingdom**
- 09/10/2013 **British Machine Vision Association** - (BMVA), London, **United Kingdom**
- 12/09/2013 **European Planetary Science Congress** - (EPSC), London, **United Kingdom**
- 22/05/2013 **Planetary Seminars** – (5 sessions) Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research - (MPS), **Germany**
- 21/03/2013 **APEX talks** - UCL, London, **United Kingdom**
- 21/11/2011 **LPI Seminar Series** – (USRA), Houston, TX, **US**
- 09/03/2011 **LPSC** - Houston, TX, **US**

TEACHING (ACADEMIC)

2022 – Ongoing	Advanced Topics in Comparative Planetology (PhD Candidates) – MUST – Macao
2020 – Ongoing	Introduction to Astronomy (Undergraduates) – MUST – Macao
2023	Earth Science (Undergraduates) – MUST – Macao
2021	Image Processing (Postgraduates) – MUST - Macao
2015 – 2014	Lunar Geology Module (Undergraduates) – UCL – UK
2009	Planetary Science Module (Postgraduates) – MPS - De
2009 – 2008	Planetary Geology Weekly Seminars (Academic staff) – MPS – De

- Supervisor of several Master's and PhD students.
 - Regular reviewer for SCIENCE, Icarus, JGR, JGR-Planets, America Astronomical Soc., HK Granting body, and EM&P.
 - The organiser of the "2019 Macau Forum for Planetary Sciences: The Interiors of Jupiter & Saturn"
 - *Outstanding* Online Teaching Award – **2020** Macau University of Science and Technology
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