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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles** 2016  
Geology  
Dissertation: “Tectonic Evolution of the Northeastern Tibetan Plateau”  
Committee: An Yin, Craig Manning, T. Mark Harrison, and Yongwei Sheng
- B.S. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY** 2011  
Science of Earth Systems - Geologic Sciences,  
*magna cum laude* with Distinction in Research  
Honors Thesis: “Late Cenozoic Volcanism in the Hövsgöl Rift Basin: Source, Genesis,  
and Evolution of Intraplate Volcanism in Mongolia”  
Adviser: Christopher Andronicos

**Field Camps:** Field Mapping and Geology of the Central Andes (Argentina); Frontiers Abroad  
New Zealand Field Mapping

**Research interests:** Structural geology, continental deformation, geologic mapping, regional tectonics with emphasis on Asia and Cordillera, geochronology, thermochronology, metamorphic petrology, active tectonics, and analogue modeling.

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Assistant Professor, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2016 Instructor, Black Hills Natural Science Field Station, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- 2011-2016 Research/Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- GEOL 451: Summer Field Camp (UNR) – Summer 2017  
GEOL 260: Introductory Field Geology (UNR) – Spring 2017  
GEOL 410: Field geology (SDSMT) – Summer 2016  
EPS 121: Summer field camp (UCLA; TA) – Summer 2012, 2014, and 2015  
EPS 16: Major Events in the History of Life (UCLA; TA) – Winter 2014 and 2015  
EPS 112: Structural Geology (UCLA; TA) – Fall 2013, Spring 2013, and Fall 2014  
ESS 13: Natural Disasters (UCLA; Grader) – Winter 2012  
EAS 3050: Climate Dynamics (Cornell; Grader) – Fall 2010  
Naturalist Outreach Practicum: Local fossils and geology (Cornell; Lecturer) – 2009

## **RESEARCH GRANTS/AWARDS**

- 2017 New Scholarly Endeavor Grant: “What Can a Tilted Pluton Tell Us about Basin and Range Extension?” (UNR)
- 2017 Structural Mapping around Wells, NV, and Implications for Geothermal Exploration (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)
- 2015 Dissertation Year Fellowship (UCLA)
- 2014 Office of Instructional Development Mini-Grant (UCLA)
- 2014 Graduate Division (AGEP) Professional Development Award (UCLA)
- 2013 East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes China Fellow (NSF)
- 2013 Office of Instructional Development Mini-Grant (UCLA)
- 2011 Chancellor’s Prize (UCLA)
- 2011 Chester Buchanan Memorial Award (Cornell)
- 2011 Academic Excellence Award in the Science of Earth Systems major (Cornell)
- 2010 Engineering Learning Initiatives (Cornell)
- 2010 Keck-ExxonMobil Enhanced grant (Keck)
- 2010 Keck Geology Undergraduate Research (Keck)

## **SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Primary convener for AGU Fall Meeting session “Linking crustal deformation at multiple temporal and spatial scales in the Himalayan-Tibetan collisional orogen” (2017)
- Early Career Geoscience Faculty workshop - Association of Geoscience Teachers (2017)
- Nevada Petroleum and Geothermal Society Student Research Grant Committee (2017)
- Reviewer and editor of NBMG Report 56: “Geology and Geophysics of White Pine and Lincoln Counties, Nevada, and Adjacent Parts of Nevada and Utah: The Geologic Framework of Regional Groundwater Flow Systems.” 146 pp., 4 plates (2017)
- UNR Graduate Student Association Fall Poster Symposium judge (2016)
- Earth Science Week Open House and Fieldtrip leader (2016)
- Field Conference: Tectonic Evolution of the North American Cordillera organizer (2015-2016)
- Fiat lux seminars (UCLA) organizer (2012-2015)
- Reviewer for Tectonophysics and EPSL (since 2013), Nature Scientific Reports (since 2016), Geology (since 2016), Marine and Petroleum Geology (since 2016), Journal of Geophysical Research (2017), and Tectonics (2017)
- Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences Colloquium (UCLA) coordinator (2013)

## **MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS**

- Geological Society of America – 2010 to present
- American Geophysical Union – 2011 to present
- Geological Society of Nevada – 2016 to present
- Nevada Petroleum and Geothermal Society – 2017

## **PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS**

### *Published papers*

9. **Zuza, A. V.**, and Yin, A., accepted, Balkatach hypothesis: A new model for the evolution of the Pacific, Tethyan, and Paleo-Asian oceanic domains: Geosphere.
8. Wu, C., **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., Liu, C., Reith, R. C., Zhang, J., Liu, W., and Zhou, Z., 2017, Geochronology and geochemistry of Neoproterozoic granitoids in the central Qilian Shan

of northern Tibet: Reconstructing the Amalgamation Processes and Tectonic History of Asia: Lithosphere, in press.

