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Professional Appointments

University of Georgia, Athens GA, Department of Geology, July 2020 – present; Associate Professor

University of Georgia, Athens GA, Department of Geology, August 2014 – June 2020; Assistant Professor

University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, April 2018 – 2021; Adjunct Assistant Professor

Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, DC; Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, May 2014 – July 2018; Visiting Investigator

Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, DC; Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, May 2011 – March 2014; MESSENGER Postdoctoral Fellowship

Education

University of Nevada, Reno, NV; Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering, Fall 2007 – Spring 2011; Doctor of Philosophy

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany; Fachbereich Geowissenschaften, Summer 2001 – Winter 2006/2007; Diplom (M.S. equivalent)

Research Interests

- Fault and fracture growth
- Tectonic and volcanic evolution of the terrestrial planets
- Rock-mechanical properties of fractured rock volumes

Industry Experience

- MPH Consulting; Senior field geologist (Uranium exploration), June–August 2007
- Pinnacle, a Halliburton Service; Summer intern (Hydrofracturing), June–August 2009

Languages

- German (mother tongue)
- English (proficient)
- Spanish (B1 Level)

Professional Memberships

- American Association of Petroleum Geologists (2007– present)
- Geological Society of America (2009 – present)
- American Geophysical Union (2008 – 2020, 2024– present)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (2011 – 2014)
- Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (2016 – 2017)

Honors

- Marie Curie Summer School 2008, Porous and Aqueous Materials (\$500)
- Outstanding International Graduate Student 2009, University of Nevada, Reno (\$1500)
- Viola Vestal Coulter Graduate Scholarship 2009/2010, University of Nevada, Reno (\$1500)
- R. D. Call Scholarship 2010, Call & Nicolas, Inc. (\$2000)
- Outstanding Ph.D. graduate in geosciences 2011, University of Nevada, Reno
- NASA Group Achievement Award, MESSENGER Project Team, June 2017
- M. G. Michael Award 2021, Franklin College, University of Georgia (\$3000)

Grant Support

- Comparing the morphological variability of shortening landforms on Mars and Mercury, NASA Solar System Workings Program; Period: August 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025; Role: PI, Amount: \$ 364,889
- Do Polygonal Impact Craters Form on Mercury's Lobate Scarps? Implications for Contractual Tectonism throughout the Solar System. NASA Discovery Data Analysis Program, June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2026, Role: Co-I, Amount: \$ 30,017
- Searching for Deep-seated Thrust Faults on the Moon, NASA Lunar Data Analysis Program, July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2020, Role: Co-I, Amount: \$ 213,998
- The Architecture of Wrinkle Ridges in the Northern Volcanic Plains of Mercury, NASA Discovery Data Analysis Program, August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2018, Role: Co-I, Amount: \$ 67,299
- Characterizing the Geomorphology of Lunar Grabens, NASA Lunar Data Analysis Program; Period: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018; Role: PI, Amount: \$ 150,338
- Three-dimensional Scaling of Large Thrust Faults on Mars, NASA Mars Data Analysis Program; Period: October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2018; Role: PI, Amount: \$ 157,581

Service to the Profession and Community Involvement

- Mercury Exploration Assessment Group (MExAG) steering committee Geology Discipline Member, 2020 – 2023
- NASA Review Panels
- Reviewer for peer-review journals (Journal of Geophysical Research, Geophysical Research Letters, Icarus, Hydrogeology, Meteoritics and Planetary Science, Nature Astronomy, Journal of Maps)

Development, Service, and Outreach

- Preparing to Pivot Course, July 2020
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- Conflict De-escalation Training, February 2018
- Campus Active Shooter Training, November 2017
- UGA Sustainability Across the Curriculum Teaching Workshop 2017
- AAPG UGA student chapter mentor (2015 – 2016)
- AEG UGA student chapter mentor (2016 – 2017)
- Student Spaceflight Experiment Program; Review Board Missions 2 and 3

Course Instruction

- GEOL 100 Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Natural Disasters, teaching assistant at UNR, Fall 2007
- GPH 333 Plate Tectonics and Earth Physics, teaching assistant at UNR, Spring 2008, 2010, 2011
- GEOL 332 Structural Geology, teaching assistant at UNR, Fall 2009, 2010
- GEOL 1121 Earth Processes and Environments, instructor of record at UGA, Fall 2015 – 2020, Fall 2022, 2024
- GEOL 3000 Alien Worlds in our Solar System, instructor of record at UGA, Fall 2021, 2025
- GEOL 4060/6060 Structural Geology, instructor of record at UGA, Spring 2015 – 2026
- GEOL 4270/6270 Geology Field School, instructor at UGA, Summer 2018 – 2026
- GEOL 4360/6360 Introduction to Rock Mechanics, instructor of record at UGA, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, 2019, 2021, 2025
- GEOL 4400 Research in Planetary Geology (directed study)
- GEOL 4490 Research in Structure/Tectonics (directed study)
- GEOL 8090 Advanced Topics in Structural Geology (directed study)

