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**EDUCATION**

2001 Ph.D. in Earth Sciences, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada  
1996 M.S. in Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering, Queens University, Ontario, Canada  
1995 M.S. in Geology, University of Calcutta, India  
1993 B.S. in Geological Sciences, Presidency College, Calcutta, India

**EMPLOYMENT / APPOINTMENTS**

2022-Present, Chair, Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of Texas at San Antonio  
2021-2022 Interim Chair, EPS, University of Texas at San Antonio  
2020-present, Director, Institute of Water Research, Sustainability and Policy, UTSA  
2019-present, Hammond Distinguished Professor, Earth and Planetary Sciences, UTSA  
2017-2018, Halbouty Visiting Chair Professor, Geology and Geophysics, Texas A&M University  
2009-2019, Assistant-Full Professor, Geology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas  
2004-2008, Assistant Professor, Biology and Environmental Sciences, Georgia College and State U  
2005-2006, Associate Professor / Reader, Geology, University of Calcutta, India  
2001-2004, Columbia Earth Institute Research Scientist and Mellon Scholar, Columbia University

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

GSA Fellow (2022); GSA GHD Meritorious Service Award (2022); Faculty Research Award (2006, Georgia College and State University), Asiatic Society of India Medal (2006), Award for Excellence in Teaching (2000, UWO), Robert and Ruth Lumsden Fellowship in Science (2000, UWO), Arcangelo Rea Family Foundation Graduate Scholarship (1998, UWO), International Graduate Student Scholarship (1997, UWO), Queen's Graduate Award (1996, Queen's University), First Class First Award (1996, U Calcutta), N.N. Chatterjee Memorial Grant (1995, U Calcutta).

**RESEARCH AND ADVISING**

Competitive research grants >\$5.45M(NSF, NASA, DOE, BLM, NPS, USDA), 52 peer-reviewed publications with 4,525 total citations (h-index 35), 48 invited presentations at various institutions in US, Mexico, Central America, India, and Europe, ~271 conference poster and/or presentations (~66 at GSA), 1 Theme (Goldschmidt) and 35+ sessions convened (16+ at GSA, 3 at AGU, 3 at As Congress, 6+ at Goldschmidt, and 2 others), 29 national and television media science dispositions at outreach activities. Supervised 6 postdocs, 5 PhD, 25 MS, 24 undergraduate students' mentor, and served on ~45 MS and PhD committees.

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS (of more than 65)**

1. Varner, T.S., Kulkarni, H.V., Kwak, K., Cardenas, M.B., Knappett, P.S.K., Datta, S. (2024) Diverse sedimentary organic matter within the river-aquifer interface drives arsenic mobility along the Meghna River Corridor in Bangladesh. *Applied Geochemistry*, 105883
2. Kulkarni, H.V., Ford, J., Blank, J.G., Park, M., Datta, S. (2022) Geochemical interactions among water, minerals, microbes and organic matter in formation of speleothems in volcanic (lava tube) caves. *Chemical Geology*. Volume 594, 120759
3. Varner, T.S., Kulkarni, H.V., Nguyen, W., Kwak, K., Cardenas, M.B., Knappett, P.S.K., Ojeda, A.S., Malina, N., Bhuiyan, M.U., Datta, S. (2022) Contribution of Sedimentary Organic Matter to Arsenic Mobilization along a Potential Natural Reactive Barrier (NRB) near a River: The Meghna River, Bangladesh. *Chemosphere*, 308(2), 136289
4. Léveillé and Datta (2010). Lava tubes and basaltic caves as astrobiological targets on Earth and Mars: a review. *Planetary and Space Science*, 58(4), pp.592-598.
5. Datta, S. et al. (2011). Perennial ponds are not an important source of water or dissolved organic matter to groundwaters with high arsenic concentrations in West Bengal, India. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 38(20).
6. Datta, S. et al. (2009). Redox trapping of arsenic during groundwater discharge in sediments from the Meghna riverbank in Bangladesh. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 106(40), pp.16930-16935.

**LINKS**

- Lab Website: <https://www.utsa.edu/sciences/labs/SaugataDatta/>
- IWRSP Website: <https://www.utsa.edu/iwrsp/>
- Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=3b8Mk8EAAAAJ&hl=en>
- ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Saugata-Datta>
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