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Professional Summary

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Professional Preparation

Academic Background

M.A. (with specialty in Hydrogeology), Geology, The University of Texas at Austin, 1995

B.S. Geology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1980

Professional Appointments

Project Manager, Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin (September 2007-Present)

Present Position: Research Scientist Associate, Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin (February 1997 - Present). Hydrogeologic studies to assess deep saline reservoirs for potential CO2 storage and assessment of impacts to fresh-water resources in Texas and Southeastern U.S.

Environmental assessment and hydrogeologic characterization of Railroad Commission of Texas priority sites impacted by oil- and gas-production activities in Harris, Howard, Jones, and Wharton Counties.

Airborne lidar (light detection and ranging) and GPS (global positioning system) data acquisition and processing. Mapping of coastal erosion and coastal wetlands environment to support informed decision making by local and state government; mapping of urban areas for flood hazard prediction. Areas: Texas urban areas and Gulf of Mexico shoreline, southern California shoreline, Orinoco Delta of Venezuela, and 15 urban areas in Honduras following Hurricane Mitch.

Database compilation of Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer hydrologic properties in Texas for the Texas Water Development Board.

Study of selected oil-producing fields in Texas to assess the feasibility of issuing a variance to EPA/RRC-based Area of Review requirements for permitting of Class II injection wells.

Hydrogeologist, McCulley, Frick and Gilman, Inc., Austin, TX (1989 - 1997). Hydrogeologic investigations to support lignite-mine permitting in East Texas (Bastrop, Freestone, Leon, Limestone, Milam, and Titus Counties). Assessed baseline geology and groundwater conditions; oversight of groundwater-flow modeling to design groundwater control plans and probable hydrologic consequences. Design, installation, and monitoring of a dewatering well field in low-permeability mine spoil.

Project management of quarterly groundwater monitoring of a bulk petroleum storage-tank facility in Austin, Texas. Municipal and industrial landfill permitting studies in Anderson, Colorado, Hays, Somervell, and Tarrant Counties, Texas. Hazardous-waste-site assessment and remedial investigations in Texas, Kansas, and Idaho.

Petrographic characterization of lead-smelter slag, mine tailings, and residential soil samples at Superfund site in Idaho to discern sources of lead contamination in residential properties.

Supervision of borehole drilling and sampling by mud-rotary, hollow-stem auger, and air-percussion methods. Characterization of soil and rock properties via geophysical log

interpretation, continuous cores, split-spoon, and Shelby tube collection of geotechnical samples.

Design and supervision of groundwater monitoring and production-well installations using above drilling methods. Design, performance, and analysis of slug and pumping tests in both unconfined and confined aquifers.

Graduate Research Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Geological Sciences (1993 - 1994). Maintenance and operation of physical hydrogeology research laboratory.

Geologist, Hall Southwest Water Consultants, Inc., Austin, TX (1987 - 1989). Geologic and hydrologic studies within the East Texas Wilcox Lignite Belt; geologic field and subsurface mapping of Carrizo/Wilcox Formation ironstone layers in pre-mine study areas.

Independent Travel, The University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology (1985 - 1986). Independent travel: Austria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Poland, Norway, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, and U.S.S.R (1985-1986).

Research Scientist Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology (1983 - 1985). Investigation of Tertiary volcanic rocks of Trans-Pecos Texas, including petrographic thin-section description and electron microprobe analysis.

Hydrologic Technician, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, Austin, Texas (1982 - 1984). Geohydrology work for the West Gulf Coast Regional Aquifer Systems Analysis project; Interpretation of geophysical well logs of Gulf Coast Tertiary units.

Petrologist II, Core Laboratories Inc., Geochemistry and Petrology Section, Dallas, Texas (1981 - 1982). Data collection and preparation of core-sample reports. Petrographic thin-section description of clastic sediments, hydrothermically altered volcanic rocks from the Phillipines, and oil-bearing volcanic rocks from Japan. Interpretation of X-ray diffraction traces and scanning electron micrographs. Supervision of thin-section preparation.