7. Wu, C., Wang, B., Zhou, Z., Wang, G., **Zuza, A. V.**, Liu, C., Jiang, T., Liu, W., and Ma, S., 2017, The relationship between magma and mineralization in Chaobuleng iron polymetallic deposit, Inner Mongolia: *Gondwana Research*, v. 45, p. 228-253.
6. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., Lin, J., Sun, M., 2017, Spacing and strength of active continental strike-slip faults: *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, v. 457, p. 49-62.
5. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., 2016, Continental deformation accommodated by non-rigid passive bookshelf faulting: An example from the Cenozoic tectonic development of northern Tibet: *Tectonophysics*, v. 677-678, p. 227-240.
4. **Zuza, A. V.**, Cheng, X., Yin, A., 2016, Testing models of Tibetan Plateau formation with Cenozoic shortening estimates across the Qilian Shan-Nan Shan thrust belt: *Geosphere*, v. 12, no. 2, p. 501-532.
3. Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, Pappalardo, R. T., 2016, Mechanics of evenly spaced strike-slip faults and its implications for the formation of tiger-stripe fractures on Saturn's moon Enceladus: *Icarus*, v. 266, p. 204-216.
2. Wu, C., Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, Zhang, J., Liu, W., Ding, L., 2016, Pre-Cenozoic Geologic History of the Central and Northern Tibetan Plateau and the Role of Wilson Cycles in Constructing the Tethyan Orogenic System: *Lithosphere*, v. 8, no. 3, p. 254-292.
1. Gao, R., Wang, H., Yin, A., Kang, Z., **Zuza, A. V.**, Li, W., Xiong, X., 2013, Tectonic Development of the northeastern Tibetan Plateau as constrained by high-resolution deep seismic-reflection data: *Lithosphere*, v. 5, no. 6, p. 555-574.

*Manuscripts in revision or review*

4. Zhang, Y., Zhang, J., Chen, X., and **Zuza A. V.**, in review, Early Paleozoic Tectonic Setting of the Xiangshan Group in the eastern Hexi Corridor, NW China: Constraints from chert geochemistry and sedimentary analysis: *Gondwana Research*.
3. Li, B., Chen, X., **Zuza, A. V.**, Hu, D., Huang, P., and Xu, S., in review, Cenozoic cooling history of the North Qilian Shan, northern Tibetan Plateau, and middle Miocene initiation of the Haiyuan fault: Constraints from apatite- and zircon-fission track thermochronology: *Lithosphere*.
2. **Zuza, A. V.**, and Carlson, C. W., in revision, What can strike-slip fault spacing tell us about the plate boundary of western North America?: *Geophysical Research Letters*.
1. **Zuza, A. V.**, Wu, C., Reith R. C., Yin, A., Li, J., Zhang, J., Zhang, Y., Wu, L., and Liu, W., in revision, Tectonic evolution of the Qilian Shan: A Paleozoic orogen reactivated in the Cenozoic: *Geological Society of America Bulletin*.

*Non-peer reviewed works: theses and fieldtrip guides*

4. Koehler, R. D., **Zuza, A. V.**, Faulds, J. E., 2016, A River Runs Through It—Geology along the Truckee River Valley from Reno to Pyramid Lake: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Education Series Fieldtrip Guide, E-59, 19 pp.
3. **Zuza, A. V.**, 2016, Tectonic Evolution of the Northeastern Tibetan Plateau [Ph.D. Dissertation]: University of California, Los Angeles, 521 pp.
2. **Zuza, A. V.**, 2011, Late Cenozoic Volcanism in the Hövsgöl Rift Basin: Source, Genesis, and Evolution of Intraplate Volcanism in Mongolia [B.S. Honor Thesis]: Cornell University, 31 pp.

1. **Zuza, A.**, Bat-Erdence, A., 2011, Late Cenozoic Volcanism in the Hvsgl Rift Basin: Source, Genesis, and Evolution of Intraplate Volcanism in Mongolia, in Keck Geology Consortium Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Keck Research Symposium in Geology, edited by Varga, R. J., p. 272-280.

