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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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California State University, Bakersfield

Director, California Energy Research Center: 2014-2016
Director, CSUB/National Science Foundation CREST: 2011-2015
Emeritus Professor: 2017-present
Professor: 1991-2016
Associate Professor: 1988-1991
Assistant Professor: 1985-1988

University of California, Davis

Ph.D. in Geology: 1986
Dissertation: The Middle to Late Pleistocene Geomagnetic Field as Recorded in Fine-Grained Sediments from the Northwestern Basin and Range, Nevada and Oregon
Graduate Research Assistant: 1980-1985
Graduate Teaching Assistant: 1980-1984

Amherst College

B.A. cum Laude in Geology: 1979
Thesis: A Gravity Study of the Western Border of the Connecticut Valley in the Vicinity of Northampton, Massachusetts

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020: CSUB Faculty Hall of Fame
2012-13: CSUB Outstanding Research Faculty Award
2008-09: Distinguished Educator Award, Pac. Sect., American Assoc. of Petrol. Geol.
1998: Kern County Alliance of Business "Hall of Fame" Award for Outstanding Teaching
1997-98: CSUB Outstanding Professor
1994-98: "Golden Apple" Certificate of Appreciation from Kern County School Administrators for leadership, support, and involvement in the Project SCALE science program at Stella Hills Elementary School.

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS (*grad student coauthor; **undergraduate, ***high school student coauthor)

Antinao, J.L., A. Maldonado, L. Diaz, **R. Negrini**, R. Tiner*, V. Flores-Aqueveque, S. Mereiras, N. Brown, E. McDonald, 2025. Late Quaternary alluvial fan stratigraphy and chronology, Elqui, Turbio and Claro valleys, semiarid Andes of Chile, *Quaternary International*, v. 727, p. 1-20, 109765
Lund, S., L. Benson, **R. Negrini**, 2021. Timing of Sierra Nevadan stadial/interstadial variations from 15-56 ka, *Quaternary International*, v. 583, p. 31-38.
Rhodes, D.D., **R.M. Negrini**, J.R. Arrowsmith, P.E. Wigand, M.R. Palacios-Fest, O.K. Davis, 2019, Geomorphic and sedimentologic evidence for Pluvial Lake Carrizo, San Luis Obispo County, California, *GSA Special Paper 536, From Saline to Freshwater: The Diversity of Western Lakes in Space and Time*, DOI.org/10.1130/2019.2536(16).
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Heaton*, E., G. Thompson*, D. Fetzner*, **R. Negrini**, P.E. Wigand, M.R. Palacios-Fest, R. LaFever, A.L. Jacobsen, C. Trigos***, 2019. A Great Basin lake-level response to 38-34 ka Dansgaard-Oeschger oscillations, *Journal of Paleolimnology*, v. 68, p. 263-278. DOI.org/10.1007/s10933-018-0057-5.

