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Professional Summary

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Areas of Expertise

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Satellite Geodesy (GPS/InSAR)

Professional Preparation

Academic Background

Ph.D. Geology, School of Geosciences, University of South Florida, August 2016

BE, Geodesy and Geomatics, Wuhan University, China, June 2010

Professional Appointments

Research Associate, Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin (February 2018-Present)

Data Scientist Intern, Bitmotive LLC (November 2016-October 2017)

Research Assistant, University of South Florida (January 2012-August 2016)

Research Assistant, University of Miami (August 2010-December 2011)

Dissertations

Applications of satellite geodesy in environmental and climate change, University of South Florida, 2016.

Presentations

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Insights from Midland Basin High-Performing Wells: presented at Tight Oil Resource Assessment Industrial Associates, Fall 2020 Annual Meeting, Virtually through the Bureau of Economic Geology, November 18, 2020.

Geologic Variability and Well Productivity in U.S. Oil Plays: The Efficiency of Completion Intensity and New Designs in Various Geologic Contexts: presented at Society of Petroleum Engineers/American Association of Petroleum Geologists/Society of Exploration of Geophysicists Unconventional Resources Technology Conference, virtual, July 2020.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

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- Karegar, M. A., Dixon, T. H., Malservisi, R., Yang, Q., Hosseini, S. A., and Hovorka, S. D., 2015, GPS-based monitoring of surface deformation associated with CO2 injection at an enhanced oil recovery site: International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, v. 41, p. 116-126, http://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijggc.2015.07.006.
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Patents

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