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Citation metrics:

Google Scholar: 1397 citations, h-index: 20, i10-index: 28

Mendeley (ID: 54780522600): 1093 citations, h-index: 17

Web of Science ResearcherID (ID: Q-6142-2018): 1001 citations, h-index: 17

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Associate Professor of Petrology and Volcanology, Director of MAGMA MIA Laboratory, Advisor of one PhD student, one Master student, and two bachelor students at the University of Georgia (USA). PI (out of seven) of the ICDP-sponsored DIVE (Drilling the Ivrea-Verbano zone) project. Laboratory and field geologist, petrologist, volcanologist, and magma physicist with a strong track record in international collaborative partnerships in Europe and North America. Enthusiastic communicator, team player, and project manager. Skilful in high-pressure and high-temperature experimentation and tomographic microscopy to explore magma degassing, transport, unrest, and eruption.

Language proficiency

Italian (native), English (proficient), French (advanced), German (intermediate).

Education

November 2012: Doctoral Degree in Earth Science, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland, on *Physical properties of crystal- and bubble-bearing magmas* (Advisors: Prof. Peter Ulmer, Prof. Luca Caricchi, Dr. Luigi Burlini)

July 2008: Master Degree in Geodynamics, Geophysics, Volcanology (110/110 summa cum laude), Università La Sapienza, Rome, Italy, on *Petrological and physical properties of the Avellino Eruption magma chamber of Somma-Vesuvius* (in Italian) (Advisors: Prof. Raffaello Trigila, Dr. Luca Caricchi, Dr. Luigi Burlini)

October 2006: Bachelor Degree in Geological Sciences (110/110 summa cum laude), Università G. D'Annunzio, Chieti, Italy, on *Investigation on dynamic crystallization of an andesite from Panarea Island, Aeolian Islands, Italy* (in Italian) (Advisors: Dr. Gianluca Iezzi, Dr. Silvio Mollo, Dr. Tonino Traini)

Professional experience

*Since August 2025: **Associate Professor**, University of Georgia, US, in *Petrology and Volcanology**

*August 2019-July 2025: **Assistant Professor**, University of Georgia, US, in *Petrology and Volcanology**

*January 2017-July 2019: **SNSF-Ambizione Maître Assistant (Lecturer)**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, on *Petrophysics of the Melt Connectivity Transition: Petrological, Rheological, and Seismic Characterisation of the Continental Moho* (PI: Dr. Mattia Pistone)*

*November 2014-October 2016: **NSF-GeoPRISMS Research Fellow**, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, US, on *The role of oxygen fugacity in calc-alkaline differentiation and the creation of continental crust at the Aleutian arc* (PIs: Dr. Elizabeth Cottrell and Prof. Katherine A. Kelley)*

*July-August 2014: **NERC Research Fellow**, Camborne School of Mines, Exeter University, and University of Bristol, United Kingdom, on *Critical metals in nature: crystal-melt partitioning of indium at high temperature and pressure conditions* (PIs: Prof. Jonathan D. Blundy and Dr. Jens Andersen)*

*June 2014: **Advanced Career SNSF Research Fellow**, University of Bristol, United Kingdom, and University of Missouri-Columbia, US, on *The influence of volatiles on the interaction of mafic and felsic magmas* (PI: Dr. Mattia Pistone; renounced for the NSF-GeoPRISMS Fellowship)*

*January-June 2014: **ERC Research Fellow**, University of Bristol, United Kingdom, on *The influence of volatiles on the interaction of mafic and felsic magmas* (PI: Prof. Jonathan D. Blundy)*

*January-December 2013: **Early Career SNSF Research Fellow**, University of Bristol, United Kingdom, on *The influence of volatiles on the interaction of mafic and felsic magmas* (PI: Dr. Mattia Pistone)*

*October-November 2012: **SAPHYR Postdoc**, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland, on *Seismic anisotropy of the Finero Peridotite (Ivrea Zone, Italy)* (PIs: Prof. Eduard Kissling, Dr. Alba S. Zappone)*

