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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Appointments

- 2018– present **Postdoctoral Scholar**, *University of Washington*
Developing algorithm to quantify permafrost extent using remote sensing data.
- 2008–2018 **Graduate Research/Teaching Associate**, *University of Washington*
Chronology and paleoclimate interpretations of ancient glaciers in Central Asia.
- 2003–2008 **Lecturer**, *Mongolian University of Science and Technology*
Undergraduate courses on hydrogeology and engineering geology

Temporary positions:

- 2012 Aug **Guest Researcher**, *Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organization*
Chemical processing of BeO samples; AMS measurements and analyses
- 2012 Feb **Visiting Researcher**, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
Chemical and physical processing of rock samples for ¹⁰Be dating
- 2008 Feb **Visiting Scholar**, *University of Washington*
Luminescence dating processes and analyses; craters of Mars and relative dating

Education

- 2018 Ph.D. in Geological Sciences, *University of Washington*, Seattle
Dissertation: Quaternary glaciation in Central Asia. Advisor: Alan R. Gillespie
- 2003 M.Sc. in Geology, *Mongolian University of Science and Technology*, Ulaanbaatar
Dissertation: Formation features of geological environment of Darkhan city, Mongolia.
Advisor: Naidangiin Batsukh
- 2002 B.Sc. in Geology, *Mongolian University of Science and Technology*, Ulaanbaatar

Publications

Published / In press (peer-reviewed):

9. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Koppes, M., Clark, D.H., Chadwick, O.A., Fink, D., Matmon, A., Rupper, S., (*in press*). Glacier development in continental climate regions of central Asia, in Waitt, R.B., Thackray, G.D., Gillespie, A.R., eds., *Untangling the Quaternary Period: A Legacy of Stephen C. Porter*, *Geological Society of America Special Paper* 548.
8. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Sletten, R.S., Mushkin, A., Amit, R., Trombotto Liaudat, D., Liu, L., Petrie, G., 2020. Toward the detection of permafrost using land-surface temperature mapping. *Remote Sensing* 12, 695. [CrossRef](#)
7. Mushkin, A., Gillespie, A.R., Abbott, E.A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Hulley, G., Tan, H., Tratt, D.M., Buckland, K.N., 2020. Validation of ASTER emissivity retrieval using the Mako airborne TIR imaging spectrometer at the Algodones dune field in southern California, USA. *Remote Sensing* 12, 815. [CrossRef](#)
6. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Fink, D., Matmon, A., Fujioka, T., 2018. Asynchronous glaciations in arid continental climate. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 182, 1–19. [CrossRef](#)

5. Herget, J., Carling, P., Agatova, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Borodavko, P., Gillespie, A., Nepop, R., 2017. Comment on Gribenski, N. et al., 2016. Complex patterns of glacier advances during the late glacial in the Chagan Uzun Valley, Russian Altai. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 149, 288–305. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 168, 216–219. [CrossRef](#)
4. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2016. Outburst floods of the Maly Yenisei. Part II – new age constraints from Darhad basin. *International Geology Review* 58, 1753–1779. [CrossRef](#)
3. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2016. Outburst floods of the Maly Yenisei. Part I. *International Geology Review* 58, 1723–1752. [CrossRef](#)
2. Amit, R., Enzel, Y., Mushkin, A., Gillespie, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Crouvi, O., Vandenberghe, J., An, Z., 2013. Linking coarse silt production in Asian sand deserts and the accretion of the Chinese Loess Plateau. *Geology* 42, 23–26. [CrossRef](#)
1. Smith, M. R., Gillespie, A.R., Montgomery, D.R., and **Batbaatar, J.**, 2009. Crater-fault dating: A new technique for dating fault zones on planetary surfaces. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 284, 151–156. [CrossRef](#)

In preparation:

Batbaatar, J., (*in prep.*) Staircase surfaces in glacial landscapes.

