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FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Geomicrobiology, aqueous geochemistry, geochemical kinetics, hydrogeology.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. (1989) Syracuse University, Syracuse NY; Geology/Aqueous Geochemistry
M.S. (1985) State University of New York, Syracuse NY; Environmental Science
B.S. (1981) The Evergreen State College, Olympia WA; (Environmental Chemistry)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs: Jackson School of Geosciences. (5/2009 to 9/2013)
Graduate Advisor, Graduate program in geological sciences, 2003-2006
Professor, University of Texas at Austin, Dept. of Geological Sciences (9/2000 to present).
Full-time (with tenure) appointment, holding the Brick Elliot Professorship.
Associate Professor: 9/94-9/2000, Jackson Centennial Teaching Fellowship;
Assistant Professor: 1/89 – 9/94
Research Collaborator, University of California, Los Alamos National Laboratory (1990-1996). Research on mineral surface chemistry with CST division.
Firefighter/Medic: (1978-2001). Highest rank: District Chief, Travis Co ESD#4.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Knebl Teaching Award for graduate instruction. 2012
National Ground Water Association *Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecturer*, 1997
Houston Oil and Minerals Faculty Excellence Award 1994
Syracuse University Graduate School Marshall, 1989

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

State of Texas Licensed Professional Geologist #2789
American Society for Microbiology, Member
Geological Society of America, Fellow; American Geophysical Union, Member;
International Association of Hydrogeologists. Council Member: 2000-2004
Intl. Soc. Env. Biogeochemistry. Board Member: 2000-present, Council member, 2007-

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

NSF Site Selection Panel: DUSEL-S3: Deep Underground Sci. & Eng. Lab 2007.
NRC Ad Hoc Committee “Geology and Public Health” Member, 2004-2007
NASA Astrobiology Institute Review Panel 2006
NSF Review Panel: Nanotechnology in Research and Technology. 2005
NSF Review Panel EAR-GE program, 1999-2003 (7 panels)
NIEHS Review Panel, 2003; NSF Review Panel: LExEn program, 1999;
Editorial Board, Geomicrobiology J. 2013-present, Associate Editor: GSA Bulletin. 1995-2004; Editorial Board: Ground Water: 1995-2003; Associate Editor: J. Hydrology: 1997-2005; Editorial Board: Geology. 1994-1997

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: (*STUDENT AUTHORS IN ITALICS*)

In Preparation:

Bennett, P.C., *Sydow, L.*, Nordstrom, D.K., *Jones, A.A.*, and McClesky, R.B. Sulfur Chemistry of Cinder Pool, Yellowstone National Park: A modern setting for the origin of life. In Preparation for *Science*.

Sydow, L. and **Bennett, P.C.** Formation of alkyl thiols in Cinder Pool, YNP. Pathways for an autotrophic origin of life. In Preparation for *Applied Geochemistry*.

Franks, M., *Omelson, C.*, *Engel, A.S.*, and **Bennett, P.C.** Archaeal diversity in the hydrothermal water of El Tatio Geysir Field, Chile. *Geomicrobiology Journal*.

In Review/Revision

Myers, D.D., *Omelson, C.R.*, and **Bennett, P.C.** (**SUBMITTED**) The role of arsenic during inorganic carbon uptake and primary production by cyanobacteria in the extremely low-DIC geothermal waters at the El Tatio Geysir Field, Chile. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*.

Santillan, E.F., *Shanahan, T.*, *Omelson, C.*, *Major, J.*, and **Bennett, P.C.** (**SUBMITTED**) Isolation and Characterization of a Novel CO₂-Tolerant *Lactobacillus* Strain from Crystal Geysir, Utah, U.S.A. *J. Bacteriology*.

M.C.Y. Lau, B.T. Stackhouse, A.C. Layton, A. Chauhan T.A., Vishnivetskaya, K. Chourey, N.C.S. Mykytczuk, **P.C. Bennett**, G. Lamarche-Gagnon, N. Burton, J. Ronholm, W.H. Pollard, C.R. *Omelson, D.M.* *Medvigy, R.L.* *Hettich, S.M.* *Pfiffner, L.G.* *Whyte, T.C.* *Onstott.* An active atmospheric methane sink in high Arctic mineral cryosols. **IN REVIEW**, *ISME*.