Professional Registrations and Certificates

Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists, License No. 68

Theses

Porosity and permeability controls in the Santana Ash-Flow Tuff, Trans-Pecos Texas, 100 p

Continuing Education Courses Taken

Analysis and Design of Aquifer Tests--Including Slug and Fracture Flow: NGWA Short Course, March 1996

Probability, Statistics, and Geostatistics for Environmental Professionals: NGWA Short Course, November 1995

Hazardous Materials Personal Protection and Safety (40 hours), (Most recent annual 8-hour refresher course completed in April 1999): Austin, Texas, 1989

Areas of Expertise

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Hydrogeologic assessment of sites impacted by petroleum exploration and production activities Hydrogeology of ash-flow tuffs

Light detection and ranging (lidar) and global positioning system (gps) data acquisition and processing

Studies related to geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide

Service

Published Interviews

Clayton, Mark, Smyth, R. C., and Hovorka, S. D., 2007, Earth too warm? Bury the CO2, in Christian Science Monitor, July 31, http://www.csmonitor.com/2007/0731/po1s05-wogi.html Article in which Smyth and Hovorka are heavily quoted.

Outreach Activities

CO2 outreach demonstration: presented to High School Science Fair winners and their parents, hosted by Austin Geological Society at the Bureau of Economic Geology, Austin, Texas, March 5, 2007.

Rock garden outside the Geology Building: presented at ExploreUT, Austin, Texas, March 3, 2007.

Landslides and Flooding in Honduras: Results of Hurricane Mitch, 1998: presented at Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies 52nd Annual Convention Teachers Workshop, Austin, Texas, October 30, 2002.

Teaching and Advising

University Courses Taught

Forensic hydrogeology applied to a half-century-old crude-oil seep, Colorado River, Wharton County, Texas, U.S.A.: presented at BEG technical seminar, Austin, Texas, March 21, 2003.

Continuing Education Courses Taught

Lidar surveys for coastal hazards and resource mapping: presented at Coastal Zone 2003 Conference (with Jim Gibeaut), Baltimore, Maryland, July 14, 2003.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

U.S. CCS Policy and Regulation: presented to International Energy Agency, Greenhouse Gas Control Program, presented at CO2 Capture and Storage (CCS) Summer School, Austin, TX, July 7, 2014.

Presentations

SACROC EOR Pilot: introduction and groundwater results: presented at Southwest Partnership on Carbon Sequestration Phase II Annual Meeting, Socorro, New Mexico, September 29, 2009.

Assessing risk to fresh water resources from long term CO2 injection--laboratory and field studies: presented at the GHGT-9 (Green House Gas Technology) Conference, Washington, D.C., November 16-20, 2008.

SACROC TX groundwater monitoring project results to date: presented at DOE Southwest CO2 Sequestration Partnership Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 26, 2007.

Potential saline reservoir sinks for storage of CO2 generated in North and South Carolina: presented at Sixth Annual Conference on Carbon Capture & Sequestration: Expediting deployment of industrial scale systems: Can it be done? How? Concerns to be addressed, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 9, 2007.

SACROC/Claytonville Groundwater Study Progress Report: presented at the Southwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership 2007 workshop, Austin, Texas, April 17, 2007.

Characterization of the Carolinas: presented at the SECARB 2007 Stakeholder's meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 8, 2007.

GPS exercise: presented to Girl Scout troops, Enchanted Rock, Texas, January 5, 2007.

Let's Rock!: led group of Junior Girl Scouts on Geology Badge weekend, Enchanted Rock, Texas, December 1-3, 2006.

Potential subseafloor Atlantic units for geologic storage of carbon dioxide: presented at the 2006 annual Geological Society of America meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 22, 2006.

Assessing impacts to groundwater from CO2 flooding of SACROC and Claytonville oil fields in West Texas: presented at the 2006 UIC Conference of the Groundwater Protection Council, Austin, Texas, January 24, 2006.

Assessing impacts to groundwater from CO2 flooding of SACROC and Claytonville oil fields in West Texas: presented at the 2006 UIC Conference of the Groundwater Protection Council, Austin, Texas, January 24, 2006.

Use of lidar to improve estimates of hydrologic modeling parameters: presented at the National Groundwater Association 2005 Groundwater Summit, San Antonio, Texas, April 17-20, 2005.

Using airborne lidar to assess coastal environments: presented to Texas Coastal Erosion Technical Conference, Galveston, Texas, September 25, 2003.

Forensic hydrogeology applied to a half-century-old crude-oil seep, Colorado River, Wharton County, Texas: presented at the 52nd Annual GCAGS Convention, Austin, Texas, November 1, 2002.

Lidar at UT Austin: presented at Texas Water Development Board Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series, Austin, Texas, January 30, 2002.

