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**EDUCATION**

B.S. AERONAUTICAL AND ASTRONAUTICAL ENGINEERING *December 1993*  
(Emphasis on structures and dynamics)  
Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

Ph.D. MARINE GEOLOGY & GEOPHYSICS *June 2000*  
(Emphasis on light emission mechanisms and ocean optics)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Woods Hole Cambridge, MA  
Oceanographic Institution Joint Program in Oceanography Woods Hole, MA

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

SENIOR ENGINEER *January 2010–present*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dept. of Applied Ocean Physics & Engineering

ASSISTANT SCIENTIST *January 2005–January 2010*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dept. of Applied Ocean Physics & Engineering

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW *January 2002–December 2004*  
Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Dept. of Research and Development

POST-DOCTORAL INVESTIGATOR *January 2001–December 2001*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dept. of Applied Ocean Physics & Engineering

GUEST INVESTIGATOR *August 2000–January 2001*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dept. of Applied Ocean Physics & Engineering

POST-DOCTORAL INVESTIGATOR *May 2000–July 2000*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dept. of Geology & Geophysics

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT *June 1994–April 2000*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dept. of Geology & Geophysics

**ENGINEERING WORK EXPERIENCE**

Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Moss Landing, CA

Project Manager for the Precision Underwater Positioner *July 2002–December 2003*

— directing a team of eight (including MEs, EEs, SEs, and an external consultant) in developing a precision underwater positioner to be used on ROVs in the deep ocean.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Development of *in situ* instrumentation for making geochemical measurements in the deep ocean (particularly at hydrothermal vent sites); primarily interested in optical techniques such as Raman spectroscopy and visible reflectance spectroscopy. Development and operations of ocean observing platforms and systems; and integration of sensor suites.

## AWARDS/HONORS

MBARI Post-doctoral Fellowship, 2002-2004  
Tau Beta Pi – National Engineering Honor Society, 1993

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	1990–1996
American Geophysical Union	1994–present
IEEE	2005–present
Society for Applied Spectroscopy	2006–present

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### WHOI

<i>In Situ</i> Sensors Group Organizer	2005–2008
WHOI Women’s Committee	2005–2007
AOPE Safety Committee	2006–2009
WHOI Diversity Committee	2007–2009

### Outside WHOI

ORION SENSORS COMMITTEE	2006–2008
Reviewer for <i>Talanta</i> and <i>Experiments in Fluids, Optics Express, Marine Chemistry</i> and NSF-OTIC, NSF-Antarctic Organisms & Ecosyst.	

## PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

<i>Principles of Oceanographic Instrument Systems</i> (MIT 2.688)	Spring 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008;
Guest lecture on Chemical Sensors	Fall 2009
<i>Environmental Chemistry and Sensors in Cape Cod Bay</i> (MIT 12.097)	January 2006
MIT undergraduate IAP course, co-taught with Liz Kujawinski (WHOI), Franz Hover (MIT)	
<i>Communicating Ocean Sciences</i> (MIT 12.754)	Spring 2008
MIT/WHOI Joint Program course, co-taught with Lauren Mullineaux	
<i>Fundamentals of Engineering Design: Explore Space, Sea, Earth</i> (MIT 2.00AJ)	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Guest lecture on ocean exploration	
<i>Oceanography</i> (Lafayette College, GEOL 205)	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Guest lecture on hydrothermal systems, ocean technology and ocean exploration	
<i>Chair of Thesis Committee</i>	July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Anna Michel	

## SUPERVISION AT WHOI

Svetlana Morozova (Cornell)	December 2009–January 2010, June-July 2010
<i>Engineer Assistant II</i>	
Kaitlyn McCartney (MIT)	June–August 2008
<i>WHOI Summer Student Fellow</i>	
John A. “Chip” Breier	October 2006–October 2008
<i>NSF RIDGE 2000 Post-doctoral Fellow</i>	
Abitha Murugesu (LSU)	May–August 2006
<i>WHOI Summer Student Fellow</i>	

## CRUISE PARTICIPATION

Shipboard scientist on six research cruises to investigate mid-ocean ridge hydrothermal systems using manned submersibles and an unmanned tethered vehicle. Deployed instruments to measure ambient light at vents for thesis research; participated as a scientific observer on eight *DSV Alvin* dives.

