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## **Professional Experience**

### **Teaching Professor of Distinction, Department of Geological Sciences**

2020-present                      University of Colorado                      Boulder, CO

Teach courses in field geology, scientific writing, earth materials, physical geology, geology of Colorado, field geology of South Australia. Supervise teaching assistants who instruct the introductory geology lab course. Conduct research into the geologic evolution of the Colorado Rockies, Colorado Plateau, and Queensland, Australia.

### **Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Geological Sciences**

2010-2013, 2022-present                      University of Colorado                      Boulder, CO

Assist the chair to coordinate the department's undergraduate teaching activities. Duties included chairing the curriculum committee and student appeals committee and coordinating issues related to undergraduate courses.

### **Undergraduate Faculty Mentor, Department of Geological Sciences**

2019-present                      University of Colorado                      Boulder, CO

Serve as a mentor to the 230 undergraduate geology majors. Assist them to explore career options, guide them through the graduate school application process, and help them select classes relevant for achieving their future goals.

### **Senior Instructor and Research Associate, Department of Geological Sciences**

2007-2020                      University of Colorado                      Boulder, CO

Taught courses in field geology, scientific writing, earth materials, physical geology, geology of Colorado, field geology of South Australia. Supervised teaching assistants who instruct the introductory geology lab course. Conducted research into the geologic evolution of the Colorado Rockies, Colorado Plateau, and Queensland, Australia.

### **Writing Instructor**

Summer 2012, 2019, 2021-2023                      UNAVCO                      Boulder, CO

Taught writing course for UNAVCO Research Experiences in Solid Earth Science for Students (RESESS) summer interns. The program is dedicated to increasing the diversity of students entering the geosciences.

**Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Geological Sciences**

2007-2016                      University of Colorado                      Boulder, CO

Served as advisor to 280 undergraduate geology majors and 50 minors.

**Visiting Research Fellow, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences**

2014; 2024 Jan-June              University of Wollongong              Wollongong, NSW, Australia

Collaborated with University of Wollongong faculty to research the tectonic history of eastern Australia as it transitioned from convergent margin to rift zone to passive margin.

**Faculty Member, Science Department**

2006 – 2007                      Red Rocks Community College              Lakewood, CO

Taught Physical Geology and Historical Geology courses. Coordinated the geology program, with responsibility for budgets, hiring and supervision of all adjunct instructors, and maintenance of cooperative agreements with high schools and Colorado School of Mines.

**Faculty Member, Environmental Studies Program**

1997-2006                      Prescott College                      Prescott, AZ

Taught introductory and upper-level undergraduate courses in physical geology, historical geology, geomorphology, oceanography, environmental geology, field methods, religion and science, and rock climbing and geology. Faculty serve without rank; I held a 5-year contract, the longest granted by the college.

**Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs**

2004-2005                      Prescott College                      Prescott, AZ

Responsible for all student academic issues including conducting academic workshops, monitoring satisfactory academic progress, investigating grievances, and determining disciplinary actions. Served on various committees, including enrollment management to improve student retention, the academic exceptions committee, and the committee that initiated curricular development and changes.

**Faculty, Semester at Sea**

Spring 2003                      University of Pittsburgh                      Pittsburgh, PA

Taught experiential introductory courses in Oceanography and Earth System Science and an upper-division class entitled Environmental Science, Ethics, and Public Policy. Course content tailored to be relevant for ports of call of *S.S. Universe Explorer's* circumnavigation of the globe, with emphasis on interdisciplinary examination of global climate change issue.

**Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Earth Science Department**

1993-1995                      University of California                      Santa Cruz, CA

Determined surface uplift rate for Finisterre Mtns., Papua New Guinea. Entailed assembly of stratigraphic and geomorphic data sets, including biostratigraphy, magnetostratigraphy, strontium isotope stratigraphy, physical rock properties, and digital elevation models.

**Lecturer, Earth Science Department**

1994                                      University of California                                      Santa Cruz, CA

Taught a graduate-level course in sedimentary basin analysis.

**Seismic Processing Intern**

1991                                      Amoco Production Company                                      Denver, CO

Processed marine seismic lines and modeled gravity and magnetic data.

**Field Operations Manager**

1986-1988                      Sorex, Inc.                                      Salt Lake City, UT

Collected and processed aeromagnetic data. Job responsibilities included managing a crew of three to ten at field sites across the United States and in Ghana, West Africa. Managed operations budgets in excess of \$100,000 annually. Authored several of the company's data processing software programs.

