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Professional appointments

Associate Professor

University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA, [August 2024 – present](#)

UMRF Professorship, University of Memphis Research Foundation

University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA, [August 2022 – August 2024](#)

Assistant Professor, Center for Earthquake Research and Information

University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA, [September 2019 – present](#)

Researcher & Lecturer, Seismological Laboratory

University of California, Santa Cruz, USA, [September 2018 – September 2019](#)

Postdoctoral Scholar, Seismological Laboratory

University of California, Santa Cruz, USA, [September 2015 – August 2018](#)

Postdoctoral Scholar, Seismological Laboratory

California Institute of Technology, USA, [August 2013 – August 2015](#)

Consultant and Technical Advisory Board Member, Induced seismicity consortium (ISC)

University of Southern California, USA, [June 2013 – December 2015](#)

Visiting positions

Visiting Scholar, University of El Salvador (UES), San Salvador, [August-December 2023](#)

DAAD Fellow, German Research Centre for Geoscience (GFZ), Potsdam, [May-July 2022](#)

Humboldt Fellow, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany, [June – December 2016](#)

Visiting Scholar, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich, [May - July 2012](#)

Visiting Scholar, German Research Centre for Geoscience (GFZ), Potsdam, [Sept. – Dec. 2010](#)

Education

August 2008 – 2013

Ph.D. Geophysics, University of Southern California

April 2005 - September 2007

B.Sc. Geological Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

October 2004 - March 2005

Applied Geophysics, Technical University – Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany (transferred, course work applied)

Teaching experience

Lecturer, University of Memphis

Honors Forum: Earthquakes in Hollywood, UNHP 1100 (Fall 2022)

Seminar in Machine Learning, CERi 8701 (Fall 2021)

Crustal Dynamics, CERi 8275 (Spring 2021, Spring 2023)

Data Analysis in Geophysics, CERI/CIVL 8104, (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
Programming Tools, CERI/CIVL 8002 (Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
Seminar in Real-time Earthquake Seismology, CERI 8701 (Spring 2025)

Lecturer, *University of California, Santa Cruz*

Earthquakes, EART11 (online), (Spring, Summer 2019)
Introduction to Scientific Computing, EART119, (Fall 2018)

Lecturer, Fall 2018 (two weeks)

‘Fricción y la física de terremotos’ (friction and earthquake mechanics), two weeks
intensive course in Spanish, *Universidad Nacional de El Salvador, Santa Ana, El Salvador*

Lecturer, Winter 2016, Summer 2017

Geomechanics and advanced seismicity analysis: Application to reservoir characterization
two-day intensive course, *University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California*
one-day intensive course, *Society of Petroleum Engineers, Bakersfield, California*

Awards and recognitions

Top Viewed Article

Wiley, Geophysical Research Letters, “Fault roughness promotes aftershock-like clustering in the lab”, top viewed article among work published in GRL between 1/1/2023 and 12/31/2023, up to 12 months after publication

PI Millionaire Achievement Award

University of Memphis, February 22nd, 2024

Early Tenure

University of Memphis, February 2024 (effective 09/2024)

Tigers Ascending to Excellence Award

University of Memphis, August 2023

Eos Research Spotlight

GRL article: “Fault roughness promotes aftershock-like clustering in the lab” selected as
AGU Research Spotlight

DAAD Fellowship

GFZ-Potsdam, Germany, May - July 2022

NSF Early Career Award

National Science Foundation, 2022-2026

Editor’s Citation for Excellence in Refereeing

Journal of Geophysical Research, American Geophysical Union 2017

Humboldt Fellow

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany, June - December 2016

Alien of Extraordinary Ability in Science (O-1 green card)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, April 13th, 2015

Think-Swiss Research Fellowship

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH-Zürich), May - July 2012 (2 months)

Best Student Presentation Award

Seismological Society of America, Annual Meeting, April, 2011

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Department of Earth Sciences, University of Southern California, Spring 2010

Publications

Since 2012, I have published 43 peer-reviewed articles and 2 extended abstracts.