Teaching and mentoring

Associate Professor:

2020-pres. Undergraduate level:

GEOL 1121 Earth Processes and Environment

GEOL 4020 Internal Earth Processes

GEOL 4020L Internal Earth Processes (Petrography Laboratory)

GEOL 4300 Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology

GEOL 4470 Introduction to Research in Petrology

GEOL 4940L Volcanology

FYOS 1001 Magma Mia! Understanding Active Volcanoes using Modern Petrology

FYOS 1001 Journey in the Earth's interior: origin, architecture, and dynamics of continents

FYOS 1001 Global Citizenship Cluster - Natural Hazards and Critical Metals: Geology as

the Answer to Climate Crisis and Geopolitical Concerns

Writing Intensive Program (WIP): <https://wip.uga.edu/fall-2021-newsletter/>

2020-pres. *Graduate level:*

GEOL 6300 Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology

GEOL 6470 Introduction to Research in Petrology

GEOL 6940L Volcanology

GEOL 8070 Advanced Topics in Petrology

GEOL 8790 Research Project in Petrology

GradFIRST Seminar 7001 Studies of Hazards (SHAZARDS) in Geology

GRSC 8550 Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship (co-teaching)

Lecturer:

2018 *Undergraduate level:*

Practical Training in Magmatic Petrology (*Travaux Pratique de Petrologie Magmatique*)

Italian National Scientific Habilitation:

2018 Eligible for Associate Professorship in Geochemistry, Mineralogy, Petrology, Volcanology, and Georesources: <https://asn16.cineca.it/pubblico/miur/esito-abilitato/04%252FA1/2/4>

Lecture Assistant in courses for undergraduate level:

2008-12 Optical Microscopy of Metamorphic and Igneous Rocks

2009-12 Volcanology

Field Instructor in courses for undergraduate level:

2017-21 Petrology and Volcanology

2013-14 Geology I

2008-12 Volcanology

Advisor of students:

Graduate students:

2025-pres. Allison Hidalgo (*Rheology of magmas from the asthenosphere to volcanoes: experiments and modelling*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]

2025-pres. Andrea Tonato (*The excess gas paradox at volcanoes: does CO₂ favor gas accumulation in mafic magmas?*) [PhD; University of Georgia, US]

2024-pres. Kade McClain (*Petrological and geochemical analysis of tephra from Plinian eruptions of Chimborazo volcano*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]

2022-24 Jackson Oakey (*Flow or blow? Understanding magma flow in conduits during vesiculation*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]

- 2022-24 Kaitlyn Hulsey (*Building up magma reservoirs in the Earth's crust: Case of Stone Mountain*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]
- 2022-24 Carlynn Daniel (*How are paroxysms generated at mafic volcanoes?: Insights into Mt Etna 2020-2022 eruption activity*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]
- 2021-23 Andrew Maendel (*Magma differentiation in the Earth's lower crust: Insights into the analysis of an olivine gabbro of the Ivrea-Verbano Zone, Alps, Italy*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]
- 2020-22 Samuel Oxhorn (*Western Aleutian Volcanism: Defining Magmatic Series Transitions and Petrogenetic Origins*) [Master; University of Georgia, US]

Undergraduate students:

- 2025-pres. Agigail Roselli Verna (*Multiphase basaltic lava rheology: A case study of Mt Etna*) [University of Georgia, US]
- 2024-pres. Alexandra Grace Lang (*Mt. Etna's Mercury and Downwind Populations*) [University of Georgia, US]
- 2023-24 Ruby Jiahui Parcels (*Did Chimborazo volcano (Ecuador) cause the Late Antique Little Ice Age or other climate changes at a regional to global scale?*) [University of Georgia, US]
- 2022-23 Jeremiah Funke (*Magmatic sulphide systems in the deep crust of the Ivrea-Verbano Zone, Italy*) [University of Georgia, US]
- 2022-23 Grace Elizabeth Cantele (*Determining mercury concentration in minerals, rocks, and soils at Mt Etna, Italy*) [University of Georgia, US]
- 2019 Alexia Secrétan (*Magma cannibalism in volcanic and plutonic rocks*) [University of Lausanne, Switzerland]