Published (not peer-reviewed):

7. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Feathers J.K., Fedotov A., and Bayasgalan A., 2008. The 92-m sediment core from Paleolake Darhad, Mongolia. The 7th International Symposium on Environmental Changes in East Eurasia and Adjacent Areas-High resolution environmental records of terrestrial sediments, Ulaanbaatar-Hatgal, Mongolia, August 23–29.
6. **Batbaatar, J.** and Gillespie, A.R., 2008. Glacial chronology on the southern margin of Siberia. The XIV Glaciological Symposium on Glaciology from International Geophysical Year to International Polar Year, Glaciological Association, Institute of Geography RAS and Institute of Geography of Siberian Branch of RAS, Irkutsk, 3–11 September.
5. Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, and Mushkin, A., 2007. Report on the expedition to the Gov'i, July 2007. Darcy Law and Modern Science Annual Scientific Congress, Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaatar, 10 November.
4. Aley, M., **Batbaatar, J.**, Jadambaa, N., Tserenjav, G., 2006. Regional Groundwater system of Mongolia. Full papers of 34th Congress of International Hydrogeologists Association.
3. Narantsetseg, Ts., Tomorkhuu, D., Dolgorsuren, H., Oyunchimeg, Ts., Baigal, O., Tuvshinjargal, H., Krivinogov, S., Kazanskyi, A., Matasova, G., Bezrukova, E., Gillespie, A., Bayasgalan, A., and **Batbaatar, J.**, 2006. Research of the sediments from paleolake in Darkhad depression. Institute of Minerals and Resources, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia, 15 pp. (in Mongolian)
2. **Batbaatar, J.**, 2004. Formation features of geological environment of Darkhan city. Mongolian Geoscientists, no.25, Abstract Issue on Geology and Geoecology of Mongolia, March 1, Darkhan-Uul aimag. (in Mongolian)
1. **Batbaatar, J.**, Munkh-Aldar, M., 2001. Contamination of the snow water in Ulaanbaatar city. *Geology Journal*, School of Geology, MUST, Ulaanbaatar. (in Mongolian)

Teaching Experience

2009–2018 **University of Washington**, *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to Geological Sciences (ESS 101; 8 quarters)

Co-lectured. Lab exercises with 30 students, leading local field trips to introduce glacial, fluvial, volcanic deposits and basalt flows. Moderated student debates on environmental and societal issues.

Physical Geology (ESS 210; Winter 2016)

Lab exercises on mineral and rock identification, mapping techniques, and basic GIS tools (Google Earth, ArcGIS). Assisted in the field trip.

Physical Processes of the Earth (ESS 211; Fall 2017)

Lab exercises on analogue and numerical modeling of hillslope evolution; geological mapping techniques.

Geomorphology (ESS 326; Fall 2016)

Developed two new lab exercises. Led lab sections and co-led the field trips. Lab works included mapping techniques, GIS analysis, landslide assessment, and introductory numerical modeling.

Introduction to Geological Remote Sensing (ESS 421; Spring 2014).

Lectured and led lab sessions on photo interpretation (color mixing, shading), analysis of multispectral, radar, and elevation data, and application of spectroscopy. The lab exercises used ENVI, Google Earth, Excel. Advised students to develop scientific project of their interests (geology, forestry, civil engineering, biology).

Application in GIS for the Earth Sciences (ESS 520; Winter 2016)

Assisted students on GIS analysis using ArcMap and ENVI. Mentored and evaluated students' research proposals in engineering geology.

2003–2008 **Mongolian University of Science and Technology**, *Lecturer*

Introduction to Hydrogeology (300-level course; 5 semesters)

Full responsibility on lectures and lab exercises: groundwater systems, hydraulic conductivity, Darcy's law, chemical composition of groundwater, water balance & recharge estimation.

Investigation Methods in Hydrogeology (400-level course; Spring 2004)

Full responsibility on lectures and lab exercises: drilling and logging techniques, well design, monitoring, data analysis, water quality measurements, writing and reporting. Advised students on their senior's theses.