In Print/Press:

1. *Jones, A.A.* and **Bennett, P.C.** (2014) Mineral microniches control the diversity of subsurface microbial populations. *Geomicrobiology Journal* 31 (3), 246-261
2. **Bennett, P.C.**, *El-Shishtawy, A.*, *Sharp, J.M.* and *Atwia, M.* (In Press) Sources and pathways of manganese in the central Nile Delta, Egypt
3. *Deng, W.*, *Cardenas, M.B.*, and **Bennett, P.C.** (IN PRESS) Extended roof snap-off for a continuous nonwetting fluid and an example case for supercritical CO₂. *Advances in Water Resources*
4. *Chaudhary, K.*, *Cardenas, M.B.*, *Deng, W.*, **Bennett, P.C.** (2013) Pore geometry effects on intrapore viscous to inertial flows and on effective hydraulic parameters. *Water Resources Research*. 49(2) 1149-1162.
5. *Deng, W.*, *Cardenas, M.B.*, *Kirk, M.F.*, *Altman, S.J.* and **Bennett, P.C.** (2013) Effect of Permeable Biofilm on Micro- And Macro-Scale Flow and Transport in Bioclogged Pores, *Environmental Science & Technology* 2013 47 (19), 11092-11098
6. *Chaudhary, K.*, *Cardenas, M.B.*, *Wolfe, W.W.* *Maisano, J.A.*, *Ketcham, R.A.*, and **Bennett, P.C.** (2013) Pore-scale trapping of supercritical CO₂ and the role of grain wettability and shape. *Geophysical Research Letters*. 40, (15) 3878-3882
doi:10.1002/grl.50658

7. *Santillan, E.U.*, Altmann, S., Kirk, M. and **Bennett, P.C.** (2013) Mineral influence on Microbial Survival During Carbon Sequestration. *Geomicrobiology Journal*. 30, 7, 578-592.
8. K. D. Romanak, **P. C. Bennett**, C. Yang, S.D. Hovorka (2012) Process-Based Approach to Soil Gas Monitoring at Geologic Carbon Storage Sites. *Geophysical Research Letters*. 39, 15, DOI: 10.1029/2012GL052426
9. *Chaudhary, K.*, Cardenas, M.B., Deng, W., and **Bennett, P.C.** (2012) The role of eddies inside pores in the transition from Darcy to Forchheimer flows. *Geophysical Research Letters*. 38, doi:10.1029/2011GL050214
10. *Wang, L.*, Cardenas, M.B., Deng, W., and **Bennett, P.C.** (2012) Theory for dynamic longitudinal dispersion in fractures and rivers with Poiseuille flow. *Geophysical Res. Letters* 39, LO5401.
11. Andrews, M.J., Cardenas, M.B., and **Bennett, P.C.** (2011) Quantification of turbulent non-isothermal mixing between a jet and cooler ambient water using thermal imagery. *G³* 12, doi:10.1029/2011GC003530
12. **Bennett, P.C.** and Omelon, C. (2010) Microbial Geochemistry, at the intersection of disciplines: in (Parker, A. and Russell, H. Eds) *Contribution of Geochemistry to the Study of the Planet*. Wiley-Blackwell.
13. *Linhoff, B.* **Bennett, P.C.** Puntsag, T., and Gerel, O. (2011) Geochemical Evolution of Uraniferous Soda Lakes in Eastern Mongolia. *Environmental Earth Science*. 62, 171-183. DOI: 10.1007/s12665-010-0512-8.
14. *Steinhauer, E.S.*, Omelon, C. and **Bennett, P.C.** (2010) Kinetics of microbial corrosion of limestone by sulfuric acid speleogenesis. *Geomicrobiology J.* 27, 723-738.
15. *A. E. Dunkel*, M. B. Cardenas, A. H. Sawyer, and **P. C. Bennett** (2009) High-resolution in-situ thermal imaging of microbial mats at El Tatio Geyser, Chile shows coupling between community color and temperature. *Geophysical Research Letters*. 36, 23, doi:10.1029/2009GL041366.
16. *Landrum, J.T.*, **Bennett, P.C.**, Engel, A.S., Pasten, P. Alseno, M. and Milliken, K. (2009) Partitioning geochemistry of Arsenic and Antimony, El Tatio Geyser Field, Chile. *Applied Geochemistry* 24, 664-676. DOI: 10.1016/j.apgeochem.2008.12.024.
17. Yoon, D.W., Gross, D.E., Lynch, V.M., Lee, C.H., **Bennett, P.C.** and Sessler, J.L. (2009) Real-time determination of chloride anion concentration in aqueous-DMSO using a pyrrole-strapped calixpyrrole anion receptor. *Chemical Communications*, 1109-1111. DOI: 10.1039/b818077f.
18. Omelon, C.R., Pollard, W., Ferris, F.G., **Bennett, P.C.** (2008) Cyanobacteria within Cryptoendolithic Habitats: the Role of High pH in Biogenic Rock Weathering under Elevated Temperatures in the Canadian high Arctic. *9th International Conference on Permafrost*, p. 1-6.
19. **Bennett, P.C.** and Engel, A.S. (2007) Microbial Sulfur Cycling in a Sulfidic Cave. (2007) *Proceedings of the Twelfth International Symposium on Water-Rock Interaction WRI-12*. (T. Bullen and Y. Wang, Eds) Taylor and Francis Group. p. 853-857.