Graduate Committees

- Corbin Kling (UGA, M.S. 2016); Role: Main Advisor
- E. Quentin Anlian (UGA, M.S. 2017); Role: Main Advisor
- Erik Alberts (UGA, M.S. 2017); Role: Committee Member
- Devon Verellen (UGA, M.S. 2017); Role: Committee Member
- Rose Borden (UTK, M.S. 2018); Role: External Committee Member
- Kelsey Crane (UGA, Ph. D. 2019); Role: Main Advisor
- William Jenkins (UGA, M.S. 2019); Role: Main Advisor
- Andrew Clements (UGA, M.S. 2019); Role: Committee Member
- Sierra Ramsey (UGA, M.S. 2020); Role: Main Advisor
- Melanie Callihan (UGA, Ph.D. 2020); Role: Main Advisor
- Gustavo Larramendi (UGA, M.S. 2020); Role: Committee Member
- Barrett Jordan (UGA, M.S. 2020); Role: Committee Member
- Rachel Rotz (UGA, Ph.D. 2020); Role: Committee Member
- Laura Fackrell (UGA, Ph.D. 2021); Role: Committee Member
- Işık Su Yazıcı (UGA, M.S. 2021); Role: Main Advisor
- Michael Cuilik (UGA, M.S. 2022); Role: Committee Member
- Hiu Ching Jupiter Cheng (UGA, Ph.D. 2023); Role: Main Advisor
- Laura Hannawalt (UGA, M.S. 2023); Role: Committee Member

- Leta McCullough (MS State, M.S. 2023); Role: External Committee Member
- Abubakar Aliyu (UGA, M.S. 2024); Role: Main Advisor
- Stephan Loveless (UGA, Ph.D., 2025); Role: Main Advisor
- Morgan Lewis (UTK, Ph.D., 2026); Role: External Committee Member
- Sydney Bledsoe (UGA, M.S. 2023; Ph.D. student, expected 2027); Role: Main Advisor
- Jack Ruse (UGA, M.S., expected 2027); Role: Main Advisor
- Orion Buckley (UGA, M.S., expected 2027); Role: Main Advisor

Undergraduate Research Mentoring and Senior Theses

- Iona Summerson, B.S. 2012 (Université II Montpellier) Deformation Bands in the Orange Quarry, Provence, France
- Mya Habermann, B.S. 2015 (UGA) Pyroclastic Volcanism on Mercury.
- Anthony Arbise, B.S. 2018 (UGA) Strike-slip Tectonics on Europa.
- Patrick Trent, B.S. 2019 (UGA) Petrographic analysis of hydrothermally altered Bishop Tuff, California.
- Cash Owens, B.S. 2020 (UGA) Geologic History and Lava-Fracture Interaction at King's Bowl, Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho.
- Davis Hardin, B.S. 2023 (UGA) Investigating a Crater Saturation Equilibrium on Asteroid 4 Vesta.
- Madelyn Hurd, B.S. 2024 (UGA) Modeling the 3D architecture of the Carnegie Rupes fault system, Mercury.
- Javier Fajardo, B.S. 2025 (UGA) A tectonic map of the Orientale Basin on the Moon.
- James Muilenburg, B.S. 2026 (UGA) Analysis of structural reliefs of thrust faults on Mercury.
- Michael Petersen, B.S. 2026 (UGA) Investigating Fracture Networks in the South Polar Terrain of Enceladus.

Community White Papers

- **Klimczak, C.**, Beddingfield, C., Byrne, P. K., Cheng, H. C. J., Crane, K. T., and Annex, A. +28 signatories: Opportunities and Challenges for Structural Geology and Tectonics in the Planetary Sciences. 2020. White paper submitted to the Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey 2023-2032.
- Vander Kaaden, K. E., Vervack, R. J., Rampe, E., McCubbin, F. M., **Klimczak, C.**, Cline, C. J., II, Byrne, P. K., and Azures, B. A.: Recommended laboratory and field studies ahead of future Mercury exploration. 2020. White paper submitted to the Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey 2023-2032.
- Hauck, S. A., II, Blewett, D., Byrne, P. K., Chabot, N. L., Ernst, C. M., Johnson, C. L., Mazarico, E., Raines, J. M., Vander Kaaden, K. E., Vervack, R. J., Deutsch A., DiBraccio, G., Imber, S., **Klimczak, C.**, and Poh, G.: Fundamental and Interdisciplinary Questions Drive the Scientific Exploration of Mercury. 2020. White paper submitted to the Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey 2023-2032.
- Vander Kaaden, K. E., Hauck, S. A., Ernst, C. M., Vervack, R. J., Jr., **Klimczak, C.**, Johnson C. L., DiBraccio, G., Deutsch, A. N., Poh, G., and Imber, S.: The Next Decade of Funding

Opportunities for Mercury-Related Science and Mission Support. White paper submitted to the Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey 2023-2032.

