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**Education:**

University of Oregon: Ph.D Geology, June 2013

Dissertation: Potential Impacts Of Formation Waters On The Integrity Of Class H Cement And Reservoir Rock In Carbon [Co-] Sequestration Settings

Northern Arizona University: MS Geology, 2009

MS Thesis: Comparison of dust devil morphologies in Gusev and Russell craters

Coursework: Arid geomorphology, sedimentary depositional systems, geophysics, physics of the solar system, structure, volcanology

Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon: BS Earth Science with Geology focus, 2007

Senior thesis: Microbial tunnels in freshwater pillow basalt.

Coursework: Microbiology, geomorphology, coastal & biological oceanography, mineralogy/petrology/volcanology, remote sensing, Geographic Information System (GIS)

**Computational Skills:**

FEI Scanning Electron Microscope- Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (SEM-EDS)

INCA microanalysis software for BSE/EDS

JADE X-ray diffraction pattern analysis (XRD)

ESRI: ArcGIS 9, ArcMap/ArcScene

Linux/unix programming and other basic computer skills

Knowledge of Integrated Software for Imagers and Spectrometers (ISIS)

Leica Application Suite (LAS) and Image ProPlus software

Geochemistry Model: CHIM-XPT/SOLVEQ/Minor geochemist workbench

**Geologic Skills:** Field experience (Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Italy, Spain, France)

Petrography Lab: Microscope, thin sections, mount preparation & staining skills

**Professional Work Experience**

*Oct. 2009-Current* U.S. Department of Energy- National Energy Technology Lab  
Albany, OR, ORISE Research Fellowship and Federal MMIP/Pathways Student

*Aug. 2007- Aug. 2009* U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ  
Contractor, Image Analyst, NASA HiRISE Team

**Experience:**

*June-August 2006* National Science Foundation (NSF) Funded NASA/SETI Internship: Martian Slope  
Streaks; Cynthia Phillips c/o SETI Institute

*Jan.-June 2006* Teaching Internship: Sixth grade geology and astronomy  
Wanda Carter, Corvallis, Oregon, Franklin Elementary School

*Dec. 2004-April 2006* Hydrology-soil lab assistant  
Dr. Roy Haggerty, Oregon State University, Geosciences Department

**Memberships**

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

Microscopy Society of America (MSA)

Microanalysis Society #2069 (MAS)

**Volunteer Experience:**

- Oregon State University- Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences (2005, 2006)
- Salmon Bowl: Science Camp at COAS/Oregon State University (2006)
- Da Vinci Days, Corvallis, OR (Science and Math Fair for children) (2003, 2005)

**Publications**

Li, C., Jafari Azad, V., Rodriguez, D., Ideker, J., Isgor, B., & **Verba, C.** Elucidating Damage Mechanisms in Class H Cement from CO<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> Sequestration. 14th International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement- to be presented Beijing China, 2015. **To be presented**

Wishart, J.R.Morono, Y.Ito, M.Ijiri, A.Hoshino, T.Inagaki, F.**Verba, C.**Torres, M.E.Colwell, F.S. Assessing Microbial Activity in Marcellus Shale Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids. 2014 American Geophysical Union Abstract #. **To be presented**

Colwell, F., **Verba, C.**, Thurber, A., Alleau, Y., Koley, D., Peszynska, M., Torres, M. Feasibility of Biogeochemical Sealing of Wellbore Cements: Lab and Simulation Tests. American Geophysical Union Abstract #. **To be presented**

Yang, J., Torres, M., Kim, J.H., **Verba, C.** Investigation Rare Earth Element Systematics in the Marcellus Shale. American Geophysical Union Abstract #. **To be presented**

**Verba, C.**, Lieuallen, AE., Yang, J., Torres, M., Hakala, A. Evaluating the Influence of Chemical Reactions on Wellbore Cement Integrity and Geochemical Tracer Behavior in Hydraulically-Fractured Shale Formations. American Geophysical Union Abstract #. **To be presented**

Li, C., Jafari Azad, V., Rodriguez, D., Ideker, J., Isgor, B., & **Verba, C.** Experimental and Thermodynamic Modeling Approach To Elucidating Damage Mechanisms In Cement-Well Casting-Host Rock Settings For Underground Storage of CO<sub>2</sub>. American Geophysical Union Abstract #. **To be presented**

Li, C., Jafari Azad, V., Rodriguez, D., Ideker, J., Isgor, B., & **Verba, C.** Numerical investigation of class H cement deterioration under CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> co-exposure in down-well conditions. American Geophysical Union Abstract #. **To be presented**

Mordensky, S. Rabjohns, K., Lieuallen, A., **Verba, C.** *Characterization of the Oriskany and Berea Sandstones: evaluating the microbial degradation pathways and potential sandstone-hydraulic fracturing chemical reactions*; NETL-PUB-XXX; NETL Technical Report Series; U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory: Albany, OR, 2014; p XX. **Internal NETL review.**

Mordensky, S., Schubert, B., **Verba, C.**, Hakala, A. *Isotope Concentrations in the Appalachian Basin: A Review*; NETL-PUB-XXX; NETL Technical Report Series; U.S. Department of

Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory: Albany, OR, 2014; p XX. **Submitted**

Wilson, B., Verba, C., Rabjohns, K., Colwell, R. An Evaluation of Subsurface Microbial Likelihood Based on Permeability, Porosity, and Temperature. NETL-TRS-XX-2014; Technical Report Series; U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory: Morgantown, WV, 2014; p XX.