Selected publications

2025

Pandey, Thapa, Dresen, Goebel, "Strain Localization Increases Repeating Earthquakes: Perspective from Laboratory Seismicity" (*submitted to GJI*)

Schuster, Rybacki, Schleicher, Koirala, Goebel, "The effect of hydrothermal alteration and microcracks on hydraulic properties and poroelastic deformation of geothermal reservoir rocks" *J. Geophys. Res.*, (*accepted*)

Koirala, Thapa, Goebel, "Differences in spatial localization of acoustic emissions during stick-slip and stable-sliding on laboratory fault gouge" (*in revision, GJI*)

Thapa, Dresen, Goebel, "Does *b*-value increase with higher pore-pressure?: Insight from laboratory experiments and induced seismicity" (*accepted to GRL, pending minor revision*)

- 44 Goebel, Thapa, Rinty, Delgado, Martinez, Rivera, Henriquez, "A community seismic network for the early detection of seismic activity close to active volcanoes in western El Salvador", *Seismol. Res. Letts.* <https://doi.org/10.1785/0220240343>

2024

- 43 Khajehdehi, Goebel, Dresen, Davidsen, "Magnitude clustering during stick-slip dynamics on laboratory faults", *Geophys. Res. Letts.* 51(20)
- 42 Goebel, V Schuster, G Kwiatak, K Pandey, G Dresen, "A laboratory perspective on accelerating preparatory processes before large earthquakes and implications for foreshock detectability", *Nat. Comm.*, 15 (1), 5588
- 41 Koirala, Shirzaei, Kwiatak, Brodsky, Cladouhos, Goebel, "Induced seismicity and surface deformation associated with long-term and abrupt operational changes in Blue Mountain geothermal reservoir in Nevada" *Earth Planet. Sc. Letts.* 643, 118883, [10.1016/j.epsl.2024.118883](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.epsl.2024.118883)
- 40 Kwiatak, Martinez-Garcon, Goebel, Bohnhoff, Ben-Zion, Dresen, "Intermittent criticality multi-scale processes leading to large slip events on rough laboratory faults", *J. Geophys. Res.* 129(3), [10.1029/2023JB028411](https://doi.org/10.1029/2023JB028411)

2023

- 39 Karimpouli, Caus, Grover, Martínez-Garzón, Bohnhoff, Beroza, Dresen, Goebel, Weigel, Kwiatak, "Explainable machine learning for labquake prediction using catalog-driven features", *Earth and Planetary Science Letts.* (622) doi: 10.1016/j.epsl.2023.118383
- 38 Patton, Goebel, Kwiatak, Davidsen, "Large-scale heterogeneities can alter the characteristics of compressive failure and accelerated seismic release", *Phys. Rev. E.*, 10.1103/PhysRevE.108.014131
- 37 Pandey, Taira, Dresen, Goebel, "Inferring fault damage state and evolution from coda wave velocity changes in faulted and intact granite samples at varying stress" *Geophys. J. Int.*, doi: 10.1093/gji/ggad390
- 36 Goebel, Brodsky & Dresen, "Fault roughness promotes aftershock-like clustering in the lab", *Geophys. Res. Letts.*, 50(8), (featured as an AGU research spotlight on Eos.org from among the best accepted articles)

2022

- 35 Wetzler, N., E. E. Brodsky, E. J. Chaves, T. Goebel, T. Lay; "Regional Characteristics of

Observable Foreshocks." *SRL*, doi: 10.1785/0220220122

- 34 Dell'Aira, Chy, Goebel, Meier. "Inferring hydrological properties of the rainfall-runoff conversion process through artificial neural networks modelling", *World Environmental & Water Resources Congress, Conference Paper*, Atlanta 06/2022, 1264-1278