Co-advisor of students and postdocs:

Postdocs:

- 2021-23 Amy Ryan (*The Role of Deformation in Triggering Volcanic Eruptions*) [University of Minnesota; Advisor: L. Hansen]

Graduate students:

- 2018-pres. Thomas Herbst (*Degassing and outgassing of crystal-bearing dacite*) [Master/PhD; University of Missouri, Columbia, US; Advisor: A.G. Whittington]
- 2019-21 Russell Cutts (*Mineralogical and textural alteration of heated tool-stones: advances in understanding fire-cracked rock*) [PhD; University of Georgia; Advisor: E. Garrison]
- 2019-20 Hüseyin Demir (*Mineral, elemental, and isotopic evidence for the provenance of clay deposits in Sile, NW Turkey*) [Master; University of Georgia; Advisor: P. Schroeder]
- 2017-18 Selena Galdini (*Petrological, geochemical and rheological modelling of alkaline magma ascent at Fogo Volcano, Cape Verde*) [Master; University of Lausanne, Switzerland; Advisor: S. Pilet]

2013-14 Paul Jarvis (*Phenomena at the interface between two magmas*) [PhD; University of Bristol, United Kingdom; Advisors: J.D. Blundy, K.V. Cashman, H.M. Mader]

Jessica Shields (*Mobilisation of highly viscous flows: Insights from field and laboratory experiments*) [PhD; University of Bristol, United Kingdom; Advisor: H.M. Mader]

Undergraduate students:

2015 Katherine Sheppard (UC Santa Barbara) and Elizabeth Grant (University of Rhode Island (fieldwork in the Western Aleutians) [Undergraduates; Advisors: E. Cottrell, K.A. Kelley]

Mentor in other educational programs:

2021-22 Women in Science (WiSci) Mentorship Program of the University of Georgia

Service

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the 16th European Geopark Conference: <https://www.egn2022conference.eu/index.php/organization/committees>
- Peer-reviewed Journal Reviewer for 61 original scientific contributions (2013-present), as reported in my Publons profile: <https://publons.com/author/1417956/mattia-pistone#profile>
- Reviewer for funding agencies of NERC (United Kingdom), NSF (US), and ANR (France) (2014-present).
- Review panelist for funding agencies NSF (2022) and NASA (2023-2024).
- Guest Editor of two Research Topics / Ebooks in Frontiers in Earth Science (2017-2020): *Volumes, Timescales, and Frequency of Magmatic Processes in the Earth's Lithosphere* and *Deep Carbon Science*
- Associate Editor of Frontiers in Earth Science – Section of Petrology (2019-present)
- Primary convener and co-convener of scientific sessions at AGU (2013, 2015-2022), EGU (2015-2019), IAVCEI (2017, 2023), and Centennial Symposium of MSA (2019)
- Organiser (out of 3) of the ICDP Workshop DIVE (Drilling the Ivrea-Verbano zone) in Baveno, Italy (1st–4th May 2017)
- Organiser of the scientific meeting “Journée Petrologique Magmatique” in Lausanne, Switzerland (18th January 2019)
- Seminar organiser at the School of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol, United Kingdom (2013-2014)

Professional memberships

European Geosciences Union (EGU), American Geophysical Union (AGU), Mineralogical Society of America (MSA), Geological Society of America (GSA), Società Geologica Italiana (SGI), Associazione Italiana di Vulcanologia (AIV), National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD), National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT), Sigma Xi – The Scientific Research Honor Society.

