

Sarah Black

After completing my M.S., I moved to San Diego to work at Malin Space Science Systems. I began targeting the Mars Orbiter Camera (MOC) that was onboard the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) until that spacecraft went silent in November 2006. I then worked with fellow UB Geology alumnus Jennifer Lougen to target the Context Camera (CTX) on the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO). Working at MSSS helped me to realize that I am a teacher (and an east coaster) at heart, and I recently returned back to upstate NY to begin working on my teacher certification in high school Earth Science. I have been very lucky. My wonderful (and wonderfully understanding!) boyfriend, Bill Stelmack (another UB Geology alumnus) has come with me to the west coast and back, along with our dog, Jade.

My time at the University at Buffalo not only provided me with the education I needed to succeed as a professional geologist, but also blessed me with the love of my life, fellow alumnus, Sarah Rose Black. In 2006 we moved to San Diego, California to pursue careers in our respective fields. During my short time there I was employed by Hargis & Associates, a relatively small environmental consulting firm that specialized in the remediation of organic solvents from hazardous waste sites. Having experienced the West Coast way of life, we decided to relocate back to NYS so that Sarah could pursue her real interest, teaching High School Earth Science. Currently, Sarah and I live in Hudson Falls, NY and I recently accepted a position at Alpha Geoscience as a Staff Hydrogeologist.