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- Lund, S., L. Benson, R. Negrini, J. Liddicoat, S. Mensing, 2017, A full-vector paleomagnetic secular variation record (PSV) from Pyramid Lake (Nevada) from 47-17 ka: Evidence for the successive Mono Lake and Laschamp Excursions, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, v. 458, p. 120-129
- Roza*, J., B. Jackson*, E. Heaton**, L. Prosser*, **R. Negrini**, 2016, Paleomagnetic secular variation and environmental magnetism of Holocene-aged sediments from Tulare Lake, CA, *Quaternary Research*, v. 85, p. 391-398.
- Adams, K., R. Negrini, E. Cook, S. Rajagopa, 2015. Annually-resolved late Holocene paleohydrology of the southern Sierra Nevada and Tulare Lake, California, *Water Resources Research*, v. 51, doi:10.1002/2015WR017850.
- Blunt*, A., **R. Negrini**, 2015, Latest Pleistocene through Holocene lake levels from the TL05-4 cores, Tulare Lake, CA, USA: Geophysical and geochemical proxies, *Quaternary International*, v. 387, p. 122-130, [dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2015.07.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2015.07.001).
- Negrini, R.M.**, D.T. McCuan*, R.A. Horton, J.D. Lopez**, W.S. Cassata, J.E.T. Channell, K.L. Verosub, J.R. Knott, R.S. Coe, J.C. Liddicoat, S.P. Lund, L.V. Benson, A.M. Sarna-Wojcicki, 2014. Nongeo-centric axial dipole field behavior, during the Mono Lake excursion, *Jour. Geophys. Res.*, DOI: 10.1002/2013JB010846.
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- Negrini, R.**, 2011. Bits and Pieces: Kern River sediments below the modern fan apex, *In*, ed. A. Lutz, Seismic Hazard, Tectonics, and Geomorphology of the Southern Sierra Nevada Range and Southern Walker Lane Belt, California, *Friends of the Pleistocene, Pacific Cell Fieldtrip*, Fall 2011, 35-43.
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- Negrini, R.**, D. Baron, J. Gillespie, R. Horton, A. Draucker*, N. Durham**, J. Huff*, P. Philley**, C. Register**, J. Parker, T. Haslebacher., 2009. A middle Pleistocene lacustrine delta in the Kern River depositional system: Structural control, regional stratigraphic context and impact on groundwater quality, submitted to Knauer, L., ed., *Contributions to the Geology of the San Joaquin Basin, California, Pac. Sect. AAPG*, v. MP 48, p. 95-111.
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- Baron D., **R.M. Negrini**, E.M. Golob*, D. Miller, A. Sarna-Wojcicki, R. Fleck, B. Hacker, A. Erendi, 2008, Geochemical correlation and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating of the Kern River Ash and related tephra: Implications for petroleum-bearing formations in the San Joaquin Valley, California. *Quaternary International*, v. 178, p. 246-260.
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- Gardner, J.K., **Negrini, R.M.**, Sutton, M.Q., Wigand, P.E., Yohe II, R., 2005. A Middle Holocene radiocarbon date and the geologic context of human occupation in the Tulare Lake Basin of California, *Journal of California Great Basin Anthropology*, v. 25, p. 80-88.
- Benson, L., S. Lund, **R. Negrini**, B. Linsley, M. Zic*, 2003, Response of North American Great Basin lakes to Dansgaard-Oeschger oscillations. *Quaternary Science Reviews*, v. 22, pp. 2239-2251.
- Benson, L., J. Liddicoat, J. Smoot, A. Sarna-Wojcicki, **R. Negrini**, S. Lund, 2003, Age of the Mono Lake excursion and associated tephra. *Quaternary Science Reviews*, v. 22, pp. 135-140.
- Reheis, M., Redwine, J., Adams, K., Stine, S., Parker*, K., **Negrini R.**, Burke, R., Kurth, G., McGeehin, J., Paces, J., Phillips, R., Sarna-Wojcicki, A., and Smoot, J., 2003. Pliocene to Holocene lakes in the western Great Basin: New perspectives on paleoclimate, landscape dynamics, tectonics, and paleodistribution of aquatic species; *in* Easterbrook, D.J., ed., *Quaternary Geology of the United States, INQUA 2003 Field Guide Volume*, Desert Research Institute, Reno, NV, p. 155-194.
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- Negrini, R.M.**, D.B. Erbes*, A.P. Roberts, K.L. Verosub, and A.M. Sarna-Wojcicki, C. Meyer, 1994, Repeating waveforms initiated by a 100-200 ka excursion in western North America: Implications for geomagnetic field behavior during polarity transitions and subsequent secular variation, *Journal of Geophysical Research*, v. 99, pp. 24,105-24,119.
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- Negrini, R. M.**, and J.O. Davis, 1992. Dating late Pleistocene pluvial events and tephtras by correlating paleomagnetic secular variation records from the western Great Basin, U.S.A., *Quaternary Research*, v. 38, pp. 46-59.
- Gobalet, K.W. and **R.M. Negrini**, 1992. Evidence for endemism in fossil tui chub (*Gila bicolor*) from Pleistocene Lake Chewaucan, Oregon, *Copeia*, v.1992, pp. 539-544.
- Negrini, R. M.**, K.L. Verosub, and J.O. Davis, 1988. The middle to late Pleistocene geomagnetic field recorded in fine-grained sediments from Summer Lake, Oregon, and Double Hot Springs, Nevada, U.S.A., *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, v. 87, pp. 173-192.
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- Negrini, R.M.**, J.O. Davis, and K.L. Verosub, 1984. Mono Lake geomagnetic excursion found at Summer Lake, Oregon. *Geology*, v. 12, p. 643-646.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION (*grad student coauthor; **undergraduate, ***high school student coauthor)

- Reagan, J., K. Padilla, R. LaFever, A. Jacobsen, **R. Negrini**, in review, N-alkanes and grass phytoliths used to test a paleoclimate record from a lake with poor pollen preservation and low organic matter, in *Eds. S. Starratt, M. Rosen, From Saline to Freshwater: The Diversity of Western Lakes in Space and Time*, *Geological Society of America Special Paper* 23-IX-15
- Van Grinsven*, M., **R. Negrini**, in review, Glaciogenic, Geomorphic, and Insolation effects during MIS 2 on the lacustrine sediment flux of Tulare Lake, CA, *Quaternary International*.

