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### **Education**

University of Redlands	Physics	B.Sc., 1973
Pennsylvania State University	Geophysics	M.Sc., 1975
UCLA	Geophysics	Ph.D., 1991

# **Appointments and Experience**

1975-1978	Mathematics and Science Faculty, Langtang Government Secondary School, Plateau State, Nigeria, Africa	
1978-1980	Mathematics and Science Faculty, Baptist High School, Plateau State, Nigeria, Africa	
1980-1985	Faculty, Department of Physics, University of Liberia, Liberia, Africa	
	Chair, Department of Physics, University of Liberia, Liberia, Africa (1983-1984)	
1987-1989	Collaborating Scientist (part-time), Shock Physics Group, Los Alamos National Laboratory	
1991-1992	National Research Council Fellow (post-doctoral position), Complex Systems Theory Group, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC	
1992-2006	Faculty (Department Chair 1996-2006), Department of Mathematics and Physics, Azusa Pacific University	
	Chair, Department of Mathematics and Physics, Azusa Pacific University (1996-2006)	
	Associate Research Geophysicist I, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, UCLA	
2006-2015	Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Azusa Pacific University	
	Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Azusa Pacific University (2013-2014)	
2014-2015	Interim Executive Director, Office of Research and Grants, Azusa Pacific University (part-time while also serving as Associate Dean of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)	
2015-	Executive Director, Office of Research and Grants, Azusa Pacific University	

# **Azusa Pacific University Awards Received**

1. Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award, 1998, \$3,000 prize.

2. Scholarly Achievement Award, 2006, \$3,000 prize.

### **External Research Grants Awarded since 2000**

1. Title: High Temperature Elasticity of Pyroxenes

Role: PI

Funding Agency: National Science Foundation

Host Institution: Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, UCLA

Amount: \$270,000

Dates: July 2000 through June 2003

2. Title: Collaborative Research - Elasticity of Hot-Pressed Polycrystalline Minerals of

the Earth's Transition Zone

Role: PI (Collaboration with Gabriel Gwanmesia, Delaware State University)

Funding Agency: National Science Foundation

Host Institution: Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, UCLA

Amount: \$198,000

Dates: July 2004 through June 2007

3. Title: Thermoelasticity of SSP Materials: An Integrated Acoustic and Diffraction Study

at High-P and High-T

Role: Co-I (PI Baosheng Li, State University of New York Stony Brook)

Funding Agency: Department of Energy

Host Institution: Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, UCLA

Amount: \$161,627 Dates: 2005-2007

## **Other Contributions**

1. Associate Editor of Journal of Geophysical Research (1996-1999)

2. Associate Editor of *American Mineralogist* (2000-2005)

3. Peer reviewed 65+ journal manuscripts for: Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Geophysical Research, Physica B, physica status solidi, Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids, American Mineralogist, Physics Today, Journal of Acoustical Society of America, Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors, Physics and Chemistry of Minerals, High Temperatures-High Pressures, Geosciences Journal, Journal of Alloys and Compounds, Physical Review (1995-2016)

- 4. Reviewed 30+ major research proposals for NSF Directorate for Geosciences (2000-2016)
- 5. Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research (SCCUR) presentations with APU students (1994, 1995, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014)

