

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Degrees

Ph.D. (Geology), Stanford University, 1977
 "Late Holocene Displacement History along the South-Central Reach of the San Andreas Fault"
A.B. with highest honors (Geology), University of California, Riverside, 1972

Professional positions

Nanyang Technological University
 AXA-Nanyang Chair in Natural Hazards, 2012-present
 Professor, Nanyang Technological University, 2008-present
 Director, Earth Observatory of Singapore, 2008-present
California Institute of Technology
 Robert P. Sharp Professor of Geology, 2003-2008
 Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Caltech, 1977-2009

Principal Research Activities

Earthquake geology (neotectonics and paleoseismology)
Tsunami geology
Extraterrestrial impact geology

Distinctions and Awards

Harry Fielding Reid Medal, 2013, Seismological Society of America (SSA)
Best Paper Award, 2012, Geological Society of America, Structural Geology Division (for Yule and Sieh, 2003)
Fellow, American Geophysical Union, 2001
Member, National Academy of Sciences, 1999
Fellow, Geological Society of America, 1996
National Academy of Sciences Award for Initiatives in Research, 1982
E.B. Burwell, Jr., Memorial Award of the Engineering Geology Division, Geological Society of America (for Sieh 1978)

Selected Recent Service

Singapore

- Member, Scientific Advisory Board, CENSAM (February 2013 - 2017)
- Member, Committee on Sustainable Earth, NTU (21 Dec 2009 - present)
- Member, International Scientific Advisory Panel (ISAP), Centre for Climate Research Singapore (CCRS) (1 October 2011 - September 2015)
- Member, School Review Committee for Promotion and Tenure (SRCPT) in the Asian School of the Environment (13 February 2015)
- Member, Local Evaluation Panel (LEP) for Singapore NRF Fellowship Award (June 2012– May 2014)

International

- Member, Advisory Panel, Institute of Earth Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (2000-2013)
- Member, Centre for Tropical Environmental & Sustainability Science (TESS) Scientific Advisory Board (2014)

Professional Societies

American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Geophysical Union (Fellow)
Geological Society of America (Fellow)
Seismological Society of America
National Academy of Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

2017

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