#### **ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

##### *Oral Presentations*

12. **Zuza\***, **A. V.**, 2017, Tectonic evolution of the Qilian Shan, North Tibet: Some Paleozoic and Cenozoic perspectives: Seminar, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, Beijing, China, August 2017.
11. **Zuza\***, **A. V.**, 2016, Testing Tibetan Plateau formation models: Insights from the Qilian Shan-Nan Shan thrust belt: University of Nevada, Reno, NV, March 2016.
10. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., Wu, C., 2015, The Neoproterozoic-Paleozoic tectonic history of the Qilian Shan and its control on the development of the Tibetan Plateau's northern margin: GSA Abstracts with Programs, v.47, n. 7.
9. Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, Lin, J., 2015, Strike-slip Fault Spacing and Insights into Continental Tectonics: Seismology-tectonics seminar, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015.
8. **Zuza\***, **A. V.**, 2015, Cenozoic tectonic evolution of the northeastern Tibetan Plateau: Insights from the Qilian Shan thrust belt: Caltech Geology Club Seminar, Pasadena, CA.
7. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., 2014, Initial and Boundary Conditions for the Evolution of the Central Asian Orogenic System (CAOS): The Balkatach Hypothesis: GSA Abstracts with Programs, v. 46, n. 6, p.789
6. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., 2013, Ductile bookshelf faulting: A new kinematic model for Cenozoic deformation in northern Tibet: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts, v. 1, p. 2.
5. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., 2013, Testing the TWINS hypothesis: Were Greater North China and Laurentia linked in the Archean and Proterozoic?: GSA Abstracts with Programs, v. 45, n. 7, p. 463.
4. **Zuza, A. V.**, Zhang, Y., Wu, C., Gao, R., Yin, A., Liu, W., 2013, Tectonic history of the Tibetan Plateau: Insights from the Qilian Shan-Nan Shan thrust belt: EAPSI ceremony, Beijing, China, August 2013.
3. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., 2013, The Greater China: A Sequential Palinspastic Reconstruction through the Phanerozoic: GSC-GSA Joint Meeting, Chengdu, China, June 2013.
2. **Zuza\***, **A. V.**, Reith, R. C., 2012, Tectonic Evolution of the Qilian Shan in Northern Tibet: A Paleozoic Orogen Reactivated in the Cenozoic: Seismology-tectonics seminar, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, October 2012.
1. **Zuza, A.**, Andronicos, C. L., Kay, S. M., 2011, Late Cenozoic Volcanism in the Hvsgl Rift Basin: Source, Genesis, and Evolution of Intraplate Volcanism in Mongolia: Keck Geology Consortium, Schenectady, New York, April 2011.

\*Indicates invited talk or colloquium seminar

##### *Poster Presentations*

13. **Zuza, A. V.**, Li, B., Tremblay, M. M., Chen, X., Shuster, D. L., and Yin, A., 2016, Cenozoic Development of the Northern Tibetan Plateau and the Onset of Thrust and Strike-slip Faulting: Constraints from Apatite and Zircon (U-Th)/He and Fission-Track Thermochronometry: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.

12. Wu, C., Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, Liu, W., 2015, U-Pb zircon geochronology from the basement of the Central Qilian Shan: Implications for tectonic evolution of northeastern Tibetan Plateau: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
11. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., Lin, J., 2015, The stress shadow effect: a mechanical analysis of the evenly-spaced parallel strike-slip faults in the San Andreas fault system: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
10. Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, Pappalardo, R., 2015, The Stress Shadowing Effect of the Tiger-stripe Fractures on Saturn's Moon Enceladus: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
9. Lin, J., **Zuza, A.V.**, Yin, A., 2015, Quantifying the Relationship between Strike-slip Fault Spacing and Brittle Crust Thickness in Continental Settings based on Sandbox Experiments: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts.
8. Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, 2015, Spacing of the Tiger-stripe Fractures on Saturn's Moon Enceladus: A Mechanical Model and its Implications for the Ice-shell Thickness of the South Polar Terrain: JPL-UCLA Planetary Science Workshop, Los Angeles, CA, May 2015.
7. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., Li, Jianhua, 2014, Deciphering the coupled Paleozoic and Cenozoic tectonic history of the Qilian Shan, northeastern Tibetan Plateau: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts, v. 1, p. 4563.
6. **Zuza, A. V.**, Reith, R. C., Yin, A., Dong, S., Liu, W., Zhang, Y., Wu, C., 2013, Structural and tectonic framework of the Qilian Shan-Nan Shan thrust belt, northeastern Tibetan Plateau: Acta Geologica Sinica (English Edition), v. 87, n. s1, p. 1-3.
5. **Zuza, A. V.**, Yin, A., Reith, R. C., Dong, S., Liu, W., Wu, C., Wu, L., Gong, J., Zhang, J., 2012, Cenozoic tectonic development of the Qilian Shan-Nan Shan (northeastern Tibetan Plateau): A preliminary synthesis: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts, v. 1, p. 2635.
4. Reith, R. C., Yin, A., **Zuza, A. V.**, Dong, S., Liu, W., Wu, C., Wu, L., Gong, J., Zhang, J., 2012, Structural framework of the Cenozoic Qilian Shan-Nan Shan thrust belt, northeastern Tibetan Plateau: AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts, v. 1, p. 2675.
3. **Zuza, A.**, Andronicos, C. L., Kay, S. M., 2011, Late Cenozoic Volcanism in the Hövsgöl Rift Basin: Source, Genesis, and Evolution of Intraplate Volcanism in Mongolia: Cornell Undergraduate Research Board Spring Forum, Ithaca, New York, April 2011.
2. **Zuza, A.**, Andronicos, C. L., Kay, S. M., 2011, Late Cenozoic Volcanism in the Hövsgöl Rift Basin: Source, Genesis, and Evolution of Intraplate Volcanism in Mongolia: Engineering Learning Initiatives, Ithaca, New York, April 2011.
1. Gravley, D. M., Wandres, A., Bova, S.C., House, B., Kravitz, K.A., Spera, S., Walsh, D., Windham, C.J., **Zuza, A.**, Dohaney, J., 2010, Undergraduate research projects on Mt. Doom in New Zealand: A new model for study abroad experiences: GSA Abstracts with Programs, v. 42, n. 5, p. 439.

#### **STUDENTS ADVISED**

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