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Curriculum Vitae

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Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
Academic Affairs

Education:

B.S. Yale University, Biology, 1973
M.S. University of Wyoming, Geology, 1979
Ph.D University of Colorado, Geology, 1983

Professional Positions

1997-present **Professor**
Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado

1994-95 **Faculty Associate**
Graduate School, University of Colorado

1989-97 **Associate Professor**
Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado

1983-89 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado

University Administrative Positions

2016 - **Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education**

2015 - 2016 **Senior Associate Dean**
College of Arts & Sciences

2012-2015 **Associate Dean for Natural Sciences**
College of Arts & Sciences

2003-2009 **Department Chair**
Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado

1995-97 &
1991-93 **Associate Chair**
Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado

Honors and Awards

2014 Honorary Membership Award, SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology)
Boulder Faculty Assembly Outstanding Service Award, 2009
College of Arts & Sciences Scholar Award, 2009

Elected Fellow of Geological Society of America, 1998

Outstanding Paper of the Year Award, *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*, 1987

Research:

Refereed Publications:

- Baczynski, A.A., McInerney, F.A., Wing, S.L., Kraus, M.J., Bloch, J.I., Secord, R., 2017, Constraining paleohydrologic change during the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum in the continental interior of North America: *Palaeogeography, Palaeoecology, Palaeoclimatology*, v. 465, p. 237-246, doi:10.1016/j.palaeo.2016.10.030
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- Abels, H.A., Kraus, M.J., and Gingerich, P.D., 2013, Precession-scale cyclicity in the lower Eocene fluvial Willwood Formation of the Bighorn Basin, Wyoming (USA): *Sedimentology*, v. 60, p 1467-1483, DOI: 10.1111/sed.12039
- Kraus, M.J., McInerney, F.A., Wing, S.L., Secord, R., Baczynski, A.A., and Bloch, J.I., 2013, Paleohydrologic response to continental warming during the Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum, Bighorn Basin, Wyoming: *Palaeogeography, Palaeoecology, Palaeoclimatology*, v. 370, p. 196-208.
- Secord, R., Bloch, J.I., Chester, S.G.B., Boyer, D.M., Wood, A.R., Wing, S.L., Kraus, M.J., McInerney, F.A., and Krigbaum, J., 2012, Evolution of the earliest horses driven by climate change in the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum: *Science*, v. 335, p. 959-962.
- Rose, K.D., Chew, A.E., Dunn, R.H., Kraus, M.J., Fricke, H.C., and Zack, S.P., 2012, Earliest Eocene mammalian fauna from the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum at Sand Creek Divide, southern Bighorn Basin, Wyoming: *The University of Michigan Papers on Paleontology*, no. 36, 122 pp.

- Adams, J.S., Kraus, M.J., and Wing, S.L., 2011, Evaluating the use of weathering indices for determining mean annual precipitation in the ancient stratigraphic record: *Palaeogeography, Palaeoecology, Palaeoclimatology*, v. 309, p. 358-366.
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- Smith, J.J., Hasiotis, S.T., Kraus, M.J., and Woody, D.T., 2008, Relationship of floodplain ichnocoenoses to paleopedology, paleohydrology, and paleoclimate in the Willwood Formation, Polecat Bench, Bighorn Basin, Wyoming during the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM): *PALAOIS*, v. 23, p. 695-711.
- Abdul Aziz, H., Hilgen, F.J., van Luijk, G.M., Sluijs, A., Kraus, M.J., Pares, J.P., and Gingerich, P.D., 2008, Milankovitch and sub-Milankovitch cycles in paleosol – fluvial floodplain successions of the lower Eocene Willwood Formation (Bighorn Basin, Wyoming): *Geology*, v. 34, p. 531-534.
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- Kraus, M.J., and Bown, T.M., 1993, Short-term sediment accumulation rates determined from Eocene alluvial paleosols: *Geology*, v. 21, p. 743-746.
- Bown, T.M., and Kraus, M.J., 1993, Soils, time, and primate paleoenvironments: *Evolutionary Anthropology*, v. 2, p. 11-21.
- Kraus, M.J., and Bown, T.M., 1993, Paleosols as a tool for sandbody exploration: *Geological Society, London, Special Publication 73*, p. 23-32.
- Kraus, M.J., 1992, Alluvial response to differential subsidence: sedimentologic analysis aided by remote sensing, Willwood Formation (Eocene), Bighorn Basin, Wyoming, USA: *Sedimentology*, v. 39, p. 455-470.
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- Kraus, M.J., and Bown, T.M., 1988, Pedofacies analysis: a new approach to reconstructing ancient fluvial sequences: *Geological Society of America Special Paper 216*, p. 143-152.