20. Landrum, J.T., **Bennett**, P.C., Alsina, M.A. & Pastén, P.A. (2007) Biogeochemical controls on arsenic: El Tatio Geyser Field, Chile. *Proc. of the 12th International Symposium on Water-Rock Interaction WRI-12*. (T. Bullen and Y. Wang, Eds) Taylor and Francis Group. p. 875-879.
21. Meisinger, D.B., Zimmermann, J., Ludwig, W. Schleifer, K.H., Wanner, G. Schmid, M., **Bennett**, P.C. Engel, A.S., Lee, N.M. (2007) In situ detection of novel Acidobacteria in microbial mats from a chemolithoautotrophically-based cave ecosystem (Lower Kane Cave, WY, USA). *Environmental Microbiology*. 9, 1523-1534.
22. **Bennett**, P.C., Engel, A.S., Roberts, J.A. (2007) Counting and imaging bacteria on mineral surfaces. *Clay Mineral Society Workshop Proceedings*.
23. Committee on Research Priorities for Earth Science and Public Health (Skinner, C.H. Chair; **Bennett**, P.C., and others) (2007) Earth Materials and Health, Research Priorities for Earth Science and Public Health. Board on Earth Sciences and Resources, National Research Council.
24. Phoenix, V.R., **Bennett**, P.C., Engel, A.S., Tyler, S.W., Ferris, F.G. (2006) Chilean high-altitude hot spring sinters: a model system for UV screening mechanisms by early Precambrian cyanobacteria. *Geobiology*. 4, p. 15-28
25. **Bennett**, P.C. and Engel, A.S. (2005) Role of Microorganisms in Karstification. In *Microorganisms and Earth Systems: Advances in Geomicrobiology* (GM Gadd, KT Semple, and HM Lappin-Scott, eds). p. 345-364, Society for General Microbiology.
26. Engel, A.S., Porter, M.L., Stern, L.A. Quinlan, S. and **Bennett**, P.C. (2004) Bacterial diversity and ecosystem functionality of filamentous microbial mats dominated by “Epsilonproteobacteria” associated with aphotic (cave) sulfidic springs. *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*. 51, 31-53.
27. Engel, A.S., Stern, L.A. and **Bennett**, P.C. (2004) Microbial contributions to cave formation: New insights into sulfuric acid speleogenesis. *Geology* 32, 369-372.
28. Roberts, J.A. **Bennett**, P.C., Gonzalez, L.A., Macpherson, G.L., Milliken, K.L. (2004) Microbial precipitation of dolomite in methanogenic groundwater *Geology*, 32, 277-280.
29. Rogers, J.R. and **Bennett**, P.C. (2004) Mineral stimulation of subsurface microorganisms: Release of limiting nutrients from silicates. *Chemical Geology* 203, 91-108
30. Engel, A.S., Lee, N., Porter, M.L., Stern, L. **Bennett**, P.C., Wagner, M. (2003) Filamentous “Epsilonproteobacteria” dominate microbial mats from sulfidic cave springs. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 69, 5503-5511.
31. Dutton, A.R., Hovorka, S.D., **Bennett**, P.C. (2002) Effect of Pleistocene depositional heterogeneity on movement of a subsurface crude-oil spill, San Patricio County, south Texas. *Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies Transactions*, 52, 207-215.
32. Stern, L.A., Engel, A.S. **Bennett**, P.C., Porter, M. (2002) Subaqueous and subaerial speleogenesis in a sulfidic cave. *Karst Waters Institute Special Publication* 7, 89-91.
33. Zimmerman, M D., **Bennett**, P.C., Sharp, J.M. Jr. and Choi, W.C. (2002) Experimental Determination of Sorption in Fractured Flow Systems. *J. Contaminant Hydrol.*, 58, 51-77.

