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### RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Dynamics of the Earth's Mantle and Core  
Planetary Magnetism and Geomagnetism  
Laboratory Geodynamics Experiments  
Composition and Evolution of Earth's Mantle and Core  
Geophysical Fluid Dynamics  
Accretion and Core Formation in Terrestrial Planets

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Ph.D. Geophysics, June 1977, University of California, Berkeley, California  
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Geophysicist, Petty Geophysical Company, San Antonio, Texas (1970)  
Geophysicist, Amoco Production Company, Denver, Colorado (1971)  
Research Assistant, United States Geological Survey, Denver, Colorado (1972)  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley (1980)  
Assistant Professor of Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, Johns Hopkins  
University, Baltimore, Maryland (1977-1982)  
Research Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Institute (1982-1986)  
Associate Professor of Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, Johns Hopkins  
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Visiting Professor, Ecole Normale Supérieure, 1995  
Fellow, American Geophysical Union, 1997  
Honorary Fellow, European Union of Geosciences, 1999  
Gauss Visiting Professor, Gottingen, 2001-2002  
Morton K. Blaustein Professor, JHU, 2001-2004  
Fellow, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 2005  
Member, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, 2007  
Bullard Lecture, American Geophysical Union, 2007  
Frontiers Lecturer, Oregon State University, 2010  
Edison Lecturer, Notre Dame University, 2011  
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Ethics Board; Graduate Board, Johns Hopkins University  
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 Associate Editor, *Reviews of Geophysics* (5/88-5/91)  
 Faculty Editorial Board, The Johns Hopkins University Press (9/88-9/91)  
 Editor, *Geophysical Research Letters* (1/91-1/94)  
 Associate Editor, *G-Cubed* (10/99-10/01)  
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 Occasional Editor for Geophysics *PNAS* (6/12-)

### RESEARCH GRANTS & CONTRACTS, 1980-present; PARTIAL LIST

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Geomagnetism and Core Motions	NSF
Hydrodynamics of Baltimore Harbor	MD Dept. Natural Resources
Channel Dredging Effects in Baltimore Harbor	MD Dept. Natural Resources
Causes and Consequences of Subtidal Variability in Chesapeake Bay Circulation	MD Dept Natural Resources Power Plant Siting
A Study of Some Convective Processes in the Earth's Core and Mantle	NSF
A Study of Convective Processes in the Earth's Mantle and Core	NSF
Supercomputers	NSF
Acquisition of a VAX-11/750 computer system	NSF
Patuxent River Circulation	MD DHMH
Prospecting for Mantle Plumes Using Satellite Geoid and Gravity Data	NASA
Boundary Layer Dynamics in the Earth's Mantle	NSF
Dynamo Models of Paleomagnetic Secular Variation	NSF
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Long Term Numerical Simulations of the Patuxent Estuary Hydrodynamics	MD Dept. of Energy
Three-dimensional estuarine circulation	MD Dept. of Energy
Mantle Convection With Surface Plates	IGPP
Mantle Plume Dynamics in the Terrestrial Planets	NASA
Experimental Geodynamics	NSF
Convection in a Rapidly Rotating Sphere	IGPP
Rotating Convection with Precession	NSF
Experimental Geodynamics	NSF
Magnetoconvection in the Earth's Core	IGPP

Cooperative Research on Earth's Deep Interior	NSF
Seismodynamics of the Lithosphere	NSF
Causes and Consequences of Geomagnetic Dipole Moment Change	NSF
Geomagnetic Polarity Reversals and the Geodynamo	NSF
Core-Mantle Interactions and Evolution of the Geodynamo	NSF
Fluid Dynamics Experiments on Core Formation	NSF

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## General Undergraduate Courses:

*Planet Earth*  
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*Our Changing Planet*  
*Introduction to Global Environmental Change Science*  
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*Introduction to Seismology*  
*Geodynamics*  
*Oceanography*  
*Principles of Natural Catastrophes*  
*Planets, Life, Universe*

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*Geophysical Fluid Dynamics*  
*Fluid Dynamics of the Earth and Planets*  
*Time Series Methods in Geophysics*  
*Earth's Core and the Geodynamo*  
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#### ARTICLES:

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4. Olson, P. and G.M. Corcos, A boundary layer model for mantle convection with surface plates, *Geophys. J.R. Astr. Soc.*, **62**, 195-219, 1980.
5. Olson, P., Mantle convection with spherical effects, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **86**, 4881-4891, 1981.
6. Olson, P., A simple physical model for the terrestrial dynamo, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **86**, 10785-10882, 1981.
7. Olson, P. and D.A. Yuen, Thermochemical Plumes and Mantle Phase Transitions, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **87**, 3993-4002, 1982.
8. Boicourt, W.D. and P. Olson, A Hydrodynamic Study of the Baltimore Harbor System, Part I: Observations on the Circulation and Mixing in Baltimore Harbor, Chesapeake Bay Inst. Bulletin #1, 120 pp., 1982.
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15. Olson, P. A Spectral Model for Subtidal Variability in the Chesapeake Bay, *Maryland Academy of Sciences PPRP-89*, 59 pp., 1984.
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20. Olson, P. and U. Christensen, Solitary Wave Propagation in a Fluid Conduit Within a Viscous Matrix, *J. Geophys. Res.*, **91**, 6367-6374, 1986.
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