2021

- 33 J. Davidsen, T.H.W. Goebel, G. Kwiatek, S. Stanchits, J. Baro and G. Dresen, "What controls the presence and characteristics of aftershocks in rock fracture in the lab" *J. Geophys. Res.*, 126 (10)
- 32 Mueller, Doan, Goebel, Liu, Martinez-Garcon, Mitchell, Zaliapin. "Understanding and Anticipating Induced Seismicity", *EOS*, 102, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021EO161325>.
- 31 Guo, H., Brodsky, E. E., Goebel, T. H. W., & Cladouhos, T. T. "Measuring Fault Zone and Host Rock Hydraulic Properties Using Tidal Responses." *Geoph. Res. Letts.*, 48 (13).
- 30 Abercrombie, Trugmann, Shearer, Chen, Zhang, Pennington, Hardebeck, Goebel, Ruhl, "Does earthquake stress drop increase with depth in the crust?", *J. Geophys. Res.* 126(10)
- 29 Goebel & Shirzaei, "More than 40 years of potentially induced seismicity close to the San Andreas fault in San Ardo, central California" *Seis. Res. Lett.* doi.org/10.1785/0220200276

2020

- 28 Jordan, Teresa, Patrick Fulton, Jefferson Tester, David Bruhn, Hiroshi Asanuma, Ulrich Harms, Chaoyi Wang et al. "Borehole research in New York State can advance utilization of low-enthalpy geothermal energy, management of potential risks, and understanding of deep sedimentary and crystalline geologic systems." *Scientific Drilling* 28 (2020): 75-91.
- 27 Blanke, Kwiatek, Goebel, Dresen, "Stress drop – magnitude-dependence of acoustic emission events during stick-slip experiments", *Geophys. J. Int.* 224 (2), 1371-1380
- 26 G. Dresen, G. Kwiatek and T.H.W. Goebel, "Preparatory processes before stick-slip failure on smooth and rough laboratory fault surfaces" *PAAG.*, 177, pages 5741–5760
- 25 Dascher-Cosineau, K., Brodsky, E., Lay, T., Goebel T., "What controls variations in aftershock productivity?", *J. Geophys. Res.*, 125(2)
- 24 Tal, Y., Goebel, T.H.W., Avouac, J.-P., "Experimental and modeling constraints of the effect of fault roughness on dynamic frictional sliding", *EPSL*, 536, 116-133

2019

- 23 Goebel, T.H.W., Rosson, Z., Brodsky, E.E., and Walter, J.I., "Aftershock deficiency of induced earthquake sequences during rapid mitigation efforts in Oklahoma" *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, v. 522, p. 135–143, doi: 10.1016/j.epsl.2019.06.036.
- 22 Wetzler, N., Shalev, E., Göbel, T.H.W., Amelung, F., Kurzon, I., Lyakhovsky, V., Brodsky, E.E., "Earthquake swarms triggered by groundwater extraction near the Dead Sea Fault", *Geophys. Res. Letts.* 46(14), 8056-8063
- 21 Rosson, R., Walter, J.I., Goebel, T.H.W., Chen, X., "Narrow spatial aftershock zones for induced earthquake sequences in Oklahoma", *GRL*, doi:10.1029/2019GL083562.

2018

- 20 T.H.W. Goebel & E.E. Brodsky, "The spatial footprint of injection wells in a global compilation of induced earthquake sequences", *Science*, 361 (6405), 899-904
- 19 S.M. Hosseini, T.H.W. Goebel, B. Jha, F. Aminzadeh "A probabilistic approach to injection-induced seismicity assessment for different reservoir types and pressure-diffusion models", *Geophys. Res. Letts.*, doi: 10.1029/2018GL07552

- 18 X. Chen, J. Haffener, T.H.W. Goebel, X. Meng, Z. Peng, J.C. Peng, "Temporal correlations between seismic moment and injection volume for an induced earthquake sequence in Central Oklahoma", *J. Geophys. Res.*, doi:10.1002/2017JB014694

2017

- 17 T.H.W. Goebel, J. Walter, K. Murray & E.E. Brodsky. "Comment on: How will induced seismicity in Oklahoma respond to decreased saltwater injection rates", *Science Advances* doi:10.1126/sciadv.1700441.
- 16 J. Davidsen, G. Kwiitek, E.-M. Charalampidou, T.H.W. Goebel, S. Stanchits, M. Rueck & G. Dresen. "Triggering processes in rock fracture: On the importance of large-scale heterogeneities", *Physical Review Letts.*, 119.
- 15 T.H.W. Goebel, G. Kwiitek, T.W. Becker, E.E. Brodsky & G. Dresen, "What allows seismic events to grow big?: Insights from *b*-value and fault roughness analysis in laboratory stick-slip experiments", *Geology*, doi:10.1130/G39147.1 (Commentary by Ian Main: "Scale-model seismicity – Taking the rough with the smooth")
- 14 T.H.W. Goebel, M. Weingarten, J. Haffener, X. Chen & E.E. Brodsky. "The 2016 Mw5.1 Fairview, Oklahoma earthquakes: Evidence for long-range poroelastic triggering at >40 km from fluid disposal wells", *Earth Planetary Science Letts.*, 472, 50-61.