34. Rogers, J.R., **Bennett**, P.C. and Choi, W.J. (2001) Enhanced weathering of silicates by subsurface microorganisms: a strategy to release limiting inorganic nutrients? *Proc of the 10th international symposium on water-rock interaction WRI-10*, 1461-1464.
35. **Bennett**, P.C., Rogers, J.A., Hiebert, F.K., and Choi, W.J. (2001) Silicates, silicate weathering, and microbial ecology. *Geomicrobiology Journal*, 18, 3-19
36. **Bennett**, P.C., Hiebert, F.K., Rogers, J.A. (2000) Microbial control of mineral-groundwater equilibria: Macroscale to microscale. *Hydrogeology Journal*, 8, 47-62.
37. Fryar, A.E., Macko, S.A., Mullican, W.F., Romanak, K.D., **Bennett**, P.C. (2000) Nitrate reduction during ground-water recharge, Southern High Plains, Texas. *J. Contaminant Hydrology* 40, 335-363
38. **Bennett**, P.C. and Rogers, J.R. (1999) The mineralogy of microbial ecology. In *Groundwater: Past Achievements and Future Challenges* (O. Sililo, ed). International Association of Hydrogeologists.
39. **Bennett**, P.C., Rogers, J.R., Hiebert, J.K. and Choi, W.J. (1999) Mineralogy and mineral weathering: Fundamental components of subsurface microbial ecology. *USGS Water Resources Investigation 99-4018C*. 169-176.
40. Rogers, J. R., P. C. **Bennett**, and F. K. Hiebert. 1999. Patterns of microbial colonization on silicates. *USGS Water Resources Investigation 99-4018C*. 237-242.
41. Mahler, B.J., Lynch, F.L. and **Bennett**, P.C. (1999) Mobile Sediment in an Urbanizing Karst Aquifer: Implications for Contaminant Transport. *Environmental Geology* 39, 25-38.
42. Rogers, J.R., **Bennett**, P.C., and Choi, W.J. (1998) Feldspars as a source of nutrients for microorganisms. *American Mineralogist*, 83, 1532-1540.
43. Nicot, J.P., **Bennett**, P.C., Romanak, K.D. (1998) Gas Phase Dynamics of Playa-Wetlands. *J. Environmental Engineering*. 124, 1038-1046.
44. Mahler, B.J., Winkler, M., **Bennett**, P.C., Hillis, D.M. (1998) DNA-Labeled Clay: A Sensitive New Method for Tracing Particle Transport. *Geology* 26, 831-834.
45. Mahler, B.J., **Bennett**, P.C., and Zimmerman, M. (1998) Lanthanide clays for use in characterizing sediment transport. *Groundwater* 36, 835-843.
46. Lee, R. and **Bennett**, P.C. (1998) Reductive dissolution and solute transport in a sewage contaminated glacial outwash aquifer. *Groundwater* 36, 583-595.
47. Glaser, P., **Bennett**, P.C., and Siegel, D.I. and E.A. Romanowicz (1996) Paleo-reversals in ground water flow and peatland development at Lost River, MN, *Holocene* 6, 413-421.
48. **Bennett**, P.C. Hiebert, F.K. and Choi, W.J. (1996) Rates of Microbial Weathering of Silicates in Ground Water. *Chemical Geology*, 132, 45-53.
49. **Bennett** P.C. and Casey, W.H. (1993) Organic acids and the dissolution of silicates, in *The role of organic acids in geological processes*. (Pittman, E.D. and Lewan, M. eds.) Springer.
50. **Bennett**, P.C. and Council, T. (1993) The geochemistry of ikaite formation at Mono Lake, California: Implications for the origin of tufa mounds. *Geology*, 21, p. 971-974.

