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### Education

Ph.D. Geology -1986. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg VA 24061  
Ph.D. Dissertation: *The Crystal Chemistry of Tetrahedrite.*

M.S. Geology -1983. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
M.S. Thesis: *A Study of the Vein Copper Mineralization of the Virgilina District, Virginia and North Carolina.*

B.S. Geology -1980. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210  
B.S. Thesis: *Hydrothermal Synthesis of  $\text{NaNb}(\text{BO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{CaPb}(\text{BO}_3)_2$ , Analogues of Nordenskiöldine -  $\text{CaSn}(\text{BO}_3)_2$ .*

### Experience

*Lecturer, Appalachian State University: 1994 - present*

Taught physical and honors physical geology classes and labs, applied geology classes and labs, crystal chemistry, optical mineralogy, earth materials, environmental geology and computer applications. Managed Macintosh laboratories and X-Ray diffractometer lab. Acted as departmental webmaster.

*Oak Ridge Associated Universities Post-Doctoral Fellow, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratories, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940: 1992 - 1994*

Determined nature of a synthetic interstratified marcasite/pyrite used as a catalyst precursor. Investigated structural aspects of hydrotalcite precursors and spinel catalysts used in Fischer-Tropsch catalysis. Installed and tested new X-ray diffractometer software. Developed and maintained periodic standardization routine for aging diffractometer. Wrote on-site user guide for diffractometer software.

*Instructor, Department of Geology, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142: 1986-1991*

Taught physical geology classes and introductory-level laboratories in physical, historical and environmental geology. Aided in development of environmental geology laboratory curriculum, including creating or collaborating on several laboratory exercises now in use. Assisted in purchasing decisions on X-ray diffractometer, along with development of laboratory.

*Research associate, VPI & SU: 1987-1991*

Assisted in hardware and software maintenance of X-ray diffractometry laboratory and provided training and consultation for research users. Assisted in project on porting mainframe FORTRAN software to Macintosh computers. Conducted original and collaborative research on mineralogic and ore deposits related topics (see publication list). Taught junior-level laboratories in powder diffraction and graduate-level laboratories in single crystal and powder diffraction.

*Teaching assistant, VA Governor's School for the Gifted, VPI & SU: Summers 1983-1989*

Designed, developed and taught a series of geoscience laboratories for gifted high school students in month long summer enrichment programs.

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*VA Mining and Minerals Resource Research Institute Fellow, VPI & SU: 1983-1986*

Investigated the chemical and physical properties of minerals in the tetrahedrite series, including the ranges and types of solid-solution substitutions and the effects of composition on the unit-cell dimensions. Developed a model to predict the rotation of the crystal structure framework as a function of the composition. Produced and maintained a microcomputer database of published chemical and physical data on tetrahedrite.

*Teaching assistant, VPI & SU: 1981-1983*

Taught introductory-level laboratories in historical geology, senior-level laboratories in economic geology and supervised the teaching of introductory-level laboratories in resources geology.

### **Awards and Honors**

Nominee, Outstanding Teacher, College of Arts and Sciences, Appalachian State University, 1996, 1998

Oak Ridge Associated Universities Research Excellence Award, 1994

Oak Ridge Associated Universities Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1992, 1993, 1994.

Mining and Minerals Resource Research Institute Fellowship, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986

R.M. Spieker Field Geology Scholarship, 1980.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Crystallographic Association

Mineralogical Association of Canada

Mineralogical Society of America

National Center for Science Education

Society of Economic Geologists

### **References**

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**Publications**

(\* undergraduate student co-author)

**Books, book chapters, or edited compilations:**

Johnson, N.E., Craig, J.R. and Rimstidt, J.D. *Vein Copper Mineralization of the Virgilina District, Virginia and North Carolina*. Contributions to Virginia Geology VI, (N.H.Evans, editor) Virginia Division of Mineral Resources Publication 88 (1989), 1-16.

**Papers in refereed journals:**

Callahan, J.E., Bream, B.R., **Johnson, N.E.** and Stepp, J.D. *Geochemistry Of Megacrystic Zircons With Distinctive Fluorescent Zircon Populations From The Freeman Mine, Zirconia, North Carolina*. Southeastern Geology 45 (2007) 1-13.

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