**Education**

**Ph.D., Earth Sciences**

1993                                      University of California                                      Santa Cruz, CA

Thesis title: Structural and sedimentologic history of a progressive arc-continent collision: The Finisterre Range, northern Papua New Guinea.

**B.Sc., Geophysics/Geology double major**

1986                                      University of Utah                                      Salt Lake City, UT

Graduated *magna cum laude*.

**Professional Service**

1989-present      Guest speaker for numerous community groups

1995-present      Peer reviewer of manuscripts for professional journals, including: *Geological Society of America Bulletin, Geology, Tectonophysics, Geosphere, Marine Geology, Sedimentary Geology, Tectonics, Journal of Southeast Asian Earth Science, Lithosphere, Earth Surface Processes and Landforms, Rocky Mountain Geology, The Outcrop*, as well as for NSF proposals, books, GSA field trip guides, and for research proposals submitted to Grand Canyon National Park

2017-2020      Member, Geological Society America Professional Development Committee

2020-2023      Desktop Reviewer for UNESCO Global Geopark Site applications

2013, 2019      Desktop Reviewer for UNESCO World Heritage Site applications

2013              Chair-Field Trip Committee, 2013 Geological Society America meeting

- 2005-2006 Reviewer of standardized test questions to assess K-4 student achievement relative to NRC National Science Education Standard
- 1998-2002 Faculty Chair, Prescott College
- 2000 Member, Prescott College Presidential Search Committee
- 1999 Member, University of California, Santa Cruz Ph.D. Qualifying Exam Committee for candidate Laura Wallace
- 1998 Chair, Prescott College Academic Dean Search Committee
- 1998-present Member of numerous faculty and staff search committees at Prescott College, Red Rocks Community College, and University of Colorado

**Awards**

- 2021 Honorable Mention – Outstanding Mentor Award, CU Boulder’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)
- 2019 Marinus Smith Award from CU Boulder for advancing the quality of education and the student experience at CU Boulder
- 2017 Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists’ Geoscience in the Media Award- *Geology Underfoot Along Colorado’s Front Range*
- 1992-1993 ARCS Foundation Fellowship
- 1989-1992 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship
- 1991 Best Paper Award – GEM Conference of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- 1991-1992 SEPM Promising Young Geoscientist Award
- 1989-1993 Soc. Exploration Geophysicists Education Foundation Scholarship
- 1988-1989 University of California Regents Fellowship
- 1983-1986 Exxon Undergraduate Scholarship in Geophysics
- 1983 AMAX Field Geology Scholarship

**Graduate Students – Primary Advisor**

- 2022 Jamie Glass – MS. Thesis title: Evidence for pre-rifting events along the Coral sea/Queensland boundary and exploration of tectonic implications for passive margin formation along the Eastern Australian coast.

**Professional Memberships**

American Geophysical Union; Geological Society of America

**Grants Received**

**GeoAllies**

2022-2023                      Texas Tech University                                      College Station, TX

Award for \$1500 to Dr. Jennifer Stempien and Abbott to connect students participating in the Collaborative Inquiry-based Research Community (CIRC) with Northglenn High School students through CIRC presentations at Northglenn High and joint field trips

**University of Colorado Outreach and Engagement Micro Grant**

2019-2020                      University of Colorado                                      Boulder, CO

Award for \$1000 to Abbott and Jennifer Stempien to connect students participating in the Collaborative Inquiry-based Research Community (CIRC) with Northglenn High School students through CIRC presentations at Northglenn High and joint field trips

**Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) Research Awards**

2016-2019 University of Colorado Boulder, CO

Lead PI for two grants totaling \$5810 to conduct a thermochronology and geomorphology project at RMBL that produced five undergraduate honors theses and engaged a total of twelve undergraduate researchers

**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in STEM Education**

2016-2018 University of Colorado Boulder, CO

Lead PI for two grants totaling \$16,750 to create a collaborative undergraduate geoscience research community within the Department of Geological Sciences.

**ASSETT Award**

2014 University of Colorado Boulder, CO

\$2800 award to Abbott and Greg Tucker for proposal entitled "Computer Animation of River Terrace Formation."

**Center for Theology and Natural Science - Course Award**

2002 Prescott College Prescott, AZ

\$10,000 grant to support development of course in Religion and Science at Prescott College.