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- Kraus, M.J., 1987, Integration of channel and floodplain suites, II. Vertical relations of alluvial paleosols: *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*, v. 57, p. 602-612.
- Kraus, M.J., and Middleton, L.T., 1987, Contrasting alluvial architecture of two Cenozoic sequences in different structural settings: *SEPM Special Publication 39*, p. 253-262.
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Other Publications

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- Malagon, C., Weimer, P., Kraus, M.J., and Pulham, A.J., 1997, Facies analysis of the Lower Oligocene T1 sandstone (Carbonera Formation), Apiay Field, Llanos Basin, Colombia, In:

- Shanley, K.W., and Perkins, B.F., eds., Shallow marine and nonmarine reservoirs: sequence stratigraphy, reservoir architecture, and production characteristics, 18th Annual Gulf Coast Section of SEPM Research Conference, p. 183-195.
- Suarez, M., Weimer, P., Kraus, M.J., and Pulham, A.J., 1997, Facies analysis of the upper Eocene La Paz Formation, Provincia Field, Northern Middle Magdalena Valley Basin, Colombia, In: Shanley, K.W., and Perkins, B.F., eds., Shallow marine and nonmarine reservoirs: sequence stratigraphy, reservoir architecture, and production characteristics, 18th Annual Gulf Coast Section of SEPM Research Conference, p. 319-330.
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- Kraus, M.J., 1985, Early Tertiary quartzite conglomerates of the Bighorn Basin and their significance for paleogeographic reconstruction of northwest Wyoming, In: Flores, R.M., and Kaplan, S.S., eds., Cenozoic paleogeography of the west-central United States: Rocky Mountain Section of Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, p. 71-91.
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- Kraus, M.J., 1982, Genesis of early Tertiary exotic metaquartzite conglomerates in the Absaroka- Bighorn region, northwest Wyoming: Wyoming Geological Association, 33rd Annual Field Conference, Guidebook, p. 103-110.
- Kraus, M.J., 1980, Genesis of a fluvial sheet sandstone, Willwood Formation, northwest Wyoming: University of Michigan Papers on Paleontology, no. 24, p. 87-94.

University of Colorado Campus Level Service

Search committees

- Dean of Continuing Education and AVC for Outreach and Engagement, 2014
- OCG Director Search Committee, 2013
- Director of CU Museum, 2006

Student Focused Committees

- Member, Provost's Student Persistence working group, 2015
- Chair, Gateway courses subcommittee of Student Persistence working group 2015
- Member, FTEP Advisory Board 2012-present

Space Committees

- Member, Space Prioritization Steering Committee, 2014 - present
- Chair, Space Prioritization subgroup on Student Success, Fall 2015
- Carlson Gym Design Committee, 2014 - present

Other

Member, Campus Compliance and Ethics Steering Committee, 2014 - present
Member, Faculty Administrators Advisory Board to OCG/SPA 2014 - present
Office of Industry Relations, External Sales working group, 2014 - present
Co-chair, Course Buyout committee, 2012-13
Member, OCG Advisory Group 2011-13
Member, Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Committee 2007-08
Member, DA-ICR working group 2007-08
Member Graduate School Executive Advisory Council 2006-07
Provost's Advisory Committee, 2006-07

Service to Scientific Societies

Society of Sedimentary Geology

2015 - Member, Moore Medal Committee
2009-10 Chair, Nominations Committee
2008-09 Chair, Twenhofel Medal Committee
2007-08 President
2006-07 President-Elect
2000-03 Co-Editor, *Journal of Sedimentary Research*
1993-99 Associate Editor, *Journal of Sedimentary Research* (1993-1999)
1991-96 Rocky Mountain Section of SEPM – Research Awards Committee

Geological Society of America

2015 - Member of Governing Board (4 year term)
1998-2000 Member, Penrose Medal Committee
1999 General Co-chair, Geological Society of America Annual Meeting
1991-94 *Geology*, Editorial Board
1993 Committee on Committees