Airborne lidar (Light Detection and Ranging) at The University of Texas at Austin: presented to representatives from FUMEC (U.S.-Mexico Foundation for Science), Mexican Universities, and NASA, Matamoros, Mexico, October 2001.

Airborne lidar (Light Detection and Ranging) at The University of Texas at Austin: presented to the Austin Geological Society, Austin, TX, February 2001.

Analysis of soil remediation requirements at abandoned oil-field waste disposal sites in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: presented at Ground Water Protection Council Annual Underground Injection Control Meeting, Houston, Texas, January 2000.

Mn-oxide concentration as evidence of a pathway for infiltration of crude oil into a shallow aquifer, West Texas: presented to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, San Antonio, Texas, April 1999.

Striking oil at 20 ft: a petroleum geologist's dream or a hydrogeologist's nightmare: presented at The University of Texas at Austin, Geology Department, Hydrology Brown Bag, Austin, Texas, April 1998.

Activities of a Professional Nature

Professional Societies

Austin Geological Society

National Ground Water Association

Texas Ground Water Association

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Austin Geological Society, President (August 1, 2015-July 31, 2016)

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., Darvari, R., and McKinney, S. T., 2022, New hydrogeochemical insights on a West Texas desert spring cluster: Trans-Pecos Balmorhea-Area Springs: Applied

- Geochemistry, v. 142, no. 105331, 14 p., http://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeochem.2022.105331.
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- Lu, J., Cook, P. J., Hosseini, S. A., Yang, C., Romanak, K. D., Zhang, T., Freifeld, B. M., Smyth, R. C., Zeng, H., and Hovorka, S. D., 2012, Complex fluid flow revealed by monitoring CO2 injection in a fluvial formation: Journal of Geophysical Research, v. 117, B03208, doi:10.1029/2011JB008939.
- Romanak, K. D., Smyth, R. C., Yang, C., Hovorka, S. D., Rearick, M., and Lu, J., 2012, Sensitivity of groundwater systems to CO2: application of a site-specific analysis of carbonate monitoring parameters at the SACROC CO2-enhanced oil field: International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, v. 5, no. 1, p. 142?-152.
- Warne, A. G., Meade, R. H., White, W. A., Guevara, E. H., Gibeaut, J. C., Smyth, R. C., Aslan, Andres, and Tremblay, T. A., 2002, Regional controls on geomorphology, hydrology, and ecosystem integrity in the Orinoco Delta, Venezuela: Geomorphology, v. 44, p. 273-307.
- Aslan, Andres, Warne, A. G., White, W. A., Guevara, E. H., Smyth, R. C., Raney, J. A., and Gibeaut, J. C., 2001, Mud volcanoes of the Orinoco delta, eastern Venezuela: Geomorphology, v. 41, p. 323-336.
- Gutiérrez, Roberto, Gibeaut, J. C., Smyth, R. C., Hepner, Tiffany, Andrews, J. R., Weed, C., Gutelius, Bill, and Mastin, M., 2001, Precise airborne LIDAR surveying for coastal research and geohazards applications: International Archives of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, v. 34, part 3/W4, p. 185-192.
- Henry, C. D., Price, J. G., and Smyth, R. C., 1988, Chemical and thermal zonation of a mildly alkaline magma system, Infiernito Caldera, Trans-Pecos Texas: Contributions to Mineralogy and Petrology, v. 98, p. 194-211.

Non Peer Reviewed Authored Books

Mace, R. E., and Smyth, R. C., 2003, Hydraulic properties of the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer in Texas: information for groundwater modeling, planning, and management: The University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology, Report of Investigations, no. 269, 40 p.

Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Meckel, T. A., Hovorka, S. D., Treviño, R. H., Smyth, R. C., and Romanak, K. D., 2014, Toward an international program for offshore storage of CO2: international Initiative for CCS sub-sea (iCCSc): Energy Procedia, Proceedings of 12th International Conference on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies GHGT12, v. 63, p. 5015-5020, http://doi.org/10.1016/j.egypro.2014.11.531.
- Smyth, R. C., and Heiligenstein, C., 2014, Concerning offshore geologic storage of carbon dioxide in the U.S.A.: Energy Procedia, Proceedings of 12th International Conference on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies GHGT12, v. 63, p. 5822-5826, http://doi.org/doi:10.1016/j.egypro.2014.11.615.
- Smyth, R. C., Hovorka, S. D., Romanak, K. D., Wolaver, B. D., Mickler, P., and Yang, C., 2014, Monitoring CO2: The quest for a clean signal (examples from UT Austin BEG research): Energy Procedia, Proceedings of 12th International Conference on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies GHGT12, v. 63, p. 4035-4042, http://doi.org/doi: 10.1016/j.egypro.2014.11.435.