- The Mercury Exploration Assessment Group Science Goals, Objectives, and Investigations, MExAG (2025). Version 1.0, 66 pp., https://www.lpi.usra.edu/mexag/documents/Mercury_Science_Goals_090325.pdf".

Books and Edited Works

- Planetary Tectonism across the Solar System, 1st Edition, Volume 2, Editors: **Klimczak, C.**, Collins, G. C., and Byrne, P. K., 338 pp., 2026 doi:10.1016/C2017-0-04197-6, Paperback ISBN: 9780128160923

Published Datasets¹

- **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., Byrne, P. K., Yazıcı, I. S. (2026): Dataset for "Mercury's tectonics record a damage zone from the Caloris basin-forming impact". Mendeley Data, V1, doi: 10.17632/2k2hmf3jnj.1
- Byrne, P. K., and **Klimczak, C.** (2025): A Tectonic Map of the Caloris Basin, Mercury, Mendeley Data, V1, doi:10.17632/jxzhdvf5xr.1
- Fajardo, J., and **Klimczak, C.** (2025): A tectonic map of the Orientale Basin on the Moon, Mendeley Data, V1, doi: 10.17632/nrkddbmxsh.1
- **Klimczak, C.**, Byrne, P. K., and Crane, K. T. (2025): A Global Tectonic Map of Mercury. Mendeley Data, V2, doi:10.17632/p43b9wttpj.2
- Loveless, S. R., and **Klimczak, C.** (2025): Code in R for 'Several kilometers of global contraction on Mercury: A sample-size independent assessment of fault strain.', Mendeley Data, V1, doi: 10.17632/htkkrcp9w5.1
- Bledsoe, S.A., and **Klimczak, C.** (2024): Global Distribution of Lava Channels on Venus, Mendeley Data, V1, doi:10.17632/frsh4z5f4v.1
- Cheng, H. C. J., **Klimczak, C.**, and Matsuyama, I. (2024): Supplementary Data - Reorientation and despinning of 4 Vesta formed the Divalia Fossae", Mendeley Data, V1, doi:10.17632/tgjrhd4pp.1
- Loveless, S. R., **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., and Byrne, P.K. (2024): Models, topographic profiles, and data for 'Geometric forward modeling of thrust systems underlying shortening landforms on Mercury.', Mendeley Data, V2, doi:10.17632/k4yrmr5j6k.2
- Loveless, S. R., **Klimczak, C.**, McCullough, L R., Crane, K. T., Holland, S. M., and Byrne, P.K. (2024): Code and Data for 'A statistical evaluation of the morphological variability of shortening landforms on Mercury.', Revised, Mendeley Data, V2, doi:10.17632/8968vkgpds.2
- McCullough, L. R., Crane, K. T., Loveless, S. R., and **Klimczak, C.** (2023): Morphological and Structural Characterization of Shortening landforms on Mars datasets. Zenodo, V1, doi:10.5281/zenodo.8322706
- Jenkins, W. T., **Klimczak, C.**, Trent, P. M., and Crowe, D. E. (2021): Revised supplementary material to "Fumarolic pathways were structurally controlled by a strike-slip fault system beneath the Bishop Tuff, Bishop, California". Zenodo, V2, doi:10.5281/zenodo.5527165

¹ Underlined names represent current or former advisees at UGA

- Yazıcı, I. S., **Klimczak, C.**, and Crane, K. T. (2021): Supplement to "Fracture patterns on Mercury revealed by polygonal impact craters". Mendeley Data, V1, doi:10.17632/2kswgbgcvf.1

Peer-reviewed Publications

In Preparation

64. Bernhardt, H., Clark, J. D., **Klimczak, C.**, Preusker, F., Crane, K. T., Banks, M. E., Frueh, T., Williams, D. A., Nelson, D. M., and Watters, T. R: Mercury's diverse thrust tectonics reveal orientation controls and resolve contraction controversy. In review.
63. Dawson, H. G., Byrne, P. K., **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., Regensburger, P. V., Vance, S. D., Daswani, M. M., and Hemingway, D. J.: A Characterization of the Seafloor Tectonic States of Icy Satellites. In review.