Conference Proceedings

19. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A., Sletten, R., Mushkin, A., 2019. Mapping the zero curtain duration. Temperature-Emissivity Separation Working Group, 50th US-Japanese ASTER Science Team Meeting, June 12, 2019, Tokyo, Japan.
18. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Fink, D., Matmon, A., Lai, Z.P., Koppes, M., 2017. Relative equilibrium-line altitude as an indicator of glacier sensitivity to temperature and precipitation. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 49, No. 6. [CrossRef](#)
17. Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, Sletten, R.S., Trombotto, D., O'Neal, M., Hanson, B., Mushkin, A., 2017. Monitoring and mapping soil ice/water phase transitions in arid regions. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 49, No. 6. [CrossRef](#)
16. Gillespie, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, 2017. Satellite remote sensing of the water/ice phase transition in moist soil and permafrost. 48th ASTER Science Team Meeting, June 6, 2017, Tokyo, Japan.

15. Gillespie, A., **Batbaatar, J.**, Sletten, R., Trombotto, D., O'Neal, M., Hanson, B., Mushkin, A., 2017. Monitoring and mapping soil ice/water phase transitions: the role of ASTER thermal imaging. 48th ASTER Science Team Meeting, June 7, 2017, Tokyo, Japan.
14. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A., Turzewski, M., 2016. Dynamics of the paleofloods on the Maly Yenisei river. Fifth International Paleoflood Conference, September 12–15, Rapid City, SD, USA.
13. Wiedmer, M., Gillespie, A., Turzewski, M., Greenberg, H., **Batbaatar, J.**, 2016. Revisiting the Glacial Lake Atna megaflood, Alaska. Fifth International Paleoflood Conference, September 12–15, Rapid City, SD, USA.
12. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2015. Marine Oxygen Isotope Stage 3 glaciations in continental climate-regions of Central Asia. XIX INQUA Congress, July 27–August 2, 2015, Nagoya, Japan.
11. Gillespie, A.R., and **Batbaatar, J.**, 2014. Climatic mediation of moisture sources on the southern edge of Siberia. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 46, No. 6, p. 798.
10. Gillespie, A.R., Ploskey, Z., **Batbaatar, J.**, 2014. Pleistocene ELA depression along the Pacific coast of North America. American Quaternary Association 23rd Biennial Meeting. Seattle, WA, August 8–10.
9. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2013. Spatial pattern of equilibrium-line altitude in Central Asia. Geological Society of America, Abstracts with Programs 45 (7), Paper No. 101-9.
8. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2013. Equilibrium-line altitudes of glaciers in hyper-arid regions of Central Asia. UW Earth and Space Sciences Research Gala. Seattle, April 4–5.
7. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2012. Equilibrium-line altitudes in cold hyperarid settings. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting. San Francisco, December 3–7 (abstract C43E-06).
6. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., Schreiber, B.C., 2012. Tectonics and Environment at the western end of the Baikal rift: Paleolake sediment record from Darhad Basin, northern Mongolia. GSA Cordilleran Section: Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 44, No. 3, p. 56.
5. **Batbaatar, J.**, and Gillespie, A.R., 2010. ASTER reflectance and global DEM used to create map of glacial ELA depression in Central Asia. 37th ASTER Science Team Meeting, Tokyo, Japan.
4. **Batbaatar, J.**, Feathers, J.K., and Gillespie A.R., 2009. IRSL feldspar dates for paleolake sediments from Darhad Basin, Mongolia. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Program, Vol. 41, No. 7, p. 382.
3. Gillespie, A.R., **Batbaatar, J.**, Feathers, J.K., 2008. First Direct Dating of MIS-2 Paleolake Sediments from Darhad Basin, Mongolia, GSA Joint Meeting, Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 40, No. 6, p. 148.
2. **Batbaatar, J.**, Gillespie, A.R., 2008. Glacial chronology on the southern margin of Siberia. The XIV Glaciological Symposium on Glaciology from International Geophysical Year to International Polar Year, Glaciological Association, Institute of Geography RAS and Institute of Geography of Siberian Branch of RAS, Irkutsk, 3–11 September.
1. **Batbaatar, J.**, Batsukh, N., Aley, M., 2006. Possibility to build geothermal power plant in Shargaljuut, Mongolia. Proceedings of the 7th Asian Geothermal Symposium, July 25–26.

