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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Volcanism Impact Craters Lithospheric Flexure Terrestrial Planets Icy Satellites

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024–present Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgia Institute of Technology

EDUCATION

2019–2024 Ph.D. in Geological Sciences, Arizona State University
Thesis: Surface Features as a Probe into the Lithosphere: Volcanoes on Venus and Craters on Uranian Satellites

2018 B.A. in Physics, Wheaton College Massachusetts

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Chateaubriand Fellowship, Embassy of France

2022 Amelia Earhart Fellowship, Zonta International

2022 Physical Volcanology Intern, University of the Azores

2022 Graduate Excellence Award, ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2021 GSA Graduate Research Grant, Geological Society of America

2021 Honorable Mention, NSF GRFP

2021 Nininger Student Travel Award

2021-2022 Leadership Scholarship, ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association

2020–2021 Student Leader, ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2020–2021 Leadership Scholarship, ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association

2020 Patti Grace Smith Scholarship, Commercial Spaceflight Federation

2020 ASU GPSA Travel Grant

2014–2018 Trustee Scholar, Wheaton College Massachusetts

PUBLICATIONS

2025 Trussell A. R., J. G. O’Rourke, D. A. Williams, I. T.W. Flynn, B. A. Black, **M.E. Borrelli**, “The Importance of Carbonatite Lavas in Outgassing Venus’s Modern-Day Atmosphere”, *Science Advances* 11, eadw1621 (2025).
<https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adw1621>

2025 **Borrelli, M. E.**, C. Michaut., J. G. O’Rourke, “Formation of Pancake Domes on Venus as Viscous Flows Over an Elastic Lithosphere,” *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets* 130, 5. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024JE008571>

2025 **Borrelli, M. E.**, C. J. Bierson, J. G. O’Rourke, “Simple-To-Complex Crater Transition for the Uranian Satellites Ariel and Miranda,” *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets* 130, 1. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024JE008507>

2024 Ghail, R., S. E. Smrekar, **M. E. Borrelli**, P. Byrne, A. Gülcher, R. F. Garcia, R. Herrick, T. Gerya, J. G. O’Rourke, A. Davaille, E. Mulyukova, T. Rolf, I. Plesa, G.

- Shellnutt, M. Ivanov, “Volcanic and Tectonic Constraints on the Evolution of Venus,” *Space Sci Rev* 220, 36. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-024-01065-2>
- 2023 Blaske, C. H., J. G. O’Rourke, S. J. Desch, **M. E. Borrelli**, “Meteors may masquerade as lightning in the atmosphere of Venus,” *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, 128, 9. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023JE007914>.
- 2023 O’Rourke, J. G., C. F. Wilson, **M. E. Borrelli**, P. K. Byrne, C. Dumoulin, R. Ghail, A. J. P. Gülcher, S. A. Jacobson, O. Korablev, T. Spohn, M. J. Way, M. Weller, F. Westall, “Venus, the Planet: Introduction to the Evolution of Earth’s Sister Planet,” *Space Science Reviews*, 219, 10. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-023-00956-0>
- 2021 **Borrelli, M. E.**, O’Rourke, J. G., Smrekar, S. E., & Ostberg, C. M. “A global survey of lithospheric flexure at steep-sided domical volcanoes on Venus reveals intermediate elastic thicknesses”. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, 126, 7. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JE006756>
- 2020 **Borrelli, M. E.**, and Collins, G. C., “Testing the Cryovolcanism and Plate Bending Hypotheses for Charon’s Smooth Plains,” *Icarus*, doi: 10.1016/j.icarus.2020.113717

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 University of Georgia, Geology Colloquium
- 2025 Georgia Institute of Technology, Solid Earth Seminar
- 2025 Organization for Venus Early-Career Networking, Early Career Seminar
- 2024 Georgia Institute of Technology, Planetary Science & Astrobiology Seminar
- 2020 NASA New Horizons Science Team Meeting

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

- 2025 Borrelli, M. E., I. Ganesh, “Formation of Crater Outflows on Venus is not Determined by Impact Angle”, VEXAG 2025, #8009
- 2025 Borrelli, M. E., I. Ganesh, “Formation of Crater Outflows on Venus: Insights from Remote Sensing and Modeling”, LPSC 2025, #1166
- 2024 Borrelli, M. E., C. Michaut, J. G. O’Rourke, “Formation of Pancake Domes on Venus as Viscous Flows Over an Elastic Lithosphere”, Committee on Space Research 2024, #33825
- 2023 Borrelli, M. E., C. Michaut, J. G. O’Rourke, “Formation of Pancake Domes on Venus as Viscous Flows Over an Elastic Lithosphere”, Venus as a System, #8008
- 2022 Borrelli, M. E., C. J. Bierson, J. G. O’Rourke, S. M. Howell, “Using Crater Statistics to Place Constraints on Resurfacing and Historic Heat Flux of Uranian Satellites Ariel and Miranda”, AGU 2022, #1121085
- 2021 Venus Exploration Analysis Group Virtual Colloquium, *invited*
- 2021 Borrelli, M.E., J. G. O’Rourke, S. E. Smrekar, and C. M. Ostberg, “Global Survey of Pancake Domes Reveals Intermediate Elastic Thickness”, Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #1250
- 2021 Borrelli, M.E., J. G. O’Rourke, S. E. Smrekar, and C. M. Ostberg, “Global Survey of Pancake Domes Reveals Intermediate Elastic Thickness”, Volcanic and Magmatic Studies Group Conference