2016

- 13 N. van der Elst, M. Page, D.A. Weiser, T. Goebel & S.M. Hosseini. "Induced earthquake magnitudes are as large as (statistically) expected", *J. Geophys. Res.*, 121 (6), 4575-4590.
- 12 T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, A. Plesch & J. Shaw, "Detecting significant stress drop variations in large micro-earthquake datasets: A comparison between a convergent step-over in the San Andreas Fault and the Ventura thrust fault system, southern California", *Pure Appl. Geophys.* doi:10.1007/s00024-016-1326-8
- 11 T.H.W. Goebel, S.M. Hosseini, F. Cappa, E. Hauksson, J.-P. Ampuero, F. Aminzadeh & J.B. Saleeby. "Wastewater disposal and earthquake swarm activity at the southern end of the Central Valley, California", *Geophys. Res. Letts.*, 43, 1-8, doi:10.1002/2015GL066948. (Nature Research Highlights: "Unnatural shaking in California", (2016), v. 530, 2/4/16)

2015

- 10 T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, F. Aminzadeh & J.-P. Ampuero. "An objective method for the assessment of fluid injection induced seismicity and application to tectonically active regions in central California", *J. Geophys. Res.*, 120, 1-20, doi:10.1002/2015JB011895.
- 9 T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, P. M. Shearer & J.P. Ampuero. "Stress drop heterogeneity within tectonically complex regions: A case study of San Geronio pass, Southern California", *Geophys. J. Int.*, 202(1), 514-528, doi: 10.1093/gji/ggv160.
- 8 T.H.W. Goebel. "Comparing seismicity rates and fluid injection operations in Oklahoma and California: Implications for upper crustal stresses", *The Leading Edge, Special Volume: Injection-induced seismicity*, eds. Robert Habiger, Gregory Beroza, 34(6), 640-648.
- 7 E. Hauksson, T.H.W. Goebel, J.-P. Ampuero & Elizabeth Cochran. "A century of oilfield operations and earthquakes in the greater Los Angeles basin, southern California", *The Leading Edge*, 34(6), 650-656, doi: 10.1190/tle34060650.1.

2014

- 6 G. Kwiitek, T.H.W. Goebel, & G. Dresen. "Seismic moment tensor and *b*-value variations over successive seismic cycle in laboratory stick-slip experiments", *Geophys. Res. Letts.*, 41 (16), doi:10.1002/2014/GL060159.

- 5 T.H.W. Goebel, T. W. Becker, C. G. Sammis, G. Dresen, & D. Schorlemmer. "Off-fault damage and acoustic emission distributions during the evolution of structurally-complex faults over series of stick-slip events", *Geophys. J. Int.*, 197 (3), doi: 10.1093/gji/ggu074.
- 4 T.H.W. Goebel, T. Candela, C. G. Sammis, T. W. Becker, & G. Dresen. "Seismic event distributions and off-fault damage during frictional sliding of saw-cut surfaces with predefined roughness", *Geophys. J. Int.*, 196 (1), 612-625.

2013

- Thesis T.H.W. Goebel. "Microseismicity, fault structure & the seismic cycle. Insights from laboratory stick-slip experiments", *Thesis (Ph.D.)*, University of Southern California. (2013) 204 p, ISBN: 9781303467219, <https://www.proquest.com/docview/1459227938>
- 3 T.H.W. Goebel, D. Schorlemmer, T. W. Becker, G. Dresen, & C. G. Sammis. "Acoustic emissions document stress changes over many seismic cycles in analog experiments", *Geophys. Res. Letts.*, 40 (10), doi:10.1002/grl.50507.
 - 2 T.H.W. Goebel, C. G. Sammis, T. W. Becker, G. Dresen, & D. Schorlemmer. "A comparison of seismicity characteristics and fault structure in stick-slip experiments and nature", *Pure Appl. Geophys.*, doi:10.1007/s00024-013-0713-7.