Engagement in science communication and outreach

- 2025 Article on *L'ottavo pilastro della saggezza: La missione Moho del progetto ICDP-DIVE*, Società Geologica Italiana, GeologicaMente 18
<https://www.geologicamente.it/282/geologicamente-numero-18.html>
- Article on *Is friction melting alone sufficient to form pseudotachylytes in deep lithosphere?*, Newsletter August 2025, Atlanta Geological Society:
<https://atlantageologicalsociety.org/newsletters-2/>
- Article on *The Rock Doctor: Measuring the pulse of volcanos past and present — for the future*, @UGAResearch: <https://research.uga.edu/news/the-rock-doctor-measuring-the-pulse-of-volcanos-past-and-present-for-the-future/>
- 2024 Video interview in *Sharing Minds: Sampling Rocks*, National Institution of Geophysics and Volcanology of Italy (INGV) as part of the Monitoring Earth's Evolution and Tectonics (MEET), sponsored by Transnational Access (TNA) and National Open Access (NOA) scheme of the Next Generation of European Fund, Integrated Laboratories for Geoscience and Environment (ILGE), Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)
<https://ilge.ct.ingv.it/SHARING%20MINDS1.mov>
<https://youtu.be/9HWu2ZEGooE?si=O2FGZlQta0ZlhA7k>
- Article on *Ivrea-Verbano, Fase 1 del Progetto DIVE: un tuffo nelle radici della crosta continentale*, Società Geologica Italiana, GeologicaMente 14
<https://www.geologicamente.it/276/geologicamente-numero-14.html>
- 2023 Article on *Fase 1 del progetto DIVE nella Zona Ivrea-Verbano: primo touchdown*, Società Geologica Italiana, GeologicaMente 12
<https://www.geologicamente.it/274/geologicamente-numero-12.html>
- Magma Mia! Deciphering volcano behaviours in the past, present, and future*, Athens Science Café
- Our Past, Present, and Future Below Our Feet: DIVE Drilling Project*, TEDxUGA Talk:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvVHHZUex3E&ab_channel=TEDxTalks
<https://tedxuga.com/the-event-2023/#x-content-band-8>
- 2022 *Top Stories of 2022*, @UGAResearch:
<https://research.uga.edu/news/top-ugaresearch-stories-of-2022/>
- Article on *Mattia Pistone travels through human & geological time*, @UGAResearch:
<https://research.uga.edu/news/mattia-pistone-travels-through-human-geological-time/>
- 2021 Article on *Eplorando la zona di transizione tra crosta e mantello continentale: Il progetto DIVE nella Zona Ivrea-Verbano (Alpi, Italia)*, Società Geologica Italiana, GeologicaMente 6, <https://doi.org/10.3301/GM.2021.06>
- Webinar on *Volatile cycle in the Earth's continental crust: A carbon tale from the Ivrea-Verbano Zone (Alps, Italy)*, Tech4Culture: Geodiversity and Geoheritage, University of Turin, Italy.
- Article on *Research finds link between CO₂, big volcano eruptions*, @UGAResearch:
<https://research.uga.edu/news/research-finds-link-between-co2-big-volcano-eruptions/>

- 2020 Webinar on *Tales of the “Far West” Aleutian Volcanoes: There and Back Again*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Georgia, US.
- Article on *DE BELLO VULCANICO: 40-year scientific effort of “predicting the unpredictable” since 1980 eruption of Mt St Helens* on EGU Blogs:
<https://blogs.egu.eu/divisions/nh/2020/07/06/de-bello-vulcanico/?fbclid=IwAR0WDq0vqe32o4ARH9gukR8VymlyBaV606JGqY335pIIqceT93bqv1kXrU>
- Essay on *DE BELLO VULCANICO or On The Volcanic War: 40-year scientific effort since May 18, 1980 eruption of Mt St Helens* on New Spotlights of Franklin College of UGA:
<https://www.franklin.uga.edu/news/stories/2020/40-years-mt-st-helens-eruption>
- 2017 Article on *Lava highway in Kanaga Island* on Imageo on Mondays of the EGU Blogs:
<https://blogs.egu.eu/geolog/2017/03/20/imageo-on-mondays-lava-highway-in-kanaga-island/>
- 2016 **Expert scientist** at Q?rius of the Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution
- Article on *Ascensus ad coelum, descensus ad Inferos – Report from the Field - 2015 GeoPRISMS Community Platform in the Aleutians*, GeoPRISMS Newsletter, Issue no. 35, Spring 2016: <http://anyflip.com/nnix/uzuv/basic>
- 2013 News from Cabot Institute, University of Bristol:
<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/cabot/news/2013/278.html>
- 2011-12 **Museum guide** at Focus Terra Museum of ETH-Zurich