2026

62. Byrne, P. K., **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., James, P. B., Ghail, R. C., Şengör, A. M. C., and Solomon, S. C.: Geologically Recent Formation of Some Tesserae on Venus by Plains Deformation. *Journal of Geophysical Research (Planets)*, 131, e2026JE009692, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2026JE009692>
61. Byrne, P. K., Dawson, H. G., **Klimczak, C.**, Regensburger, P. V., Crane, K. T., Catalano, J. G., Elder, C. E., Foley, B. J., German, C. R., Green, A. P., Hemingway, D. J., Daswani, M. M., Panning, M. P., Randolph-Flagg, N., Sherwood Lollar, B., Skemer, P. A., Vance, S. D., and Wiens, D. A.: Little to No Active Faulting Likely at Europa's Modern-Day Seafloor. *Nature Communications* 17, 4, 2026. doi:10.1038/s41467-025-67151-3
60. Byrne, P. K., Padovan, S., Matsuyama, I., and **Klimczak, C.**: Tectonics driven by changes in planetary shape. In: Klimczak, C., Collins, G., and Byrne, P. K.: *Comparative Tectonism across the Solar System*. Chapter 7, 285–323, 2026, doi:10.1016/B978-0-12-816092-3.00015-9
59. Collins, G., **Klimczak, C.**, and Byrne, P. K.: Introduction to the volume. In: Klimczak, C., Collins, G., and Byrne, P. K.: *Comparative Tectonism across the Solar System*. Chapter 1, 1–15, 2026, doi:10.1016/B978-0-12-816092-3.00001-9
58. **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., Byrne, P. K., and Yazıcı, I. S.: Mercury's tectonics record a damage zone from the Caloris basin-forming impact. Accepted *Journal of Geophysical Research (Planets)*. Available on ESS Open Archive. doi:10.22541/essoar.177032850.04066516/v1
57. **Klimczak, C.** and McCarthy, C.: Planetary geomechanics. In: Klimczak, C., Collins, G., and Byrne, P. K.: *Comparative Tectonism across the Solar System*. Chapter 3, 63–132, 2026, doi:10.1016/B978-0-12-816092-3.00003-2
56. **Klimczak, C.**, Collins, G., and Byrne, P. K.: Outlook. In: Klimczak, C., Collins, G., and Byrne, P. K.: *Comparative Tectonism across the Solar System*. Chapter 8, 325–329, 2026, doi:10.1016/B978-0-12-816092-3.00008-1

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55. Bledsoe, S. A., and **Klimczak, C.**: Goba distribution of canali on Venus. *Journal of Maps* 21(1), 2465669, 2025. doi:10.1080/17445647.2025.2465669
54. Cheng, H. C. J., **Klimczak, C.**, and Matsuyama, I.: Reorientation and despinning of 4 Vesta formed the Divalia Fossae. *Science Advances* 11, eads7984, 2025. doi:10.1126/sciadv.ads7984
53. Cheng, H. C. J., and **Klimczak, C.**: Tectonic patterns on Vesta and Ceres revealed by polygonal impact craters. *Icarus* 433, 116528, 2025. doi:10.1016/j.icarus.2025.116528
52. Cheng, H. C. J., Mrazek, J., and **Klimczak, C.**: The transition from jointing to faulting observed at the Koa'e Fault Zone, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii. *Journal of Geophysical Research (Solid Earth)* 130, e2024JB030416, 2025. doi:10.1029/2024JB030416.
51. **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., and Byrne, P. K.: Mercury has multiple, superposed global tectonic patterns. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 658, 1199331, 2025. doi:10.1016/j.epsl.2025.119331.
50. Loveless, S. R., and **Klimczak, C.**: Several kilometers of global contraction on Mercury: A sample-size independent assessment of fault strain. *AGU Advances* 6, e2025AV001715, 2025. doi:10.1029/2025AV001715
49. Loveless, S. R., **Klimczak, C.**, Crane, K. T., and Byrne, P. K.: Geometric forward modeling of thrust systems underlying shortening landforms on Mercury. *Journal of Structural Geology* 198, 105449, 2025. doi:10.1016/j.jsg.2025.105449.