EXTERNALLY FUNDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (total funding=\$11.9M; >\$250k/yr)

- 2015: \$4,832,291 funded by the National Science Foundation for a five-year project entitled “CSUB CREST Phase II: Climate Change and Natural Resource Solutions for Water-Limited, Paired Mountain/Valley Systems” (w/ Gillespie, Krugh, Pratt, Saini, Montoya, Baron, Andrews, Jacobsen).
- 2015: \$103,417 funded by CALFlows consortium project entitled “A Potential Opportunity Forecast on the Beneficial Use of Oil Field Water in the State of California” (w/ Cabrales, Ampatzidis, Gillespie, Saini, Michieka, and Paggi).
- 2014: \$90,293 funded by the National Science Foundation for a one-year project entitled “The extended – unextended transition in the Sierra Madre Occidental volcanic province, Mexico: Developing collaborative research and research training in volcanology and tectonics (w/ Andrews).
- 2013: \$53,663 funded by the National Science Foundation Geomorphology and Land Use Dynamics Program for a two-year project entitled “Collaborative research: Millennial variability of hillslope dynamics and alluvial aggradation in semiarid regions: a view from the southern hemisphere (w/ Antinao and McDonald).

- 2013: \$99,902 funded by the National Science Foundation for a one-year project entitled "Linking precipitation and runoff models to lake water balance models to improve stream discharge estimates and interdisciplinary (w/ K. Adams).
- 2011: \$5,000,367 funded by the National Science Foundation CREST program for a five-year project entitled "CSUB Center for Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration" (with Horton, Loewy, Gillespie, Baron, Mickler, Montoya)
- 2010: \$183,440 funded by the National Science Foundation Geophysics Program for a two-year project entitled "The Laschamp and Mono Lake Excursions in High Deposition Rate Sediments from Summer Lake, Oregon, USA" (with R. Horton)
- 2009: \$54,354 funded by Occidental Petroleum Elk Hills, Inc. for "Identification and datings of volcanic ashes from an unspecified well, Kern County, CA (with S. Loewy, D. Baron)
- 2008: \$38,225 funded by Chevron, USA, Inc. for "Identification and Dating of Volcanic Ashes from the Kern River Formation, Kern County, CA"
- 2004: \$121,000 funded by the Kern Water Bank Authority through CA AB303 for the Hydrogeology of the Kern Fan Element and Implications on Local Groundwater Management of the Kern Water Bank. (with D. Baron, J. Gillespie, and R. Horton)
- 2003: \$400,000 funded by the National Science Foundation Geodiversity Program for the paleoclimate and flooding history to of the southern San Joaquin Valley. (with D. Baron, M. Palacios-Fest)
- 2003: \$115,000 funded by the Kern Water Bank Authority through CA AB303 for the 3-D characterization and monitoring of aquifer attributes in the Kern Water Bank. (with D. Baron, J. Gillespie, and R. Horton)
- 2001: \$151,000 funded by the US Dept. Agriculture for geologic processes governing the aquifer characteristics of the Kern Water Bank.
- 2001: \$35,000 funded by the CA Dept. Water Resources for the Quaternary shorelines of Tulare Lake and implications on preferential locations of archeological sites.
- 1998: \$84,705 from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, its foundation, and the Western States Petroleum Association to establish a geotechnology center at California State University, Bakersfield (with J. Gillespie and R. Horton)
- 1995: \$169,000 funded by the Kern Valley Hospital District for the characterization and monitoring of a water discharge plume (with R. Crewdson).
- 1995: \$21,096 funded by the Kern Valley Hospital District for an electrical resistivity study of a water discharge plume.
- 1994: \$13,040 funded by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California for electrical resistivity study of the Kern County Water Bank.
- 1994: \$8,040 funded by Texaco Exploration and Production for electrical resistivity study of the Junction Water Plant.
- 1993: \$3,500 funded as subcontract by Desert Research Institute for paleomagnetic correlation of pluvial lake sediments from the Black Rock Desert and Long Valley localities in northern Nevada.
- 1991: \$195,000 funded by National Science Foundation for two-year project entitled "High-resolution paleoclimate and paleomagnetic records from the middle to late Pleistocene, nonmarine sediments in south-central Oregon."
- 1991: \$15,000 funded by Texaco Philanthropic Incorporated for purchase of electrical resistivity equipment.
- 1990: \$6,932 funded by Texaco Philanthropic Incorporated for purchase of earthquake seismometer and seismograph (with R Horton).
- 1988: \$98,626 funded by National Science Foundation for two-year project entitled "Testing models of climate-induced geomagnetic field behavior with a record of Pleistocene paleomagnetic directions."
- 1987: \$22,036 funded by American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund for two-year project entitled "Constraining the stratigraphic, paleogeographic, and geo-magnetic applications of paleomagnetism."