51. **Bennett** P.C., Siegel D.I., Baedeker M.J., Cozzarelli I. and Hult M. (1993) The fate of crude oil in a sand and gravel aquifer I. Inorganic geochemistry. *Applied Geochemistry*, 8, 529-549.
52. Baedeker M.J., Cozzarelli I., **Bennett** P.C. and Siegel D.I. (1993) The fate of crude oil in a sand and gravel aquifer III. Geochemical processes. *Applied Geochemistry*, 8, 569-586.
53. *Hiebert, F.* and **Bennett** P.C. (1992) Microbial control of silicate weathering in organic-rich ground water. *Science*, 258, 278-281.
54. **Bennett**, P.C. and Hiebert, F.K. (1992) Microbial mediation of silicate diagenesis in organic-rich waters. In *Proceedings of the 7th Internat. Symp. on Water Rock Interaction, Park City, Utah* (Y. Kharaka, ed.), A.A. Balkema, p. 267-271.
55. Tait, C.D., Janecky, D.R., Clark, D.L. and **Bennett**, P.C. (1992) Oxalate complexation with aluminum(III) and iron (III) at moderately elevated temperatures. In *Proc. of the 7th Int. Symp. on Water Rock Interaction*, (Y. Kharaka, ed.) A.A. Balkema, p. 349-353.
56. **Bennett** P.C. (1991) The chemistry of silica-organic complexation in a petroleum-contaminated aquifer. *USGS Water-Resources Investigation Report 91-4720*, p. 638-640.
57. **Bennett** P.C. (1991) Quartz dissolution in organic-rich aqueous systems. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 55, 1781-1797.
58. **Bennett** P.C., Siegel D.I., Hill B. and Glaser, P. (1991) The fate of silicate minerals in a peat bog. *Geology* 19, 328-331.
59. Siegel, D.I., Stoner, D.W., Byrnes, T.R. and **Bennett**, P.C. (1990) A geochemical process approach to identify inorganic and organic ground water contamination. *GW Management*, 2, 1291-1306.
60. Baedeker M.J., Siegel D.I., **Bennett** P.C. and Cozzarelli I.M. (1988) The fate and effects of crude oil in a shallow aquifer I. The distribution of chemical species and geochemical facies. U.S. Geological Survey, *Water-Resources Investigations Report 88-4220*, p. 13-20.
61. De Lorenzo, R.A., Gray, B.C., **Bennett**, P.C. and Lamparella, V.J. (1989) Effect of crowd size on patient volume at a large, multipurpose, indoor stadium. *J. Emerg. Medicine*, 7, 379-384.
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64. **Bennett**, P.C. 1989. Silica mobility in a petroleum-contaminated aquifer. U.S. Geological Survey, *Water-Resources Investigations Report 88-4220*, p. 5-12.
65. **Bennett**, P. and Siegel, D.I. (1987). Increased solubility of quartz in water due to complexation by dissolved organic compounds. *Nature*, 326, 684-687.
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PATENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. Upali, W.P., Pope, G.A., Mohanty, K. Himanshu, S., and Bennett, P.C. (**Submitted**) Calcium Tolerant Alkali System for Chemical EOR
2. Romanak, K.D. and Bennett, P.C.: (**PENDING**) Process-Based Approach for the Detection of CO₂ Injectate Leakage. US Serial No.: 61/840,234, Filing Date: June 27, 2013

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND FIELD GUIDES

Engel, A.S. and **Bennett**, P.C. (2008) Lower Kane Cave, Wyoming: Where biology and geology meet. 2008 NSS Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting Field Guide.