Invited Talks and Seminars

- 2019 **Rowan University**, Department of Geology colloquium: Understanding the past to predict the future: perspectives from glaciers and permafrost. December 4, 2019.
- Western Washington University**, Geology Department colloquium: Glacier development in continental climate regions of central Asia. April 9, 2019.
- Dartmouth College**, Department of Earth Sciences colloquium: Glacier asynchrony in continental climate settings. February 28, 2019.
- 2014 **Humboldt State University**, Geology Colloquium: Local LGM in the hyperarid Gobi of Mongolia. April, 2014.
- 2012 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation**, Institute for Environmental Research: Using cosmogenic ¹⁰Be to study the peculiar glaciers of Central Asia. August, 2012. Seminar.
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Institute of Earth Sciences colloquium: Use of in-situ ¹⁰Be for studying peculiar glaciers in Central Asia. February, 2012.
- 2011 **Chinese Academy of Sciences**, Qinghai Institute of Salt Lakes: Glaciers as climate recorders: How do we invert geological deposits into paleoclimate data? September, 2011. Seminar.

Honors and Awards

- 2015 Competitive travel grants from International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA), College of the Environment, University of Washington
- 2014 Harry E. Wheeler Scholarship, UW
- 2013 Bourgeois Graduate Fund, rewarded for independent research proposal, UW
Vance Fellowship in Geology Sciences, UW
- 2012 Kenneth C. Robbins field study endowment, UW
Vance Fellowship in Geology Sciences, UW
Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation, UW
Geological Society of America, Cordilleran Section Travel Grant
- 2011 Peter Misch Fellowship, UW
Department of Earth and Space Sciences Fellowship, UW
Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Grant, UW
- 2001 Best student award, Mongolian University of Science and Technology

Grants

- 2018 *Quaternary Research Center*, Sletten, R. (PI), Gillespie, A., Batbaatar, J. “New tool for permafrost map using remotely sensed data”, \$7,480.
- 2016 *NASA ROSES*, Sletten, R., (PI), Gillespie, A. (PI), Liu, L., Batbaatar, J. “Changes in spatial temporal distribution of permafrost in High Mountain Asia” (*rejected*)
- 2013 *Quaternary Research Center*, Batbaatar, J. & Gillespie, A. (PI) “Dating newly suspected MIS2 moraines in Central Asia by CRN”, \$15,000.
- 2013 *Bourgeois Graduate Fund, ESS, UW*, Batbaatar, J. (PI) “Mass and Energy Balance of Glaciers in Hyper-arid Settings”, \$1850
- 2012 *Dept. of Earth and Space Sciences, UW*, Batbaatar, J. (PI) “Characteristics of glaciations in hyper-arid regions of Central Asia”, \$2800.
- 2011 *Dept. of Earth and Space Sciences, UW*, Batbaatar, J. (PI) “Mapping distribution of paleo-precipitation in Central Asia”, \$1130.

Professional Services

Referee for: *Quaternary Research* (2013–), *Annals of Glaciology* (2015–), *Quaternary Science Reviews* (2018–), *Journal of Quaternary Science* (2018–), *Boreas* (2018–), *Earth-Science Reviews* (2019–), *Journal of Glaciology* (2019–).

Professional Affiliations

Quaternary Research Center (affiliate member, 2016–); *Geological Society of America* (2008–); *American Geophysical Union* (2012–); *American Quaternary Association* (2014–).