August/September 1995	<i>DSVSS Laney Chouest (DSV Sea Cliff)</i>	Juan de Fuca Ridge
April 1996	<i>R/V Atlantis II (DSV Alvin)</i>	9°N East Pacific Rise
November/December 1997	<i>R/V Atlantis (DSV Alvin)</i>	9°N East Pacific Rise
June/July 1998	<i>R/V Atlantis (DSV Alvin)</i>	Juan de Fuca Ridge
June 2000	<i>R/V Atlantis (DSV Alvin)</i>	Juan de Fuca Ridge
July 2001	<i>R/V Atlantis (DSV Alvin)</i>	Mid-Atlantic Ridge

Shipboard scientist on multiple ROV research cruises to investigate processes related to CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration and gas hydrates, and to develop a laser Raman spectrometer and precision underwater positioner for making *in situ* measurements in the deep sea.

February 19/20, 2002	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
March 4, 2002	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
April 1-5, 2002	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Monterey Bay
April 16-20, 2002	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Monterey Bay
April 29-May 2, 2002	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Monterey Bay
June 12/13, 2002	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
August 22/23, 2002	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
October 16, 2002	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
December 11-13, 2002	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Monterey Bay
April 21-May 11, 2003	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Gulf of California
August 20-22/25, 2003	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
November 5/7/10, 2003	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana) – Chief Sci.</i>	Monterey Bay
December 16-18, 2003	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon) – Chief Sci.</i>	Monterey Bay
July 15-25, 2004	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Gorda, Hydrate Ridges
September 27/28, 2004	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana) – Chief Sci.</i>	Monterey Bay
October 5/6, 2005	<i>R/V Point Lobos (ROV Ventana)</i>	Monterey Bay
November 17-21, 2005	<i>R/V Western Flyer (ROV Tiburon)</i>	Monterey Bay

Shipboard scientist on ROV research cruise to investigate hydrothermal vent processes and biological communities.

May 16-June 8, 2009	<i>R/V Thompson (ROV Jason)</i>	Lau Basin
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## PAPERS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

White, S. N., A. D. Chave, and J. H. Filloux, A look at galvanic distortion in the Tasman Sea and the Juan de Fuca Plate, *J. Geomag. Geoelectr.*, 49:1373-1386, 1997.

White, S. N., S. E. Humphris, and M. C. Kleinrock, New observations on the distribution of past and present hydrothermal activity in the TAG area of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (26°08' N), *Mar. Geophys. Res.*, 20:41-56 (and Erratum 20:139), 1998.

- White, S. N., A. D. Chave, G. T. Reynolds, E. J. Gaidos, J. A. Tyson, and C. L. Van Dover, Variations in ambient light emission from black smokers and flange pools on the Juan de Fuca Ridge, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 27: 1151-1154, 2000.
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- Brewer, P. G., G. Malby, J. D. Pasteris, S. N. White, E. T. Peltzer, B. Wopenka, J. Freeman, and M. O. Brown, Development of a laser Raman spectrometer for deep-ocean science, *Deep Sea Res. I*, 51, 10.1016/j.dsr.2003.11.005, 2004.
- Pasteris, J. D., B. Wopenka, J. Freeman, P. G. Brewer, S. N. White, E. T. Peltzer, G.E. Malby, Raman spectroscopy in the deep ocean: successes and challenges, *Appl. Spectrosc.*, 58 (7), 195A-208A, 2004.
- White, S. N., W. J. Kirkwood, A. D. Sherman, M. O. Brown, R. Henthorn, K. Salamy, P. Walz, E. T. Peltzer, and P. G. Brewer, Development and deployment of a precision underwater positioning system for *in situ* laser Raman spectroscopy in the deep ocean, *Deep Sea Res.*, 52: 2376-2389, 2005.
- Hester, K. C., S. N. White, E. T. Peltzer, P. G. Brewer, and E. D. Sloan, Raman spectroscopic measurements of synthetic gas hydrates in the ocean, *Mar. Chem.*, 98, 304-314, 2006.
- White, S. N., P. G. Brewer, and E. T. Peltzer, Determination of gas bubble fractionation in the deep ocean by laser Raman spectroscopy, *Mar. Chem.*, 99, 12-23, 2006.
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- White, S. N., Laser Raman spectroscopy as a technique for identification of seafloor hydrothermal and cold seep minerals, *Chem. Geol.*, 259, 240-252, 2009.
- Moore, C., A. Barnard, P. Fietzek, M. R. Lewis, H. M. Sosik, S. N. White, O. Zelinski, Optical tools for ocean monitoring and research, *Ocean Sci.*, 5, 661-684, 2009.
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- Breier, J. A., C. R. Rauch, K. McCartney, B. M. Toner, S. Fakra, S. N. White, and C. R. German, A suspended-particle rosette multi-sampler for discrete biogeochemical sampling in low-particle-density waters, *Deep Sea Res. I*, 56, 1579-1589, 2009.
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- White, S. N., Qualitative and Quantitative analysis of CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> dissolved in water and seawater using Laser Raman Spectroscopy, *Appl. Spec.*, 64, 819-827, 2010.