**National Science Foundation**

1991, 1993 University of California Santa Cruz, CA

Primary author for two grant proposals to support research that determined the rate of surface uplift for the Finisterre Mountains of Papua New Guinea.

**Geological Society of America and British Petroleum**

1988-1991 University of California Santa Cruz, CA

Received multiple research grants in support of my dissertation field research.

**Additional Research Activities**

2017-present Using optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) to date fluvial terraces in Grand Canyon. Collaborating with USGS researcher Shannon Mahan and University of Wollongong Professor Tim Cohen.

2016-present Applying (U-Th)/He geochronology to constrain exhumation history of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Advised undergraduate researchers Coleman Hiatt and Noah McCorkel for their undergraduate honors theses at CU and

RESESS program student Fatima Niazy in these studies in collaboration with CU Associate Professor Rebecca Flowers.

- 2013-2016 Collaborated with Don Duggan-Haas of Museum of the Earth and Cornell University to develop Virtual Field Experiences (VFE) and refine a template for VFEs that K-12 teachers can use to create VFEs for their students.
- 2012-2014 Collaborated with Brooks Ellwood at Louisiana State University on high resolution stratigraphic correlation between Florissant Formation outcrops at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.
- 2005-2007 Partner in the Arizona leg of the EarthScope project. Participated in the siting of USArray broadband seismometers. In collaboration with Arizona State University's Matt Fouch, conducting seismic receiver function analysis of USArray data to determine crustal composition and thickness of the southern Colorado Plateau.
- 1998 Member - Global Positioning System crustal motion study in the Papua New Guinea collision zone. Managed three-person crew at data collection sites.
- 1994 Member of Alvin submersible diving program studying fluid flow exiting the Costa Rica accretionary prism. Participated in two dives that located and examined chemosynthetic biological communities.
- 1992 Member of seismic, side-scan sonar, and potential field data collection research cruise in the Solomon Sea.

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Abbott, L.D., R.M. Flowers, J. Metcalf, and F. Niazy, 2022. Post-Laramide, Eocene epeirogeny in central Colorado – The result of a mantle drip? *Geosphere*, v. 18, p. 1223-1246, <https://doi.org/10.1130/GES02434>.
- Abbott, L.D., C.C. Lundstrom, and C. Traub, 2016. Rates of river incision and scarp retreat in eastern and central Grand Canyon over the past half million years: Evidence for passage of a transient knickzone: REPLY, *Geosphere*, v. 11, p. 638-659, [doi:10.1130/GES00978.1](https://doi.org/10.1130/GES00978.1).
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- Abbott, L.D., E.A. Silver, R.S. Anderson, R. Smith, J. Ingle, D.W. Haig, S. Kling, E. Small, J. Galewsky, and W. Sliter, 1997. Measurement of tectonic surface uplift rate in a young collisional mountain belt. *Nature*, v. 385, p. 501-507.
- Abbott, L.D., 1995. Neogene tectonic reconstruction of the Adelbert-Finisterre-New Britain collision, northern Papua New Guinea. *J. of Southeast Asian Earth Sciences*, v. 11, p.33-51.

Abbott, L.D., E.A. Silver, and J. Galewsky, 1994. Structural evolution of a modern arc-continent collision in northern Papua New Guinea. *Tectonics*, v. 13, p. 1007-1036.

Abbott, L.D., E.A. Silver, P.R. Thompson, M. Filewicz, C. Schneider, and Abdoerrius, 1994. Stratigraphic constraints on the development and timing of arc-continent collision in northern Papua New Guinea. *Journal of Sedimentary Research*, v. B64, p. 169-183.

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Johnson, B. W., B. A. Wing, and L. Abbott, 2022. Hydrothermal ore deposits record the oxygen isotope composition of meteoric paleo-waters in the San Juan Volcanic Field, Colorado, USA. *Geophysical Research Letters*, v. 49, e2022GL098159.  
<https://doi.org/10.1029/2022GL098159>

Kainz, S. J., L.D. Abbott, R.M. Flowers, A. Olsson, S. Fernandez, and J.M. Metcalf, 2024 (in press). Cenozoic Exhumation Across the High Plains of Southeastern Colorado From (U-Th)/He Thermochronology. *Lithosphere*, v. 2023,  
[https://doi.org/10.2113/2023/lithosphere\\_2023\\_310](https://doi.org/10.2113/2023/lithosphere_2023_310)

McAdoo, B.G., D.L. Orange, E.A. Silver, K. McIntosh, L. Abbott, J. Galewsky, L. Kahn, and M. Protti, 1996. Seafloor structural observations, Costa Rica accretionary prism. *Geophysical Research Letters*, v. 23, p. 883-886.