#### Publications (APU student/staff collaborators in **bold red**)

- 1. Isaak, D.G., and E.K. Graham, The elastic properties of an almandine-spessartine garnet and elasticity in the garnet solid solution series, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 81, 2483-2489, 1976
- 2. Anderson, O.L., D.G. Isaak, and S. Yamamoto, Anharmonicity and the equation of state for gold, *J. Appl. Phys.*, 65, 1534-1543, 1989
- 3. Isaak, D.G., O.L. Anderson, T. Goto, and I. Suzuki, Elasticity of single-crystal forsterite measured to 1700 K, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *94*, 5895-5906, 1989
- 4. Isaak, D.G., O.L. Anderson, and T. Goto, Measured elastic moduli of single-crystal MgO up to 1800K, *Phys. Chem. Minerals*, *16*, 704-713, 1989
- 5. McQueen, R.G. and D.G. Isaak, Bromoform (CHBr<sub>3</sub>) A very high pressure shock-wave analyzer, in *Shock Compression of Condensed Matter*, S.C. Schmidt, J.N. Johnson, and L.W. Davison (eds.), Elsevier Science Publishers, pp. 125-128, 1990. Proceedings of the August 1989 APS Topical Conference on Shock Compression of Condensed Matter, Albuquerque, New Mexico
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- 7. Cynn, H., D.G. Isaak, R.E. Cohen, M.F. Nicol, and O.L. Anderson, A high pressure phase transition of corundum predicted by the Potential Induced Breathing model, *Am. Mineral.*, 75, 439-442, 1990
- 8. McQueen, R.G. and D.G. Isaak, Characterizing windows for shock wave radiation studies, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 95, 21753-21765, 1990
- 9. Cohen, R.E. and D. G. Isaak, Comments on 'Thermodynamics and elastic properties of a many-body model for simple oxides', *Phys. Rev. B*, *44*, 1991
- 10. Anderson, O.L., D.G. Isaak, and H. Oda, Thermoelastic parameters for six minerals at high temperature, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *96*, 18037-18046, 1991
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- 12. Isaak, D.G., O.L. Anderson, and H. Oda, High temperature thermal expansion and elasticity of calcium-rich garnets, *Phys. Chem. Mineral.*, *19*, 106-120, 1992
- 13. Oda, H., O.L. Anderson, D.G. Isaak, and I. Suzuki, Measurement of elastic properties of single-crystal CaO up to 1200 K, *Phys. Chem. Mineral.*, *19*, 96-105, 1992
- 14. Isaak, D.G., O.L. Anderson, and R. Cohen, The relationship between shear and compressional velocities at high pressures: reconciliation of seismic tomography and mineral physics, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 19, 741-744, 1992
- 15. Anderson, O.L., D.G. Isaak, and H. Oda, A model for the computation of thermal expansivity at high compression and high temperatures: MgO as an example, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 19, 1987-1990, 1992
- 16. Anderson, O.L., D.G. Isaak, and H. Oda, High temperature elastic constant data on minerals relevant to geophysics, *Rev. Geophys. and Space Phys.*, 30, 57-90, 1992
- 17. Isaak, D.G., The mixed *P*,*T* derivatives of elastic moduli and implications on extrapolating throughout Earth's mantle, *Phys. of Earth and Planet. Int.*, 80, 37-48, 1993

- 18. Anderson, O.L, H. Oda, D.G. Isaak, A. Chopelas, A thermodynamic theory of the Gruneisen ratio: MgO as an example, *Phys. Chem. Mineral.*, *19*, 369-380, 1993
- 19. Isaak, D.G., R.E. Cohen, M.J. Mehl, and D.J. Singh, Phase stability of wustite at high pressure from first-principles linearized augmented plane-wave calculations, *Phys. Rev. B*, *47*, 7720-7731, 1993
- 20. Isaak, D.G., E.K. Graham, J.D. Bass, and H. Wang, The elastic properties of single-crystal fayalite as determined by dynamical measurement techniques, *Pure and Appl. Geophysics*, *141*, 393-414, 1993
- 21. Anderson, O.L., and D.G. Isaak, Accuracy in measurements and the temperature and volume dependence of thermoelastic parameters, *Pure and Appl. Geophysics*, *141*, 327-339, 1993
- 22. Anderson, O.L., and D.G. Isaak, The dependence of the Anderson-Gruneisen parameter delta T upon compression at extreme conditions, *J. Phys. Chem. Solids*, *54*, 221-227, 1993
- 23. Isaak, D.G., and K. Masuda, Elastic and viscoelastic properties of alpha-iron at high temperatures, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 100, 17689-17698, 1995
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