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46. McCullough, L. R., Crane, K. T., Loveless, S. R., and **Klimczak, C.**: Morphological and Structural Characterization of Shortening Landforms on Mars. *Journal of Geophysical Research (Planets)* 129, e2023JE008196, 2024. doi:10.1029/2023JE008196.
45. Yazıcı, I. S., Cheng, H. C. J., Crane, K. T., and **Klimczak, C.**: Straight impact crater rim segments on Mercury. *Journal of Maps* 20(1), 2308687, 2024. doi:10.1080/17445647.2024.2308687

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43. Cheng, H. C. J., and **Klimczak, C.**: Structural relationships in and around the Rheasilvia basin on Vesta. *Journal of Structural Geology* 161, 104677, 2022. doi:10.1016/j.jsg.2022.104677

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39. Cheng, H. C. J., **Klimczak, C.** and Fassett, C. I.: Age relationships of large-scale troughs and impact basins on Vesta. *Icarus* 366, 114512, 2021. doi:10.1016/j.icarus.2021.114512
38. Jenkins, W. T., **Klimczak C.**, Trent, P. M., and Crowe, D. E.: Fumarolic pathways were structurally controlled by a strike-slip fault system beneath the Bishop Tuff, Bishop, California. *Minerals* 11, 1167, 2021. doi:10.3390/min11111167

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27. Tectonic Processes on Mercury and Venus: Snapshots from the Innermost Solar System. February 2026, *Invited seminar* at the Southwest Research Institute, Boulder, CO.
26. Signatures of Planetary Tectonics: Examples from Asteroid 4 Vesta and Mercury. September 2022, *Invited seminar* at the Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

25. Deciphering global tectonic patterns on Mercury. September 2021, *Invited seminar* at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.
24. Towards unriddling global tectonic patterns on Mercury. March 2021, *Invited seminar* at the Illinois State University, Normal, IL.
23. The Tectonics of Mercury. February 2021, *Invited Lecture* at University of Edinburgh, UK.
22. Interactions of Faulting and Volcanism: Examples from Earth, Mercury, and Beyond. November 2019, *Invited Lecture* at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
21. Amount, Timing, and Rate of Global Contraction on Mercury. January 2018, *Invited Lecture* at Ernst Moritz Arndt Universität Greifswald, Germany.
20. Deep-Seated Thrust Faults in Mare Crisium, the Moon. January 2018, *Invited seminar* at the Universität Hamburg, Germany.
19. The Tectonics of Mercury. December 2016, *Invited seminar* at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
18. Tectonic geomorphology as a tool to understand the structural geologic history of the Moon. November 2015, *Invited seminar* at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.
17. The surface Geology on Mercury. June 2015, *Invited Presentation* at the 5th MESSENGER-BepiColombo Joint Science Meeting, Berlin, Germany.
16. Tectonic geomorphology as a tool to understand the structural geologic history of the Moon. June 2015, *Invited seminar* at the Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, TX.
15. The MESSENGER mission to Mercury: The geology of the innermost planet as seen after 4 years of orbital observations. April 2015, *Invited seminar* at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.
14. Thrust Fault Tectonics on Rocky Planets. March 2015, *Invited seminar* at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
13. The MESSENGER mission to Mercury: The geology of the innermost planet as seen after 4 years of orbital observations. March 2015, *Brownbag talk* at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
12. The MESSENGER mission to Mercury: The geology of the innermost planet as seen after almost 4 years of orbital observations. November 2014, *Invited seminar* at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.
11. Nature and relative timing of tectonics and volcanism on Mercury. June 2014, *Invited seminar* at the German Aerospace Center (DLR), Berlin, Germany.
10. Thrust Fault Tectonics on Earth and Mercury. March 2014, *Invited Seminar* at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
9. Thrust Fault Tectonics on Earth and Mercury. February 2014, *Invited Seminar* at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

8. Mercury: Tectonic Processes on a Contracting Planet. December 2013, *Invited Seminar* at the University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.
7. Tectonic Controls of Volcanism on One-Plate Planets. November 2013, *Invited Seminar* at the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
6. Igneous Dikes on the Moon and Mercury. September 2013, *Invited Seminar* at the Goddard Space and Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.
5. Long-wavelength topographic changes on Mercury. April 2013, *Contributed Presentation* at the 4th MESSENGER-BepiColombo Joint Science Meeting, Chicago, IL.
4. Large-scale lithospheric deformation on Mercury. March 2013, *Invited Seminar* at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA.
3. Faults and Folds on Mercury. May 2012, *Invited seminar* at the Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, TX.
2. Fracturing behavior of geological materials during volumetric, brittle deformation. September 2011, *Seminar* at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, DC.
1. Deformation bands in sandstone: An example from the Subhercynian Cretaceous Basin, Germany. January 2010, *Invited lecture* at Geoforschungszentrum (GFZ) Potsdam, Germany.