2012

- 1 T.H.W. Goebel, T. W. Becker, D. Schorlemmer, S. Stanchits, C. G. Sammis. E. Rybacki & G. Dresen, "Identifying fault heterogeneity through mapping spatial anomalies in acoustic emission statistics", *J. Geophys. Res.*, 117 (B3), doi:10.1029/2011JB008763.

Extended abstracts

Y.-X. Zhang, T.H.W. Goebel, Z. Peng, C. Williams, M. Yoder, J. Rundle (2017), "Earthquakes and Multi-hazards around the Pacific Rim, Vol. 1: Introduction", *Pure Appl. Geophys.*, 174, 2195-2198

T.H.W. Goebel, F. Aminzadeh, J. Haffener & X. Chen. "Statistical seismicity analysis methods for the detection of fault activation during fluid injection", *Society of Exploration Geophysicists*, annual meeting 2016, Dallas Texas

Conference presentations and invited talks

Since 2008, I have given more than 70 presentations (>33 invited and 3 keynote presentations).

Keynotes and invited talks

- Goebel, Koirala, Shirzaei, “Detecting and characterizing seismic and aseismic deformation in geothermal and hydrocarbon reservoirs”, AGU, Washington D.C., 12/2024, (invited)
- Goebel, Schuster, Pandey, Kwiitek, Dresen, “A laboratory perspective on accelerating processes before earthquakes and implications for foreshock detectability”, AGU, Washington D.C., 12/2024, (invited)
- Goebel, Guo, Koirala, Schuster, Brodsky, Cladahous, Chen, Walter, “Geothermal reservoir characterization and induced earthquakes at large distances from injection wells” University of Mississippi-Ole Miss, April 8th, 2024, (invited)
- Goebel, Kwiitek, Davidsen, Dresen, “Micro-seismicity clustering aftershock decay and b-values during laboratory fracture and stick-slip experiments”, JpGU Makuhari Messe, Chiba, May 2023 (invited talk)
- Goebel, Kwiitek, Davidsen, Dresen, “Micro-seismicity clustering aftershock decay and b-values during laboratory fracture and stick-slip experiments”, SSA Puerto Rico, April 2023 (invited talk)
- Goebel, Brodsky & Dresen, “Fault roughness promotes aftershock-like clustering in the lab”, AGU Chicago, December 2022 (invited talk)
- Goebel, Kwiitek, Ben-Zion, Dresen, “Seismic and aseismic preparatory processes before stick-slip failure: The role of heterogeneity” European-Research-Council workshop on Machine learning and earthquake precursory activity, Rome, September 2021, (invited talk)
- Goebel, Brodsky, Guo, Weingarten, Scibek, Chen, Haffener, Wetzler, Shriaei, Walter. “Why do induced events occur far from injections wells in California and Oklahoma” European-Research-Council Tectonic/Fear Seminar, 06/06/2021 (invited)
- Goebel, Chang, Brodsky, A mechanism for deep and distant induced earthquakes, 2020 International Forum on the Pohang Earthquake South Korea (invited)
- Goebel, Chen, Haffener, Walter, Rosson, Weingarten & Brodsky (2019), Examining the distance decay and effects of active mitigation on injection induced seismicity, 3rd Induced Seismicity Workshop, Schatzalp, Switzerland, 5-8th March 2019, (keynote)
- T.H.W. Goebel, M. Bohnhoff, E.E. Brodsky, and G. Dresen (2018), The influence of fault damage and fluids on seismic behavior during slip on laboratory faults, AGU –D.C.
- T.H.W. Goebel, G. Kwiitek, T.W. Becker, E.E. Brodsky, G. Dresen (2018), Fault roughness, stress and seismicity statistics in stick-slip experiments, *UC Berkeley Seismolab Seminar*, October 2nd, 2018.
- T.H.W. Goebel, E.E. Brodsky (2018), What is the maximum spatial reach of fluid-injection operations?: Examining seismicity decay and poroelastic effects around injection wells, *Caltech Seismo-Lab Seminar*, Pasadena, April 20th, 2018
- T.H.W. Goebel, G. Kwiitek, T.W. Becker, E.E. Brodsky, G. Dresen (2017), What allows seismic events to grow big? Insights from b-value and fault roughness analysis in stick-slip experiments, *USGS Earthquake Physics Seminar*, Menlo Park, USA, June 14th, 2017.
- T.H.W. Goebel, M. Weingarten, J. Haffener, X. Chen & E.E. Brodsky (2016b), The 2016 Mw5.1 Fairview, Oklahoma earthquakes: Evidence for long-range poroelastic triggering at >40 km from disposal wells, *Ecole Normale Supérieure*, Paris, France, October 25th, 2016.