Rodriguez, R.; Crandall, D.; Song, X.; **Verba, C.**; Soeder, D. *Imaging Techniques Applied to Unconventional Oil and Gas Shales*; NETL-TRS-XX-2014; Technical Report Series; U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory: Morgantown, WV, 2014; p XX.

**Verba, CA.**, Reed, MH., Ideker, JH., Kutchko, B. Geomechanical Strength Tests for Portland Cement for Sequestration Purposes. NETL-TRS-X-2014; NRAP Technical Report Series; U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory: Morgantown, WV, 2013; p XX. **Waiting internal approval.**

**Verba, CA.**, O'Connor, W., Rush, G. (201X-in submission) The Influence of Brine on Class H Portland Cement Paste with CO<sub>2</sub> Injection. In Review in International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control.

**Verba, CA.**, O'Connor, W., Rush, G., Palandri, J. (2014) Basalt and Sandstone Host Rock with Class H Portland Cement Under CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Conditions. International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control. 23. pp. 119-134.

**Verba, CA.** (2013) Potential Impacts Of Formation Waters On The Integrity Of Class H Cement And Reservoir Rock In Carbon [Co-] Sequestration Settings. Doctoral Dissertation.

**Verba, CA.**, Kutchko, B, Reed, MH. (2012) Co-Sequestration Geochemical Modeling: Simple Brine Solution + CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting 2012, Abstract **H23A-1313**.

Lavalleur, H.J., **Verba, C.A.**, Disenhof, C.R., O'Connor, W.K., Colwell, F.S. (2012-revision). Changes in natural microbial communities exposed to geological carbon sequestration conditions in basalts. Submission to International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control.

O'Connor, W., Rush, G., **Verba, C.** (2012) The NETL Aqueous Mineralization Process and Recent Developments. AIChE 2012 Annual Meeting Pittsburgh, PA. Oct. 28- Nov. 2, 2012.

**Verba, CA.**, O'Connor, W., Ideker, J. (2012) Advances in Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration and Co-Sequestration with O<sub>2</sub>. ACI-CANMET Special Publication in Recent Advances in Concrete Technology and Sustainability Issues. Prague, Czech Republic. **Special Publication V 298**. pp. 1-16.

**Verba, Circe**, O'Connor, William. (2012) Potential Geologic Co-Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>: Alteration in Class H Portland Cement. 11th Annual Carbon Sequestration Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S.A., April 29-May 4, 2012. **Presentation**

O'Connor, W., Rush, G., **Verba, C.** (2012) The NETL Aqueous Mineralization Process: Recent Developments and Novel Applications. NETL-Publication 335 **Report**.

Colwell, F., Lavalleur, H., **Verba, C.**, O'Connor, W., Fisk, M. (2011) Microbiological Characterization of a Basaltic System Targeted for Geological Sequestration of Carbon. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting 2011, Abstract # *B51J-0543*

**Verba, Circe**, O'Connor, William, Rush, G.E., Ideker, J.H., Potential Geologic Co-Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> : Alteration in Class H Portland Cement. ACERS – Cements Division, Advances in Cement-Based

Materials: Characterization, Processing, Modeling & Sensing, July 23-26, 2011, Vanderbilt University. **Oral Presentation**

- Verba, C.A.**, O'Connor W.K., Rush, G.E. (2011) Implications of Geologic CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration for Basaltic and Siliceous Host Rocks and Class H cement. 10th Annual Carbon Sequestration Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S.A., May 2-5, 2011.
- Verba, CA.**, O'Connor, W., Ideker, J. (2011) Advances in Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration and Co-Sequestration. ACI-CANMET Prague, Czech Republic 2012 **Abstract Oral Presentation.**
- Verba, Circe**, O'Connor, William, Ideker, J.H., "Cement Seal Integrity: Microstructural Characterization of CO<sub>2</sub> Alteration Zones in Class H Portland Cement," ACERS – Cements Division, Advances in Cement-Based Materials: Characterization, Processing, Modeling & Sensing, July 11-13, 2010, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, Recipient of **Best Poster Award**
- Verba, CA.**, O'Connor, W. (2010) CO<sub>2</sub>-Alteration Rates for Class H Portland Cement. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Carbon Sequestration Conference. Abstract #996. **Oral Presentation.**
- Verba, CA.**, Geissler, PE., Titus, & T., Waller, D. (2010) Observations from High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE): Martian dust devils in Gusev and Russell craters. Journal of Geophysical Reviews. 2009JE003498R.
- Verba, CA.** & Fisk, M. (2009) Suggested Evidence of Freshwater Microbial Activity Preserved in Columbia River Basalt. Submitted to *Geobiology* May 2009.
- Verba, CA.**, Geissler, PE. & the HiRISE Team (2009) Comparative Analysis of Martian Dust Devil Track Morphologies in Gusev and Russell Craters LPSC XXXVIII Abstract 1979. **Oral Presentation.**
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- Verba, CA.**, Geissler, PE. (2008) Comparison of dust devil morphologies in Gusev and Russell craters. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting 2008, Abstract #P41B-1368. **Poster presentation.**
- Geissler, PE, Arvidson, R., Bell, J., Bridges, N. de Souza, P. Golombek, M. Greenberger, R., Greeley, R., Herkenhoff, K., Lahtela, H., Landis, G., Li, R., Moersch, J., Richter, L., Sims, M., Soderblom, J., Sullivan, R., Thompson, B., **Verba, C.**, Waller, D., Wang, A. (2008) Constraints on aeolian degradation rates on Mars from erasure of rover tracks. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting 2008, Abstract #P53A-1434.
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