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- White, S. N., and A. D. Chave, ALISS in Wonderland, *Oceanus*, 41:14-17, 1998.
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- White, S. N., P. G. Brewer, and W. J. Kirkwood, Raman instrumentation for deep sea *in-situ* analyses: design and implementation of the Deep Ocean Raman *In Situ* Spectrometer with the Precision Underwater Positioner, *Sea Technology*, vol. 47, no. 2, 17-26, 2006.

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- White, S. N., A. D. Chave, and J. H. Filloux, Large scale MT distortion: a comparison of the Tasman Sea and the Juan de Fuca Plate, *Eos Trans. AGU*, 76, F168, 1995.
- W. K. Stewart, White, S. N., S. E. Humphris, and M. C. Kleinrock, Geotectonic setting of past and present hydrothermal activity in the TAG area of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (26° 08' N), *Eos Trans., AGU*, 77, F767-768, 1996.
- White, S. N., A. D. Chave, J. W. Bailey, C. L. Van Dover, and G. T. Reynolds, Measurements of light at hydrothermal vents, 9° N East Pacific Rise, *Eos Trans., AGU*, 77, F404, 1996.
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- White, S. N., A. D. Chave, J. W. Bailey, C. L. Van Dover, G. T. Reynolds, E. Gaidos, and J. A. Tyson, Images of ambient light at high-temperature black smokers and flange pools, Endeavour Segment, Juan de Fuca Ridge, *Eos Trans. AGU*, 79, F858, 1998.
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- Pasteris, J. D., P. G. Brewer, S. N. White, E. T. Peltzer, B. Wopenka, J. Freeman, Development of *in situ*, real-time Raman analysis of clathrate hydrates on the seafloor, *Geol. Soc. Amer. Abstracts with Programs*, 35, 534, 2003.
- Kirkwood, W. J., S. N. White, M. O. Brown, S. Jensen, R. Henthorn, K. Salamy, P. G. Brewer, and E. T. Peltzer, Development of a precision underwater positioner for *in situ* spectrographic applications, *Eos Trans. AGU*, Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract OS32A-0236, 2003.

- White, S. N., P. G. Brewer, E. T. Peltzer, W. J. Kirkwood, J. D. Pasteris, and N. Nakayama, First expeditionary deployments of the Deep Ocean Raman In Situ Spectrometer, *Eos Trans. AGU*, Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract OS32A-0235, 2003.
- Peltzer, E. T., S. N. White, R. M. Dunk, P. G. Brewer, A. D. Sherman, K. Schmidt, K. C. Hester, and E. D. Sloan, *In situ* Raman analyses of natural gas and gas hydrates at Hydrate Ridge, Oregon, *Eos Trans. AGU*, Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract OS34B-01, 2004.
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- White, S. N., R. M. Dunk, P. G. Brewer, E. T. Peltzer, A. D. Sherman, and J. J. Freeman, *In situ* Raman spectra from the Sea Cliff Hydrothermal Field (Gorda Ridge), *Eos Trans. AGU*, Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract OS43B-558, 2004.
- Breier, J. A., C. R. German, and S. N. White, Development of an optically compatible Suspended Particulate Rosette (SuPR) multi-sampler and a Raman Spectroscopy Expert Algorithm (RaSEA) for quantitative point counting and *in situ* analysis of deep-sea hydrothermal minerals, Mantle to Microbe: Integrated Studies at Oceanic Spreading Centers, Portland, OR, March 25-26, 2008.
- Gallager, S. M., A. D. York, Y. Longonje, and S. N. White, Larval shell formation: requirement for Sr may be explained by amorphous calcium carbonate as a precursor phase for aragonite, National Shellfisheries Association Meeting, Providence, RI, April 7-10, 2008.