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- Smyth, R. C., 2009, After the rainr, in Laubach, S. E., and Tinker, S. W., eds., 2009, Earth's art: celebrating the Centennial of the Bureau of Economic Geology, 1909-2009: The University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology, p. 112-113.
- Smyth, R. C., 2009, Orinoco Delta, in Laubach, S. E., and Tinker, S. W., eds., 2009, Earth's art: celebrating the Centennial of the Bureau of Economic Geology, 1909-2009: The University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology, p. 16-17.
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- Ambrose, W. A., Holtz, M. H., Nuñez-Lopez, Vanessa, Breton, C. L., Gülen, Gürcan, Duncan, Ian, Smyth, R. C., Foss, M. M., Lakshminarasimhan, Srivatsan, and Hovorka, S. D., 2006, FutureGen: clean-coal and near-zero-emission power generation technology for the Gulf Coast: Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies Transactions, v. 56, p. 5-13.
- Duncan, I. J., Ambrose, W. A., Holtz, M. H., Hovorka, S. D., Esandoh-Yeddu, Joseph, Nuñez López, Vanessa, Nicot, J. -P., Smyth, R. C., and Lakshminarasimhan, Srivatsan, 2006, The Gulf Coast Carbon Center: developing a carbon sequestration industry in the Gulf Coast region, in 8th International Conference on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies, Trondheim, Norway, June 19-22, CD-ROM [4 p.].
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- Collins, E. W., Tremblay, T. A., Raney, J. A., Paine, J. G., Hovorka, S. D., Gutiérrez, Roberto, Smyth, R. C., and Hepner, Tiffany, 2004, Geologic mapping and construction of digital map data sets of the Edwards aquifer region, Central Texas, in Hovorka, Sue, ed., Edwards water resources in Central Texas: retrospective and prospective: South Texas Geological Society and Austin Geological Society, CD-ROM, p. 1-15.
- Paine, J. G., White, W. A., Smyth, R. C., Andrews, J. R., and Gibeaut, J. C., 2004, Mapping coastal environments with lidar and EM on Mustang Island, Texas, U.S.: The Leading Edge, v. 23, no. 9, p. 894-898.
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- Dutton, A. R., Smyth, R. C., Nance, H. S., Mullican, J. W., and Gu, Yaguang, 2000, History, regulation, and closure of abandoned centralized and commercial drilling-fluid disposal sites in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, in Proceedings, Ground Water Protection Council Annual Forum, p. 133-138.
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Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

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Non Peer Reviewed Atlases and Maps

Gibeaut, J. C., Hopkinson, Christopher, Gutiérrez, R. C., Smyth, R. C., Andrews, J. R., and Stephens, D. M., 2001, Digital elevation model, Austin, Texas (oversize, color lidar poster (2.5 x 5.25 ft): The University of Texas at Austin, Bureau of Economic Geology, including 1-p text.

Contract Reports

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- Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., and Darvari, R., 2022, Edwards Aquifer Rules Technical Guidance Manual, Design for TSS Reduction, Management of Karst-Origin and Other Sensitive Features (RG-348g): prepared for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 61 p.
- Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., and Darvari, R., 2022, Edwards Aquifer Rules Technical Guidance Manual, Design for TSS Reduction: User Manual for TSS Load Spreadsheet Tool (RG-348f): prepared for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 33 p.
- Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., and Darvari, R., 2022, Edwards Aquifer Rules Technical Guidance Manual, Instruction to Add New Manufactured Technology Device to the TSS Load Calculator: prepared for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 25 p.
- Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., and Darvari, R., 2022, Edwards Aquifer Rules Technical Guidance Manual, Manufactured Treatment Devices, Use and Evaluation (RG-348e): prepared for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 14 p.
- Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., and Darvari, R., 2022, Edwards Aquifer Rules Technical Guidance Manual, References (RG-348h): prepared for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 14 p.
- Nicot, J.-P., Smyth, R. C., and Darvari, R., 2021, Edwards Aquifer Rules Technical Guidance Manual 2021 Series, Introduction to Series (RG-348a): prepared for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 23 p.
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