- T.H.W. Goebel, J. Haffener, X. Chen & E.E. Brodsky (2016a), Distant earthquake triggering by fluid injection operations in Colorado, Oklahoma and California, *German Center for Geosciences*, Potsdam, July 5th, 2016.
- T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, P. Shearer, J. Shaw, A. Plesch (2015c) Stress drop variations in San Geronio Pass and Ventura Basin, Hewett Club Seminar, *UC Riverside*, Dec. 1st, 2015
- T.H.W. Goebel, J.-P. Ampuero, E. Hauksson, J. Saleeby, M. Hosseini, F. Aminzadeh and F. Cappa (2015b), Seismogenic response to fluid injection in California hydrocarbon basins: The role of permeability structure and implications for crustal stresses, *USGS Earthquake Physics Seminar*, Menlo Park, USA, September 9th, 2015.
- T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, J.-P. Ampuero, F. Aminzadeh (2015a), Differences in fluid injection induced seismicity in California and Oklahoma and implications for crustal stresses, *Earthquake Physics Seminar, University of Southern California*, January 21st, 2015.
- T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, J.-P. Ampuero, F. Aminzadeh (2014c), Waste water injection and induced seismicity in central California, *USEA Informational Briefing on subsurface technology, engineering challenges, R&D opportunities*, Washington D.C., October 30, 2014.
- T.H.W. Goebel, E. Hauksson, J.-P. Ampuero, F. Aminzadeh, F. Cappa, J.B. Saleeby (2014b), Waste water injection induced seismicity in naturally-active, seismogenic regions in central California, *Southern California Earthquake Center annual meeting*, Conference Proceedings, v03, p. 113 (plenary talk).
- T.H.W. Goebel, T. W. Becker, D. Schorlemmer, C. G. Sammis, G. Dresen (2012b), Properties of faults inferred from seismicity statistics during stick-slip experiments. Caltech, *Seismo-Lab Seminar*, Dec. 14, 2012, Pasadena, California.
- T.H.W. Goebel, T. W. Becker, D. Schorlemmer, C. G. Sammis, G. Dresen (2012a), Stress driven variations in micro-seismicity during laboratory stick-slip tests, *Lamont-Doherty Earth-Observatory Seminar*, Jan. 12, 2012, Palisades, New York.
- T.H.W. Goebel, T. W. Becker, D. Schorlemmer (2011), Fault heterogeneity and *b*-value mapping, *Swiss Seismological Service Seminar*, June 27, 2011, ETH-Zurich, Switzerland.

Service, activities and professional memberships

Mentorship

Over the last six years, I have mentored and advised both graduate and undergraduate students in addition to one summer intern. I have mentored one Ph.D. student at USC and co-advised two PhD students at the University of Oklahoma. Currently, my group consists of seven Ph.D. students and one Postdoc.