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS AND FIELD TRIP GUIDEBOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- Negrini, R.,** D. Baron, J. Gillespie, R. Horton, J. Huff**, 2005. Final project report Phase II: 3-D characterization and monitoring of aquifer attributes in the Kern Water Bank, State of California AB303 program, CSU Bakersfield contributions, 37 p., 12 tables, 23 figures.
- Negrini, R.,** D. Baron, J. Gillespie, R. Horton, P. Philley*, C. Register*, 2003. Final project report Phase I: 3-D characterization and monitoring of aquifer attributes in the Kern Water Bank, State of California AB303 program, CSU Bakersfield contributions, 37 p., 2 tables, 19 figures.
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- Negrini, R.M.**, 2001, Introduction in Quaternary Studies near Summer Lake, Oregon, Negrini, R.M., S. Pezzopane, T. Badger, Eds., Field Guidebook for 9th Ann. Pac. NW Cell Field Trip, Friends of the Pleistocene (not peer-reviewed).
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- Gardner, C., **Negrini, R.M.**, 2001, Paleomagnetic correlation of the Shevlin Park Tuff, central Oregon, with tephra layer SL-JJ at Summer Lake in south-central Oregon, in Quaternary Studies near Summer Lake, Oregon, Negrini, R.M., S. Pezzopane, T. Badger, Eds., Field Guidebook for 9th Ann. Pac. NW Cell Field Trip, Friends of the Pleistocene (not peer-reviewed).
- Sarna-Wojcicki, **R.M. Negrini**, D.P. Adam, J.P. Walker, and E. Wan, 2001. The Ana River Core: Extending the record of the Ana River section back in time: An addendum to the 2001 Friends of the Pleistocene, Pacific Cell, Field Trip Guide to the Summer Lake, Oregon, Area, in Quaternary Studies near Summer Lake, Oregon, Negrini, R.M., S. Pezzopane, T. Badger, Eds., Field Guidebook for 9th Ann. Pac. NW Cell Field Trip, Friends of the Pleistocene (not peer-reviewed).
- Miller, D., **R. Negrini**, M. McQuire, C. Huggins, *M. Minner, B. Hacker, A. M. Sarna-Wojcicki, C. Meyer, R. Fleck, S. Reid, 1998, New upper age constraint on the Kern River Formation, in, S.A. Reid, ed. Outcrops of the Eastern San Joaquin Basin, San Joaquin Geological Society (not peer-reviewed).
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- Negrini, R.**, R. Crowdson, *I. Ewing, **C. Jamison, **M. Herd, **T. Dao, 1994, A DC electrical resistivity study of a portion of the Kern Water Bank Region, Kern County, CA, submitted to *California Department of Water Resources*, 31 p.
- Blackwell**, M. and **R. Negrini**, 1992, Dating sediments at an archeological site in the Tulare Lake basin by correlating paleomagnetic secular variation records: Work in progress, published in the annual proceedings of the *California Society of Archeology*.
- Negrini, R.M.** and K.L. Verosub, 1987. Paleomagnetism and the Pleistocene geology of pluvial lakes in the northwestern region of the Great Basin: Work in progress. In: *Introduction to the Pleistocene Geology of Northwestern Lake Lahontan, Nevada: Field Guide for the 1987 Friends of the Pleistocene, Pacific Cell Outing*. Published by the Desert Research Institute of the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OF NOTE

- 2014-15: Director, CSU Bakersfield California Energy Research Center (CERC)
- 2011-15: Director, NSF Center of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST)
- 2012-14: Vice-Chair, CSU Bakersfield Academic Senate
- 2005-06: President, San Joaquin Geological Society
- 2000-01: Vice-President, San Joaquin Geological Society
- 1990-95: Chair, Department of Physics and Geology