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### ***Education***

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Ph.D., Geology, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 1998.

B.A., Cum Laude, with Departmental Honors, Geology, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, 1993.

### ***Employment***

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Principal Scientist. Southwest Research Institute (May 2008 – present)

Associate Researcher (tenured 2007). Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (August 2007 – April 2008)

Assistant Researcher. Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (August 2002 – July 2007)

Faculty Research Associate. Department of Geological Sciences, Arizona State University (January 2001 – August 2002)

Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Geological Sciences, Arizona State University (2000; summer 2001)

Postdoctoral Research Associate. Department of Geological Sciences, Arizona State University (1998 – 2000)

Graduate Research Associate. Department of Geological Sciences, Arizona State University (1993 – 1998)

Member of Technical Staff. Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA (1993 – 1996)

### ***Advising & Teaching Experience***

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Currently co-advising Mikki Osterloo (Ph.D. candidate, University of Hawai'i).

Ph.D. degree awarded to Meryl L. McDowell, 2009.

Ph.D. degree awarded to William C. Koeppen, 2008.

Master's degree awarded to Romy D. Schneider, 2006.

GG 710 – Selected Topics in Geology & Geophysics (seminar), Spring 2005.

GG 670C – Geology of Planets – Mars, Fall 2004.

GG 671B – Remote Sensing – Planets. Co-taught with Prof. Paul Lucey, Fall 2003.

GEO 101 – Arizona State University – taught 3 semesters (Spring and Fall 2000, Summer 2001)

Enrollment each semester was ~220 students.

## ***Honors and Awards***

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Asteroid 7237 Vickyhamilton (1988 VH), 2007.

Young Alumni Seal Award, Occidental College, 2003. (Inaugural Recipient)

NASA Group Achievement Award, 2001 Mars Odyssey Thermal Emission Imaging System Team, 2005.

NASA Group Achievement Award, Mars Global Surveyor Thermal Emission Spectrometer Team, 2000.

National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC) Graduate Fellowship for Women and Minorities in the Sciences, sponsoring employer/stipend support: Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 1993 to 1998.

Honorable Mention, Oral Presentation, Geological Society of America Stephen E. Dornik Planetary Geosciences Student Paper Award, 1996.

NASA Planetary Geology and Geophysics Undergraduate Research Internship (PGGUR), Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 1992.

## ***Professional Service & Organizations***

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Member, Editorial Board, *Minerals*.

Member, MEPAG Goals Committee.

NRC Committee on Cost Growth in NASA Earth and Space Science Missions (2009-2010).

Planetary Science Subcommittee, NASA Advisory Council (2006 – 2009).

Lunar and Planetary Institute Science Council, Universities Space Research Association (2006 – 2009).

MEPAG Mid-range Rover Science Analysis Group (MRR-SAG), 2009.

Mars Architecture Review Committee, Committee for Planetary Exploration, National Research Council (February – April 2006).

Associate Editor, *Journal of Geophysical Research – Planets*, July 2003 – 2006.

Host Researcher, "JASON Expedition: Mysteries of Earth and Mars", JASON Foundation for Education, 2004 – 2006.

Panel Chair, NASA Mars Fundamental Research Program, 2008.  
Panel Chair, NASA Mars Data Analysis Program, 2006, 2007.  
Group Chief, NASA Astrobiology Technology and Instrument Development Program, 2005.  
Group Chief, NASA Mars Data Analysis Program Review Panel, 2001, 2003, 2004.  
Group Chief, NASA Mars Fundamental Research Program Review Panel, 2003.  
Panel Member, NASA Planetary Instrument Design and Development Program, 2001, 2002.  
Judge, Dornik Student Paper Contest, Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, 2001.  
Panel Member, NASA Mars Data Analysis Program Review Panel, 1998 to 2000.  
Member, American Geophysical Union (1995 to present).  
Member, Geological Society of America (intermittent).  
Member, Meteoritical Society (1997-1998, 2001-present).

## ***Publications***

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### ***Refereed Research Articles***

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- McDowell, M. L., and **V. E. Hamilton**, Seeking phyllosilicates in thermal infrared data: A laboratory and Martian data case study, *J. Geophys. Res.*, doi:10.1029/2008JE003317, 2009.
- Hamilton, V. E.**, R. V. Morris, J. E. Gruener, and S. A. Mertzman, Visible, near infrared, and middle infrared spectroscopy of altered basaltic tephra: Spectral signatures of phyllosilicates, sulfates, and other aqueous alteration products with application to the mineralogy of the Columbia Hills of Gusev crater, Mars, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 113, E12S43, doi: 10.1029/2007JE003049, 2008.
- Edwards, C. S., P. R. Christensen, and **V. E. Hamilton**, Evidence for extensive olivine-rich basalt

bedrock outcrops in Ganges and Eos Chasma, Mars, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *113*, E11003, doi: 10.1029/2008JE003091, 2008.

Tornabene, L., J. Moersch, H. Y. McSween Jr., **V. Hamilton**, J. Piatek, and P. Christensen (2008), Surface and crater-exposed lithologic units of the Isidis Basin as mapped by co-analysis of THEMIS and TES derived data products, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *113*, E10001, doi: 10.1029/2007JE002988, 2008.

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Osterloo, M.M., **V.E. Hamilton**, J.L. Bandfield, T.D. Glotch, A.M. Baldrige, P.R. Christensen, L.L. Tornabene, and F.S. Anderson, Chloride-bearing materials in the southern highlands of Mars, *Science*, *319*, 1651-1654, 2008.

McDowell, M.L. and **V.E. Hamilton**, Geologic characteristics of relatively high thermal inertia intracrater deposits in southwestern Margaritifer Terra, Mars, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *112*, E12001, doi:10.1029JE002925, 2007.

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