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT MEETINGS**

- Maffei, A. R., A. D. Chave, G. Massion, S. N. White, J. Bailey, S. Lerner, A. Bradley, D. Yoerger, H. Frazier, R. Buddenberg, NEPTUNE Gigabit Ethernet Submarine Cable System, Proceedings of Oceans 2001 Conference, Honolulu, HI, November 2001.
- Kirkwood, W. J., S. N. White, M. Brown, R. Henthorn, S. Jensen, K. A. Salamy, E. T. Peltzer, P. G. Brewer, Precision underwater positioning for *in situ* laser Raman spectrographic applications, IEEE/MTS Oceans 2003, IEEE Press, San Diego, CA, September 2003.
- White, S. N., W. J. Kirkwood, A. D. Sherman, M. O. Brown, R. Henthorn, K. A. Salamy, E. T. Peltzer, P. Walz, and P. G. Brewer, Laser Raman spectroscopic instrumentation for *in situ* geochemical analyses in the deep ocean, IEEE/MTS Oceans 2004, IEEE Press, Kobe, Japan, November 2004.
- Farr, N., A. Chave, L. Freitag, J. Preisig, S. White, D. Yoerger, and P. Titterton, Optical modem technology for seafloor observatories, IEEE/MTS Oceans 2005, IEEE Press, Washington, D.C., September 2005.
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- White, S. N., Laser Raman spectroscopic analyses of dissolved gasses, IEEE/MTS Oceans 2007, IEEE Press, Vancouver, BC, September 2007.

#### **INVITED LECTURES**

- CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, DC *June 26, 2000*  
Light Emission at Deep-Sea Hydrothermal Vents
- WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION, WOODS HOLE, MA *June 12, 2003*  
A Laser Raman Spectrometer for the Deep Ocean
- UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, AVERY POINT, CT *July 17, 2003*  
Laser Raman Spectroscopy in the Deep Ocean
- SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, LA JOLLA, CA *January 24, 2008*  
Visible Reflectance & Laser Raman Spectroscopy:  
Techniques for Monitoring Ocean Processes Top to Bottom
- LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, EASTON, PA *April 17, 2009*  
Illuminating the Deep: Using Laser Raman Spectroscopy  
to Explore Seafloor Environments

#### **WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA ATTENDED**

- JUAN DE FUCA RESULTS SYMPOSIUM *November 7-9, 1999*  
RIDGE, Seattle, WA
- THE NEXT GENERATION OF IN SITU BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL SENSORS *July 13-16, 2003*  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA
- FRONTIERS IN RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY *October 28, 2004*  
ACS Western Regional Meeting, Sacramento, CA
- IEEE 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SCIENTIFIC USES OF SUBMARINE CABLES AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES *February 8-10, 2006*  
Dublin, Ireland
- ORION DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP *March 27-31, 2006*  
Salt Lake City, UT
- COMMUNICATING OCEAN SCIENCES INSTRUCTORS WORKSHOP *October 19, 2007*  
Woods Hole, MA
- OCEAN SENSORS 2008 *March 31-April 4, 2008*  
Warnemünde, Germany

#### **SHORT COURSES**

- PROJECT MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE *June 7-10, 2005*  
UCLA Extension Short Course, Dr. Arnold Ruskin  
Woods Hole, MA
- PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING *September 1-4, 2009*  
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## REFERENCES

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