Participation to selected schools and workshops

- 2025 Community Research Prioritization for Volcanoes across the Alaska-Aleutian Arc Workshop (National Science Foundation)
- 2023 Teaching Petrology Workshop (National Science Foundation)
- Reflection on Race Workshop (University of Georgia)
- Electric Mobility Summit (University of Georgia)
- UGA Academy Teaching Symposium on AI tools
- 2020 Early Career Workshop (National Science Foundation)
- 2017 Mt Etna – Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO) Early Career Scientist Workshop (Nicolosi, Italy)
- ICDP Workshop DIVE (Drilling the Ivrea-Verbano zone) (Baveno, Italy)
- 2016 Second Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO) Summer School, Yellowstone National Park (Montana and Wyoming, US)
- 2010 Microstructures and Physico-Chemical Properties of Earth and Planetary Materials, Società Italiana di Mineralogia e Petrologia (Verbania-Pallanza, Italy)
- Rheology and Physical Properties of Magmas: Controls on Dynamics of Magma Transport, Storage and Eruption (Zürich, Switzerland)
- 2009-13 4D-Adamello Pro-School (Swiss National Science Foundation)

Awards

- 2025 2026-2028 Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, Distinguished Lecturer
- 2024 2024-2025 Geological Society of America – Continental Scientific Drilling Distinguished Lecturer
Student Career Success Influencer Award 2024
- 2023 First-Year Odyssey Teaching Award, University of Georgia
M.G. Michael Award, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, University of Georgia
- 2021 2021-2023 Lilly Teaching Fellowship, University of Georgia
Student Career Success Influencer Award 2021
- 2020 Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing Award by the Editorial Board of Lithos, Elsevier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2019 Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing Award by the Editorial Board of Earth and Planetary Science Letters, Elsevier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2017 Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing Award by the Editorial Board of Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research, Elsevier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2014 EU Transnational Access Programme CALIPSO Award
- 2012 Outstanding Young Scientist Award by the Earth Magnetism and Rock Physics Division of the EGU: <https://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/ospp-award/2012/mattia-pistone/>
- 2008 Excellence Award for Master Student of Earth Sciences, La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Research grants with PI, co-PI, or Mentor role (> 100,000 in bold)

Current Funds:

The excess gas paradox at volcanoes: does CO₂ favor gas accumulation in mafic magmas?, National Science Foundation – Division of Earth Science – Petrology and Geochemistry (Award #2322935) [US\$ **442,241**] Role: PI

Mt Vulture volcano (Italy): Insights into the reawakening of a volcanic “Sleeping Beauty”, Office of Research and Office of Global Engagement, University of Georgia, US [US\$ 15,000] Role: PI

SAKURA - From Mantle Flow to Magma Migration: A Multiscale Investigation of Lithospheric-Asthenospheric Coupling, Earth Telescope Research Programme of the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology of Italy and Ministry of University and Research of Italy [€ **2,000,000**] Role: co-PI (sole PI not based in an Italian institution)

DIVE: Drilling the Ivrea-Verbano zone – Phase I: Drilling into the pre-Permian mafic and felsic lower crust, International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (04-2020) [US\$ **1,000,000**] Role: PI

- 2026 *Mt Vulture volcano (Italy): Insights into the reawakening of a volcanic “Sleeping Beauty”*
Office of Research and Office of Global Engagement, University of Georgia, US [US\$ 15,000]
Role: PI

