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Hydrogeologist, specializing in mathematical modeling of subsurface and surficial processes, including fluid migration within sedimentary basins, chemical interactions between fluids and sediments, environmental aspects of aqueous geochemistry, and geomicrobiology. Background in transport theory, study of multicomponent chemical reactions, microbial geochemistry, isotopes, clay mineralogy and shale petrology, and optical phenomena.

Education

University of Illinois, 9/82–1/85, Ph.D. Geology.
The Pennsylvania State University, 9/80–6/82, Geosciences.
Dartmouth College, 9/75–12/79, A.B. Earth Sciences, with Distinction.

Professional Experience

CEO, Aqueous Solutions LLC, 8/11–present.
Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, 7/12–present.
Specially Appointed Professor, Hokkaido University, 9/15–present.
Consulting Professor, Stanford University, 7/12–7/15.
Ralph E. Grim Professor, University of Illinois, 8/07–6/12.
Visiting Professor, Geological and Environmental Sciences, Stanford University, 8/10–7/12.
Visiting Professor, Centre for Water Research, Univ. of Western Australia, Perth, 6/05–1/06.
Professor, *Académie des Sciences*, Paris, 9/94–8/95.
Professor of Geology, University of Illinois, 8/92–6/12.
Associate Professor of Geology, University of Illinois, 8/87–8/92.
Visiting Professor, *Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris*, Fontainebleau, France, 9/90–8/91.
Adjunct Professor, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, 11/86–8/02.
Assistant Professor of Geology, University of Illinois, 1/85–7/87.
Lecturer, University of Illinois, 8/84–1/85.
Geologist, ARCO Oil and Gas Co., Summer 1983.
Geologist, Exxon Production Research Co. and Exxon Minerals Co., Summers 1980 and 1981.

Awards and Honors

National and International

M. King Hubbert Award, National Ground Water Association, 2011.
Cox Fellowship, Stanford University, 2010–2011, 2011–2012.
Environmental Geoscience Research Award, American Assoc. Petroleum Geologists, 2006.
Gledden Fellowship, University of Western Australia, 2005.
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2003.
Professorship, *Académie des Sciences*, Paris, 1994.
Fellow, Geological Society of America, 1993.

O.E. Meinzer Award, Geological Society of America, 1992.
Waldemar Lindgren Award, Society of Economic Geologists, 1987.
Presidential Young Investigator Award, White House, 1986.
Shell Faculty Career Fellow, 1986–89.
Best Student Paper Award, Clay Minerals Society, 1984.
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, 1980–83.

Campus

Cited for Excellence in Teaching, University of Illinois, 1985; 1987; 1993; 1994; 1996; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008; 2009; 2010, 2011.
Richard and Margaret Romano Professorial Scholar, 2005–2008.
Fellow, Faculty Study in a Second Discipline (Microbiology), 1999.
Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, 1998.
Beckman Associate, Center for Advanced Study, 1988–89.
Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, 1983; Sigma Xi, 1984.
Upham Prize for undergraduate research, Dartmouth College, 1979.

Supervision

M.S. students (did not continue for Ph.D.): Melinda Ylagan (née Legg), Theresa Fritzel (née Beckman), Kurt Larson, Melinda Tidrick, Matthew Kirk, Brent Olson, Peter Berger, Man Jae Kwon, Meng Lei, Dong Ding, Derik Strattan, Matt Kyrias, Brian Farrell.

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Patents

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Books

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Journal Articles

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Flynn, T.M., R.A. Sanford, H. Ryu, C.M. Bethke, A.D. Levine, N.J. Ashbolt and J.W. Santo Domingo, 2013, Functional microbial diversity explains groundwater chemistry in a pristine aquifer. *BMC Microbiology*, **13**, doi:10.1186/1471-2180-13-146.

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Bethke, C.M., R.A. Sanford, M.F. Kirk, Q. Jin and T.M. Flynn, 2011, The thermodynamic ladder in geomicrobiology. *American Journal of Science*, **311**, 183–210. [\[pdf\]](#)

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