Current Students

Roshan Koirala, Geophysics, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2025
 Kiran Pandey, Geophysics, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2025
 Navin Thapa, Geophysics, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2025
 Sadia Rinty, Geophysics, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2026
 Adonay Martinez-Coto, Geophysics, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2029
 Edwar Zambrano, Geophysics, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2029
 Susana Delgado, University of Memphis, Ph.D. 2030

Previous Students

Ryan Williamson, Physics/EE, University of Memphis, B.S. Honors 2022
 Cesar Matal, Geophysics, Universidad de El Salvador, Santa Ana, M.Sc. 2021
 Primary Advisor, Jose Efrain Benitez
 Zach Rosson, Geophysics, University of Oklahoma, M.Sc. 2019

Primary Advisor, Dr. Jake Walter
Mehran Hosseini, Petroleum Engineering, USC, Ph.D. 2018
Primary Advisor, Prof. Fred Aminzadeh

Current Postdocs

Valerian Schuster, GFZ-Potsdam/ University of Memphis

Editor

Seismological Research Letters, Associate Editor (2018-present)
Journal of Geophysical Research, Associate Editor (2019-2023)
Pure and Applied Geophysics, Guest Editor, 3 volumes

Reviewer

Geology, Geochem. Geophys. Geosys., Phys. Earth Planet. Int., Pure Appl. Geophys.,
Bullet. Seis. Soc. Am., J. Geophys. Res., Nature Comm., Geophys. Res. Lett., Earth
Planet. Sc. Lett., PNAS, Sc. Adv., Nature Geoscience

Session Convener

24 sessions at AGU, SSA, IUGG and EGU between 2014 and 2024

Proposal Review Panel Member (5 panels)

United States Geological Survey, National Science Foundation

Faculty Adviser

*Bridges at Caltech (Bridges International), California Institute of Technology, 07/2014 to
08/2015* Adviser for Christian student association, provided support and transitional
help for new international students and scholars

Voluntary Work

International Friends: international student group at the University of Memphis
Youth with a Mission, El Salvador - 8/2017 to 11/2017
Nutrition, construction and education programs in underprivileged neighborhoods of
San Salvador
Lecture: "La subida dramática de sismicidad inducida en el centro de los Estados
Unidos", Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, San Salvador
Laboratory rock mechanics, seismology and induced seismicity lectures (Spanish),
Universidad Nacional de El Salvador, Santa Ana

Memberships

Seismological Society of America (SSA), American Geophysical Union (AGU), Society
of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), American Association of Petroleum Geologists
(AAPG)

Grants and proposals

How do faults respond to rapid stressing rate changes?
National Science Foundation, 08/2024 – 07/2027
\$450,000
PI: Goebel 1 mo./yr

Machine-learning-empowered automation of seismic monitoring systems

National Science Foundation, I-Corps, (9/2024 to 8/2025)

\$50,000

PI: Goebel 0.5 mo./yr

Assessing the relative contributions of fluid pressure and elastic stress perturbations to induced seismic energy release

U.S. Department of Energy, 03/2022 – 11/2025

\$550,000

PI: Goebel 1 mo./yr

CAREER: From slow to fast, micro to macro, single events to cascades: A multi-scale study of seismic event triggering in lab and nature

National Science Foundation, 05/2022 – 05/2027

\$620,000

PI: Goebel 1 mo./yr

Conditions that promote or inhibit deep and distant induced earthquake in southern California hydrocarbon basins

Southern California Earthquake Center, 02/2021 – 12/2022

\$30,000

PI: T.H.W. Goebel 0.5 mo./yr

Experimental Constraints on Preparatory Processes and Seismic Velocity Changes before Induced Slip

U.S. Geological Survey, 1/2021-1/2022

\$74,000

PIs: T.H.W. Goebel & T. Taira (joint proposal with Taka'Aki Taira from UC Berkeley)

Using the spatial distribution of earthquakes as a tool to compare induced seismicity cases and infer mechanisms

U.S. Department of Energy, 9/2019-4/2021

\$40,000

PIs: E. Brodsky & T.H.W. Goebel

Co-written proposals

How far can it go?: Determining the reach of induced seismicity

U.S. Department of Energy, 2016-2019

PI: E. Brodsky, Researcher: T.H.W. Goebel

Physical and observational reasons for the lack of conspicuous induced seismicity in Central California

Southern California Earthquake Center, 2016, Proposal Number: 16170

PI: E. Brodsky, Postdoc: T.H.W. Goebel

Assessing fault zone structure and permeability in regions of active faulting and fluid injection: Can fault maps and structure help evaluate induced seismicity in California

Southern California Earthquake Center, 2015, Proposal Number: 15168

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