- 2025 *SAKURA - From Mantle Flow to Magma Migration: A Multiscale Investigation of Lithospheric-Asthenospheric Coupling*, Earth Telescope Research Programme of the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology of Italy and Ministry of University and Research of Italy [€ 2,000,000] Role: co-PI (sole PI not based in an Italian institution)
- 2024 *CLIMAX: Was Chimborazo volcano (Ecuador) the climate modulator leading to the Antonine Plague in the Roman Empire during the second century AD?*, Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Pre-Seed Program, University of Georgia [US\$ 4,250] Role: PI
- 2023 *The excess gas paradox at volcanoes: does CO₂ favor gas accumulation in mafic magmas?*, National Science Foundation – Division of Earth Science – Petrology and Geochemistry (Award #2322935) [US\$ 442,241] Role: PI
- To be or not be in the Earth? Carbon cycle in the continental crust*, M.G. Michael Award, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, University of Georgia [US\$ 3,000] Role: PI
- 2022 *Tracking Mercury Pollution Sources: Developing an Analytical Method for Measuring Stable Mercury Isotopes in Environmental and Human Biological Samples*, Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Pre-Seed Program, University of Georgia [US\$ 3,500] Role: co-PI
- Chimborazo: ESPOCH International Conference*, International Travel Fund of the Provost's Office, University of Georgia [US\$ 1,850] Role: PI
- MERRIE VOLCANO: MERCURY Release during eRUptions at Etna VOLCANO*, Office of Research and Office of Global Engagement, University of Georgia, US [US\$ 8,000] Role: PI
- 2021 *BIO-VOLCANO: Rocks, soils, and bioaccumulators as predictors of volcanic eruptions*, Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Pre-Seed Program, University of Georgia [US\$ 4,750] Role: PI
- The Role of Deformation in Triggering Volcanic Eruptions*, National Science Foundation – Division of Earth Science – Postdoctoral Fellowship to Dr. Amy Ryan (University of Minnesota) [US\$ 174,000] Role: Mentor
- 2020 *DE BELLO VULCANICO or The Volcanic War: Forecasting Gas Release versus Retention in Magmas prior to Volcanic Eruptions*, Sarah H. Moss Fellowship, University of Georgia [US\$ 10,000] Role: PI
- DIVE: Drilling the Ivrea-Verbano zone – Phase 1: Drilling into the pre-Permian mafic and felsic lower crust*, International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (04-2020) [US\$ 1,000,000] Role: PI out of 7
- Felsic melt and gas mobilisation during magma solidification: An experimental study at 1.1 kbar*, Swiss National Science Foundation, Open Access Article (PZAC-2_198187) [CHF 2,426] Role: PI
- COOLEST VOLCANO: CO₂ storage and release at Stromboli VOLCANO*, Office of Research and Office of Global Engagement, University of Georgia [US\$ 4,000] Role: PI
- 2019 *Fluids, melts and pressure changes during fracturing of the lower crust*, Terrestrial Magmatic System Research Platform, University of Mainz [€ 8,800] Role: co-PI

