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## **Professional Interests:**

The study and use of carbon isotope techniques to quantify biogeochemical processes; the study of the fate of organic matter, natural and anthropogenic, in sediments; development of techniques for analysis of oceanographic samples by AMS.

# **Education:**

B.S. Chemistry, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 1978

Ph.D. Chemical Oceanography, Joint Program in Oceanography, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution/Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Woods Hole, MA, 1986.

Thesis Title: A Study of the Remineralization of Organic Carbon in Nearshore Sediments Using Carbon Isotopes.

# **Professional Experiences:**

2002-Present	Senior Research Specialist, National Ocean Sciences Accelerator Mass Spectrometer Facility,
	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.
1993-2002	Research Specialist, National Ocean Sciences Accelerator Mass Spectrometer Facility, Woods
	Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.
1989-1993	Research Associate, National Ocean Sciences Accelerator Mass Spectrometer Facility, Woods
	Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.
1988-1989	Research Scientist, Battelle Ocean Sciences, Duxbury, MA.
1988	Visiting Investigator with Dr. Glenn A. Jones, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods
	Hole, MA.
1988	Visiting Lecturer and Post-doctoral Investigator, Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
	Cambridge, MA.
1986-1988	Visiting Investigator with Drs. Cindy Lee, Stuart Wakeham, and Ellen Druffel, Woods Hole
	Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.
1980-1986	Graduate Research Fellow, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.
1979-1980	Research Assistant, Dr. R.B. Merrifield, Rockefeller University, New York, NY.

# **Professional Memberships:**

Phi Beta Kappa, American Geophysical Union, American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi

# **Professional Activities and Invited Talks:**

Reference Materials for Ocean Sciences, committee member, Committee charged by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to recommend reference materials for ocean science studies. June 2001-December 2002.

Associate Editor, Radiocarbon

17th International Radiocarbon Conference, member of International Advisory Board, Jerusalem Israel, June 2000.
Workshop on Sample Preparation, organizer of workshop at AMS-8, the 8th International conference on Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, Vienna, Austria, September 1999.

AMS and the Ocean: Tracing Natural Processes with Rare Isotopes, session chairperson, 216<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, Boston, MA, August 1998.

Carbon in the Oceans, Scientific Coordinator and Chairperson for pre-conference workshop, 15<sup>th</sup> International Radiocarbon Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, August 1994.

Carbon cycling in coastal sediments: The use of carbon isotope ratios to investigate the oxidation of organic matter, presented at the Symposium on Organic Substances and Sediments in Water. American Chemical Society Meeting, Boston, April 1990.

The oxidation of organic carbon in marine sediments - from thermodynamics to the environment, presented to New England Association of Chemistry Teachers, 51<sup>st</sup> Summer Conference. Roger Williams College, August 1989.

## **Education Activities:**

Courses Taught -

Aquatic Chemistry and Biology Laboratory, lecture and laboratory course, MIT.

Student Supervision -

Ann Pearson, MIT/WHOI Joint Program, 1994 - 1999, co-chair, thesis committee.

Fabian Batista, Minority Summer Student Fellow/WHOI, Summer 2003.

Anne-Sophie Kremeur, Guest Student, Spring/Summer 2002.

Amy Englebrecht, MIT/WHOI Joint Program, Summer/Fall 2001.

Julia Parsons, MIT/UROP Program, Summer 2000.

Robert Ziemian, MIT/UROP Program, Summer 1999.

Emily Chen, MIT/UROP Program, Summer 1996.

Sarah O'Connor, MIT/UROP Program, Summer 1994

Annette Guy, MIT/UROP Program, Summer 1992.

Julian Sachs, MIT/WHOI Joint Program, Winter 1991.

Henrietta Edmonds, MIT/WHOI Joint Program, Summer 1991.

Catherine Lukancic, MIT/UROP Program, Summer 1991.

Numerous Tours of AMS Laboratory to classes, groups & individuals visiting WHOI. Speaker for Lawrence Middle School's Women in Science Program, March 1992.

## **Field Experience:**

1989-present Coordinate and participation in numerous cruises to Buzzards Bay, MA to collect water samples.

1988 Coordinated and participated in cruises to Boston Harbor to collect sediment samples.

1982-1986 Chief and assistant scientist on numerous cruises to collect sediment samples in Buzzards Bay

aboard WHOI's R/V Asterias.

Summer, 1980 Participated in organic geochemistry cruise from Bermuda to Woods Hole aboard R/V Oceanus.

Assisted in hydrographic sampling for carotenoid and amino acid research. Sectioned cores for

light hydrocarbon studies.

## **WHOI Committees:**

Women's Committee, (1989 - 1992).

Benefits Advisory Committee (1991 - 1992).

Geology & Geophysics Safety Committee (Chair, 1993 to 2000).

Institution Safety Committee (1995 to 2000).

MIT/WHOI Joint Program Alumni Committee, Secretary (1997-present)

Ad Hoc Safety Committee (2001)

# **Supervision (current):**

Alan Gagnon, Research Associate III (1995- present) Joanne Donoghue, Engineer II (1995-2003) Dana Stuart, Research Associate II (1997-present) Kristin Smith, Research Assistant II (2002-present) Mary Lardie, Research Assistant II (2003-present)

## **Peer - Reviewed Publications:**

- Hunt, J.M. and McNichol, A.P., 1984. The Cretaceous Austin Chalk of South Texas--A petroleum source rock. <u>In</u>: Petroleum Geochemistry and Source Rock Potential of Carbonate Rocks, J.G. Palacas, (ed.), AAPG Studies in Geology #18, 117-125.
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- Chin, Y.-P., McNichol, A.P. and Gschwend, P.M. 1991. Quantification and characterization of porewater organic colloids: <u>In</u>: *Organic Substances and Sediments in Water. Processes and Analytical*, Baker, R.A. (ed.), CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, Vol. 2:107-126.
- Rowe, G.T. and McNichol. A.P., 1991. Carbon cycling in coastal sediments, 2. Estimating remineralization in Buzzards Bay, MA -- A comment: *Geochimica et Cosmochimica*, 55, 2989-2991.
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- McNichol, A.P. and Druffel, E.R.M., 1992. Variability of the  $\delta^{13}$ C of dissolved inorganic carbon at a site in the North Pacific Ocean: *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 56:3589-3592.
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