Silver, E.A., L.D. Abbott, et al., 1991. Collision propagation in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Sea. *Tectonics*, v.10, 863-874

### **Volumes Edited**

Abbott, L.D. and G.S. Hancock, (eds.), 2013. *Classic concepts and new directions: Exploring 125 years of GSA Discoveries in the Rocky Mountain region*. GSA Field Guide 33. Geological Society America. Boulder, CO, 388 p.

### **Textbooks**

Abbott, L., 2018. *Geology 1030 Lab Manual*. ISBN 978-1-5339-0454-6. MacMillan Learning. Plymouth, MI.

Abbott, L., 2010. *Introduction to Geology*. Web textbook for GEOL130 course; Great River Technology. Dubuque, IA.

### **Books for a Popular Audience**

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2012. *Geology Underfoot Along Colorado's Front Range*. Mountain Press. Missoula, MT, 338 p.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2007. *Geology Underfoot in Northern Arizona*. Mountain Press. Missoula, MT, 336 p.

Abbott, L., 2006. *Weekend Climbs in Arizona*. The Mountaineers. Seattle, WA, 288 p.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2004. *Hiking the Grand Canyon's Geology*. The Mountaineers Books. Seattle, WA, 301 p.

### **Articles for a Popular Audience**

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2024. Mount Monadnock: A Geologic Type Locality. *GSA Today*, v. 34, no. 1, p. 28-30.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2023. Pittsburgh's Geoheritage: A Legacy of Late Paleozoic and Pleistocene Glacial Events. *GSA Today*, v. 33, no. 9, p. 18-20.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2022. Mountains, Minerals, and Magma Along North America's Largest Rift. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 19, no. 3, p. 15-18.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2022. Exploring the Heartland of the Incan Empire. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 19, no. 1, p. 15-18.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2021. Namibia: Ancient Rocks in the World's Oldest Desert. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 18, no. 5, p. 26-29.

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Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2020. Sailing Through a Subduction Zone. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 17, no. 6, p. 26-29.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2020. Oman's Musandam Peninsula: Geopolitical and Geodynamic Nexus. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 17, no. 1, p. 51-54.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2019. The Master Sculptor: The Dead Sea Transform. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 16, no. 5, p. 60-63.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2019. Morocco's Atlas Range: Exotic Mountains in an Exotic Land. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 16, no. 3, p. 31-33.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2019. Lhasa, Tibet: Journey to the Roof of the World. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 64, no. 1/2, p. 56-64.

Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2018. Victoria Falls: The Smoke That Thunders. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 15, no. 5, p. 52-55.



- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2018. From Sea to Sky in British Columbia. *EARTH Magazine*, vol. 63, no. 8, p. 82-88.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2018. Rocky Mountain High: Aspen, Colorado. *GeoExPro Magazine*, v. 15, no. 5, p. 42-45.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2018. Northern Oman: Stunning Canyons, Towering Dunes, and the World's Largest Ophiolite. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 63, no. 5, p. 38-46.
- Abbott, L., 2018. Pairing Geoheritage and Economic Development: China's Guizhou Province Offers a Modern Model. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 63, no. 4, p. 32-39.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2017. Austria's Salzkammergut: World Heritage Preserved in Salt. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no. 8, p. 38-44.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2017. Tracking African Animals and Deranged Drainages Across the Kalahari. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no. 6, p. 40-47.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2017. The Dead Sea Rift: Salty Soaks and Ancient Earthquakes in a Storied Land. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no.1/2, p. 90-96.
- Abbott, L., 2016. The Flatirons: The Story Behind Boulder's Iconic Backdrop. *Boulder Magazine*, Winter/Spring 2016-2017, p. 56-59.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2016. Exploring an Icon of Patagonia: Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 61, no.11/12, p. 38-44.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2013. Havasu Canyon: Land of Blue-Green Water. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 58, no.3, p. 47-52.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2012. USArray: Geologists' Earth Telescope. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 57, no.11, p. 28-35.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2012. Touring Geologic Time in Colorado Springs. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 57, no. 10, p. 52-57.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2012. Northeastern Australia's Atherton Tablelands. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 57, no. 6, p. 52-59.
- Abbott, L. and T. Cook, 2006. Bigfoot arrives in Arizona, *Arizona Geology*, v. 36, p. 1-4.
- Abbott, L., 2005. Using travertine deposits to determine the age of Grand Canyon, *Nature Notes*, Grand Canyon Assoc., v. 21, p. 6,8.
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- Abbott, L., 1997. Don't Take it for Granite. *Rock and Ice*, v. 81. Sept.-Oct., 1997, p. 34-43.
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- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2018. The Pyramids of Giza: Wonders of an Ancient World. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 63, no. 9/10, p. 60-66.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2018. Las Vegas: The Scenery Beyond the Slots. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 63, no. 1/2, p. 80-86.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2017. Cones and Craters in Flagstaff, Arizona. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no. 10, p. 38-44.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2017. Sky-High Adventure on Bolivia's Altiplano. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no. 9, p. 40-46.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2017. A Tale of Two Rivers: Grand Junction, Colorado. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no. 7, p. 42-48.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2017. Easter Island's Enduring Enigmas. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 62, no. 3/4, p. 88-94.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2017. Barbados Beckons. *GEOExPro Magazine*, v. 14, no. 1, p.48-51
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2016. Limestone and Legends in Northern Vietnam. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 61, no. 9/10, p. 58-64.
- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2016. Zermatt: Europe Meets Africa in Switzerland's Iconic Alps. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 61, no. 7/8, p. 84-90.
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- Cook, T. and L. Abbott, 2016. Peninsular Greece: A Gorgeous State of Collapse. *EARTH Magazine*, v. 61, no. 1/2, p. 60-66.
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### **Blogs for a Popular Audience**

- Abbott, L., Using Milankovitch Cycles to create high-resolution astrochronologies. *EGU GeoLog*, posted November 20, 2020. <https://blogs.egu.eu/geolog/2020/11/20/using-milankovitch-cycles-to-create-high-resolution-astrochronologies/>
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### **Selected Presentations, Abstracts, and Interviews**

Abbott, L.D., Flowers, R.M., and Metcalf, J.R., What mechanism created the Miocene-aged Gothic exhumation dome in Colorado's Elk Mountains?, Fort Collins, CO, May 2023.

Abbott, L.D., Flowers, R.M., Metcalf, J.R., Hiatt, C., Kelleher, R., Camm, H., Ramba, M., McCorkel, N., and Riccio, E., Diachronous exhumation in the Colorado Rockies – A product of serial lithospheric drips?, Denver, CO, October 2022.

Abbott, L.D., Flowers, R.M., Metcalf, J.R., Hiatt, C., Kelleher, R., Camm, H., Ramba, M., McCorkel, N., and Riccio, E., The Gothic Dome – Kilometer-scale Miocene exhumation in Colorado's Elk and West Elk mountains, New Orleans, LA, December 2021.

Abbott, L.D. and Cook, T.L., Inviting the public to the party: Celebrating and promoting geoheritage. Invited presentation at Geological Society America annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, September 2019.

Abbott, L.D., Flowers, R.M., Falkowski, S., Metcalf, J.R., and Niazy, F., Low-temperature thermochronometric results from Colorado's South Park and Arkansas Hills areas: Constraints on Laramide pluton emplacement depth, thickness of the Western Interior Seaway sedimentary section, and the timing of a post-Laramide unroofing event. Geological Society America annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, September 2019.

Abbott, L.D., Flowers, R.M., Metcalf, J.R., Hiatt, C., McCorkel, N., Schanock, E., and Gonzalez, N., Investigating a bull's-eye of Late Miocene exhumation in Colorado's Elk and West Elk mountains using (U-Th)/He thermochronology, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 2018.

Abbott, L.D., Thoughts on UNESCO World Heritage designation for the Guanling Biota. Invited keynote address at the International Symposium on Guanling Biota Protection and Featured Regional Touristic Development in Guanling, Guizhou Province, China. Guanling, China, June 2017.

- Abbott, L.D., Flowers, R.M., Metcalf, J.R. and Falkowski, S., The pre-rift exhumation history along the Arkansas River segment of Colorado's Rio Grande Rift. Geological Society America annual meeting, Seattle, WA, October 2017.
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