- Bulk seismic properties of mantle wedge peridotites*, Terrestrial Magmatic System Research Platform, University of Mainz [€ 5,000] Role: co-PI
- DE BELLO VULCANICO or The Volcanic War: Forecasting Magma Permeability versus Compressibility and Eruption Magnitude*, Swiss National Science Foundation – Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship (PCEFP2_186904) Role: PI [CHF 999,988] {renounced for the tenure-track Assistant Professorship at the University of Georgia}
- 2017 *The Deep Carbon Cycle (DCC) through geological time: An interdisciplinary synthesis of the carbon cycle in the Earth's lithosphere-biosphere system*, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation – Deep Carbon Observatory – DCO Synthesis Proposal (G-2017-9997) [US\$ 130,000] Role: co-PI
- 2016 *Petrophysics of the Melt Connectivity Transition: Petrological, Rheological, and Seismic Characterisation of the Continental Moho*, Swiss National Science Foundation – Ambizione Fellowship (PZ00P2_168166) [CHF 483,238] Role: PI
- 2014 *Workshop on drilling the continental crust to the Moho transition zone (Ivrea-Verbano Zone, Italy)*, International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (17-2016) [US\$ 50,000] Role: PI out of 3
- The Influence of Volatiles on the Interaction of Mafic and Felsic Magmas*, Swiss National Science Foundation – Advanced Postdoc Mobility Fellowship (P300P2_154574) [CHF 98,000] Role: PI {renounced for the NSF-GeoPRISMS Fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, US}
- Understanding the dynamics of explosive eruptions triggered by mafic intrusions into felsic reservoirs using 4D in situ tomographic microscopy*, European Union Transnational Access Programme CALIPSO (number 312284; FP7/2007-2013) [€ 1,000] Role: PI
- 2012 *The Influence of Volatiles on the Interaction of Mafic and Felsic Magmas*, Swiss National Science Foundation – Early Postdoc Mobility Fellowship (PBEZP2_142922) [CHF 43,000] Role: PI
- 2009-21 Free-of-cost access to synchrotron and nuclear facilities: eight for TOMCAT beamline, SLS, PSI and one for NEUTRA beamline, SINQ, PSI (Villigen, Switzerland), one for SYRMEP beamline, Elettra (Basovizza, Italy), one for ID19 beamline, ESRF (Grenoble, France), and two for GSECARS beamline, APS (Argonne, IL, US) [all combined proposals: US\$ 920,000] Role: PI

Instructional grants with PI, co-PI, or Mentor role (> 100,000 in bold) _____

- 2025 *Global Citizenship Cluster - Natural Hazards and Critical Metals: Geology as the Answer to Climate Crisis and Geopolitical Concerns*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- MAGMA MIA! Understanding active volcanoes with modern petrology*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- 2024 *4D PETROLAB: The Art of Grinding and Polishing Geomaterials*, Teaching Enhancement and Innovation Fund [US\$ 3,000] Role: PI

- Global Citizenship Cluster - Natural Hazards and Critical Metals: Geology as the Answer to Climate Crisis and Geopolitical Concerns*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- MAGMA MIA! Understanding active volcanoes with modern petrology*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- 2023 First-Year Odyssey Teaching Award, University of Georgia [US\$ 2,500] Role: PI
- Global Citizenship Cluster - Natural Hazards and Critical Metals: Geology as the Answer to Climate Crisis and Geopolitical Concerns*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- 2022 *Lilly Teaching Fellowship*, UGA Center For Teaching & Learning [US\$ 2,000] Role: PI
- Studies of Hazards (SHAZARDS) in Geology*, GradFIRST Seminar Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- MAGMA MIA! Understanding active volcanoes with modern petrology*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- Journey into the Earth's interior: exploring the origin, architecture, and dynamics of continents*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- Flow or blow? Understanding the physics of gas accumulation leading to explosive volcanic eruptions through experiential learning in lab and class with a gas pycnometer*, UGA Learning Technologies Grant [US\$ 18,470] Role: PI
- 2021 *Replicating minerals to volcanoes by 3D printing technology: bringing 3D geology across scales into the classroom and in the field*, UGA Learning Technologies Grant [US\$ 9,984] Role: PI
- MAGMA MIA! Understanding active volcanoes with modern petrology*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,500] Role: PI
- Writing Fellows*, UGA – Center for Teaching and Learning [US\$ 1,000] Role: PI
- Faculty Interest Group*, UGA – Center for Teaching and Learning [US\$ 1,000] Role: PI
- 2020 *MAGMA MIA! Understanding active volcanoes with modern petrology*, First-Year Odyssey Program, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 3,842] Role: PI
- Rock Digitalization for Optical Microscopy*, UGA – Franklin College of Arts & Science [US\$ 1,147] Role: PI
- 4D PETROLAB: A New Digital Frontier for Learning Optical Microscopy of Geological Materials in 3D Space and Real-Time*, UGA Learning Technologies Grant [US\$ 24,263] Role: PI

Articles:

2025

Pistone M, Toy VG, Ofman MW, Formo E, Robyr M (2025) Can pseudotachylytes form via fracture-induced decompression melting under hydrous conditions?. *Tektonika*, 3, 58-80, <https://doi.org/10.55575/tektonika2025.3.2.64>

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Experimental, analytical, and computational experience

Experimental Facilities:

HT-HP Paterson-type rock deformation apparatus; HIP large capacity apparatus; Permeameter; HT Muffle; End-Loaded Piston-Cylinder; Cold-seal Vessel; TZM and HMC vessel.