- 2020 Borrelli, M. E., J. G. O'Rourke, S. E. Smrekar, and C. M. Ostberg, "A Global Survey of Lithospheric Flexure and Elastic Thickness at Steep-Sided Domes on Venus", VEXAG 2020, #8042

CONTRIBUTED POSTERS

- 2023 Borrelli, M. E., C. Michaut, J. G. O'Rourke, "Formation of Pancake Domes on Venus as Viscous Flows Over an Elastic Lithosphere", AGU 2023, #1286722
- 2022 Borrelli, M.E., D. A. Williams, J. G. O'Rourke, Investigating the Formation of Lava Channels on Venus with New Models and New Topography, LPSC 2022, #1699
- 2022 Borrelli, M. E., C. J. Bierson, J. G. O'Rourke, Crater Statistics on Ariel and Miranda Using Newly Processed Imagery and Topography, LPSC 2022, #1649
- 2021 Borrelli, M. E., D. A. Williams, J. G. O'Rourke, Investigating the Formation of Lava Channels on Venus with New Models and New Topography, VEXAG 2021, #8014
- 2020 Borrelli, M. E., J. G. O'Rourke, S. E. Smrekar, and C. M. Ostberg, "Lithospheric Thickness and Heat Flow on Venus: Results from a Global Survey of Flexure at Steep-Sided Domes", AGU Fall Meeting, #742176
- 2020 Borrelli, M. E., J. G. O'Rourke, and S. E. Smrekar, "Venus: Are Elastic Thicknesses Inferred at Coronae Globally Representative?", Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2580
- 2018 Borrelli, M. E. and Collins, G. C., "Testing the Cryovolcanism Hypothesis for Vulcan Planum, Charon," Cryovolcanism Workshop, Lunar and Planetary Science Institute
- 2018 Borrelli, M. E. and Collins, G. C., "Volcanism in Vulcan Planum: Topographic Tests for the Emplacement of Smooth Plains on Charon," Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, #2874

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2025 Planetary Science Summer School, JPL, Pasadena, California. Role: Objective Lead
- 2022 Culturally Inclusive Planetary Engagement Workshop, Planetary ReaCH (Resources and Content Heroes), Hosted by the Lunar and Planetary Institute at ASU, Tempe, Arizona
- 2021 Venus: Evolution Through Time Workshop, International Space Science Institute, Bern, Switzerland
- 2018 Cryovolcanism in the Solar System Workshop, Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, Texas

TEACHING, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND POLICY

- 2025-present NASA Review Panelist
Served as a panelist to assess proposals to LDAP and MDAP
- 2023-present Reviewer
Provided reviews for manuscripts submitted to Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets and Icarus
- Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant, Geology 103, Prof. Christy Till

Answered student questions, adjusted grades, and assisted online students in a class with primarily non-majors
 Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology, Prof. Teresa Ashcraft
Created study materials and assisted ~700 online students in a class with both majors and non-majors

Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant, Solar System Astronomy, Prof. Jacqueline Monkiewicz
Held office hours and assisted ~400 online students in a class with both majors and non-majors

2021-2022 Chief of Staff, ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association
Assisted the President in implementing the Advocacy Agenda, and managed the three directors comprising the GPSA Public Relations Team

Fall 2021 Field Assistant, SSERVI Toolbox for Research and Exploration (TREX)
Assisted the TREX team on two field studies in Arizona. Prepared equipment (UV, NIR, X-ray spectrometers), and assisted in taking measurements

2020–2021 Director of Advocacy, ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association
Advocated for institutional-level changes on behalf of the graduate student community to both administration and federal legislators

2020–2021 Secretary, SESE Graduate Council
Elected to serve as a liaison between graduate students and department faculty and administration

2020–2021 Graduate Student Peer Mentor, SESE
Provided support and mentorship to a first-year graduate student

2020-2021 Co-founder and facilitator, Facilitators for Inclusion
Ran peer-led workshops on bystander intervention. This program was awarded a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Seed Grant

2020–2021 Instructor and Course Designer, SESE Prison Education Program
Created and implemented curricula on geology and planetary science for incarcerated individuals at Eyman State Prison

Fall 2020, 2019 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Geology, Prof. Julia Johnson
Taught laboratory sessions and graded assignments for three laboratory sections of ~30 students each

Summer 2020 ASU Sexual Violence Prevention Leadership Program
Participated in a workshop focused on gaining leadership skills and sexual harassment intervention/prevention techniques

Summer 2017 Lloyd V. Berkner Space Policy Intern, Space Studies Board, National Academy of Sciences
Wrote highlights on SSB reports for wide distribution, provided meeting minutes for the Planetary Science Decadal Survey Midterm Review