Fryar, A.E., Macko, S.A., Romanak, D.D., **Bennett**, P.C., and Mullican, W.F. (1995) Evidence of limited denitrification beneath playas recharging the Ogallala Aquifer. in *Proceedings, Water for Texas, Research leads the way conference*, Jan. 1995.

Ging, P.B. and **Bennett**, P.C. (1994) Evaluation of water quality conditions in the upper Bull Creek watershed. in *Factors Affecting Water Resources, Proceedings of the Fall meeting of the American Water Resources Association*, Austin, TX, Dec. 9, 1994.

Hiebert, F.K., **Bennett**, P.C. and Pope, S.R. (1995) Enhanced mineral diagenesis secondary to intrinsic bioremediation of NAPLs. in *Toxic Substances and the Hydrologic Sciences* Proc. of the Annual meeting of the American Institute of Hydrology. p. 650-665

Mahler, B.J. and **Bennett**, P.C. (1991) The interaction of flow mechanics and aqueous chemistry in a Texas Hill Country grotto. In *Proc. of the 3rd conference on hydrogeology, ecology, monitoring, and management of ground water in karst terranes*, Dec. 4-6, 1991, Nashville, TN. p. 405-415.

INVITED LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, AND SHORT COURSES

- *European Geological Union* (Invited Keynote Paper), April 2012
- *U. Pennsylvania* (Invited Lecture), March 2011
- *International Geological Congress 33*, (Invited Keynote Paper) August 2008
- *American Society of Microbiology* (Invited paper) June 2008
- *University of Texas El Paso* (Invited Lecture) Feb. 2007
- *Cairo University, Egypt* (Invited Lecture) Nov. 2006
- *Miami University of Ohio* (Invited Lecture) Oct. 2006
- *University of Vermont* (Invited Lecture), Oct. 2006
- *McMaster University* (Invited Lecture), Feb. 2006
- *University of Toronto* (Invited Lecture), Feb. 2006
- *University of Sheffield* (Invited Lecture), January 2006

- *University of Illinois, Dept of Microbiology.* (Invited Lecture) Oct. 2005.
- *Society for General Microbiology:* Main Symposium Invited Speaker. Sept. 2005.
- *Clay Mineral Society Workshop (2004).* Invited Speaker.
- *William Smith Conference,* The Geological Society, October 2002
- *IAH Water-2000:* Cape Town, South Africa, Invited keynote speaker
- *Intl. Symp. GW Contamination.* (Invited speaker) June, 2000, Tokyo, Japan
- *Virginia Tech etc.* (Invited Lecture) February, 2000
- *Swiss Federal Institute for Env. Science and Technology;* (Invited Lecture). Dec. 1999
- *XIVth Intl. Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry (1999)* Plenary Speaker
- *University of Wisconsin (1999)* Invited Weeks Lecturer
- *Gordon Research Conference* “Modeling Flow in Permeable Materials” (1998): Invited
- *Goldschmidt, France (1998)* Session Organizer “Bacterially mediated silicate diagenesis”
- *University of New Mexico (1998):* Invited lecture
- *Duke University (1996)* Invited Lecture
- *GSA Annual Meeting (1995)* GSA Short Course “Contaminant Organic Geochemistry”
- *GSA Annual Meeting (1994)* “Geologic significance of microbial processes
- *University of Michigan (1992):* Invited Turner Lecturer
- *Southern Methodist University (1992)* Invited Lecture
- *Texas A&M University (1991)* Invited Lecture

1997 HENRY DARCY DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

The Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecturer is selected annually by the Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers of the National Ground Water Association. During 1997, I was invited by 70+ academic and research institutions to present the lecture *Water, Microbes, and Rocks: The Geochemical Ecology of Contaminated Ground Water*. I visited 52 of these locations in the U.S., Canada, Australia, Germany, England and Ireland.

ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS PRESENTED (SELECTED, LAST 10 YEARS)

- Bennett, P.C. et al. (2012) Methane and Carbon Dioxide Gas Dynamics in High-Arctic Permafrost Polygons. AGU Fall Meeting
- Myers, K., Engel, A.S., Omelon, C.R. Bennett, P.C. (2012) Physicochemical and Biological Zonation of High Temperature Silica and Arsenic-Rich Streams at El Tatio Geyser Field, Chile. AGU Fall Meeting
- Santillan, E.U., Shanahan, T.M., Wolfe, W.W., Bennett, P.C. (2012) Mineral Influence on Microbial Survival During Carbon Sequestration. AFU Fall Meeting
- Jones, A.A. and Bennett, P.C. (2012) Mineralogical controls on surface colonization by sulfur-metabolizing microbial communities. AGU Fall Meeting
- Sydow, L., Bennett, P.C., and Nordstrom, D.K. (2012) Cinder Pool’s Sulfur Chemistry: Implications for the Origin of Life in Hydrothermal Environments. AGU Fall Meeting
- Deng, W., Cardenas, M.V., Vennett, P.C. (2011) Snap-off of supercritical CO₂ within circular and noncircular pores. AGU Fall Meeting
- Wolfe, W.W. and Bennett, P.C. (2011) Solubility and dissolution kinetics of gypsum as a function of CO₂ partial pressure: Implications for geological carbon sequestration. AGU

- Santillan, E.U., Franks, M.A., Omelon, C.R., Bennett, P.C. (2011) Microbes under pressure: A comparison of CO₂ stress responses on three model organisms and their implications for geologic carbon sequestration. AGU Fall Meeting
- Jones, A.A. and Bennett, P.C. (2011) Mineralogical Controls on Microbial Diversity in a Sulfuric Acid Karst System. AGU Fall Meeting
- Bennett, P.C. and Omelon, C.R. (2008) Microbial Geochemistry: The influence of microbes on geochemistry; the influence of geology on microbial ecology. IGC 33, Oslo Norway.
- Omelon, C.R., Pollard, W.H., Ferris, F.G., and **Bennett, P.C.** (2008) Carbonate precipitation potential by cyanobacterial activity in high Arctic cryptoendolithic habitats. Goldschmidt Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- Steinhauer, E.S. and **Bennett, P.C.** (2008) Microbial acceleration of sulfuric acid speleogenesis in Kane Cave, WY. Goldschmidt Meeting, Vancouver Canada.
- Franks, M.A., **Bennett, P.C.**, Omelon, C. and Engel, A.S. (2007) Environmental controls on methanogen viability in the hydrothermal waters of the El Tatio geyser field, Chile. AGU.
- Linhoff, B.S., **Bennett, P.C.**, Puntsag, T. (2007) Uranium Geochemistry in Hypersaline Soda Lakes in Eastern Mongolia. AGU Fall Meeting, H11C-0685.
- Landrum, J.T., Engel, A.S., Milliken, K., and **Bennett, P.C.** (2006) Biogeochemistry of antimony and arsenic in hydrothermal fluids and opaline deposits from El Tatio Geyser Field, Chile. Geological Society of America *Abstracts with Programs*, Vol. 38, No. 7, p. 546.
- Landrum, J.T., Milliken, K., Engel, A.S., Lansdown, J. and **Bennett, P.C.** (2005) Biogeochemical controls on As and Sb partitioning into hydrothermal silica at El Tatio, Chile. ISEB
- Meisinger, D., Lee, N., Engel, A.S., **Bennett, P.C.** (2005) Geomicrobiology: Caves as portals to novel, chemoautotrophic ecosystems in the subsurface/. Munich Environmental Microbiology meeting, Germany.
- Pearson, M.L. and **Bennett, P.C.** (2004) Geochemical and isotopic tracing of Paleozoic groundwater flow in a breached anticline. GSA Abstract with Programs.
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GRADUATE COURSES

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University Research Policy committee (AY1995-1997). Chair for AY 1997.
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