Analytical Facilities:

EPMA; FEG-EPMA; SEM; FEG-SEM; STEM; SIMS; Mössbauer Spectroscopy; XRF; XRD; KFT; CO₂-Coulometry; FTIR; Raman Spectroscopy; micro-XANES; synchrotron X-ray microtomography and laser and induction heating systems for in-situ, time-resolved HT experiments; neutron tomography.

Computational Codes:

Operative Systems: Windows; Macintosh; Linux. Public domain software: ImageJ; JMicroVision; ParaView; Blob3D; Quant3D; Perple_X; MELTS. Other codes: MATLAB; Avizo[®] Fire; Adobe.

Fieldwork experience

- 2025 Vulture, Italy: fall-out tephra and lava deposits from a variety of explosive and effusive activity
- 2024 Mt Etna, Italy: fall-out tephra from paroxysm to Plinian events and volcanic soils
- 2023 DIVE project at the drill site DT-1a in Megolo di Mezzo, Ivrea-Verbanio Zone (Italy)

- Chimborazo volcano, Ecuador: fall-out, surge, and pyroclastic flow deposits
- Lipari, Aeolian Islands (Italy): Rocche Rosse obsidian lava flow, Lami and Mt Pilato pyroclastic fall-out deposits
- 2022 Mt Etna, Italy: fall-out tephra and lava flow deposits
- Chimborazo volcano, Ecuador: fall-out, surge, and pyroclastic flow deposits
- Ivrea-Verbano Zone (Italy): ore deposits from lower to middle crust
- 2021 Graves Mountain, Georgia: metavolcanics, rutile and kyanite mine
- Ivrea-Verbano Zone (Italy): lower to middle crust and mantle rocks
- 2020 Stone Mountain, Arabia Mountain, Georgian Appalachians: granites, gneisses, migmatites
- 2018 Sondalo and Val Malenco (Italy): lower to middle crust and mantle rocks, serpentinization
- 2017 Ivrea-Verbano Zone (Italy): lower to middle crust and mantle rocks
- Cascade volcanoes (OR and WA, US): andesite to dacite volcanoes (Mt St Helens, Mt Hood, Newberry, Crater Lake), large igneous province of Columbia River
- 2015 Western Aleutians (AK, US): tholeiitic and calc-alkaline volcanic tephra and lava rocks
- St Leonhard (Austria): mid-crustal granulites and eclogites
- 2013 Guernsey (Channel Islands): granite and diorite mixing and mingling
- Cornwall (United Kingdom): porphyry ore deposits
- 2012 Torres del Paine (Chile) and Fitz Roy (Argentina): pluton mechanics and contact aureole
- Lipari, Aeolian Islands (Italy): Rocche Rosse obsidian lava flow
- 2010 Mono Crater, Onion Valley, Sawmill Creek, Big and Little Glass Mountain, Mount Shasta, Sierra Nevada (CA, US): mid- and upper crustal granitoid plutons to silica-rich volcanic domes
- 2009 Tenerife and La Palma, Canary Islands (Spain): caldera-forming ignimbrite and lava flow deposits
- Adamello Massif (Italy): pluton emplacement, magma mingling, and contact aureole
- 2007 Somma-Vesuvius (Italy): fallout pumice deposits of Avellino Plinian Eruption
- Monte Nuovo, Phlegrean Fields (Italy): phreatomagmatic to magmatic eruption style deposits