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Professional Preparation

- Ph.D. Geophysics, California Institute of Technology, 1998.
- M.S., Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 1991.
- B.S., Geophysics, University of Science and Technology of China, 1988.

Professional Appointments

- 2000 - present, Faculty member, Department of Geosciences, Stony Brook University
- 1998 - 2000, Carnegie Fellow, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington
- 1998 - 1998, Assistant Scientist, Seismological Laboratory, California Institute of Technology
- 1993 - 1998, Research Assistant, Seismological Laboratory, California Institute of Technology
- 1991 - 1993, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Honors and Awards

- James B. Macelwane Medal, American Geophysical Union, 2003.
- Fellow, American Geophysical Union, 2003.

Professional Services

- Working Group for the China Seismological Reference Model project, National Natural Science Foundation of China (team leader), 2016-.
- Geophysics Advisory Panel, National Natural Science Foundation of China, 2011-2014.
- Committee on "Grand Challenges on Earthquake Hazard Mitigation in China" (report lead author), Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Earthquake Administration, and National Natural Science Foundation of China, 2010-2011.

- Associate Editor, Journal of Geophysical Research, 2009-2015.
- Lehmann Medal Committee, American Geophysical Union, 2010-2014.
- Macelwane Medal Committee, American Geophysical Union, 2008-2010.
- Standing Committee of the Global Seismic Network, the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS), 2003-2006.
- National Research Council Review Committee on NASA's Earth Science 25-year vision, 2004.
- Geophysics Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation, 2004.

Research Interests:

Professor Wen is a theoretical and observational seismologist and geodynamicist. His main research is directed toward understanding the structure, dynamics, composition and evolution of the Earth and other planets. He uses seismic waves to probe the internal structure of the Earth and its change with time, combines seismic, geodetic and mineral physics data to constrain the composition of the Earth and Martian mantle, and develops geodynamical models of how Earth's internal processes govern the Earth's continental drift, surface uplift, surface large igneous province, geochemistry, intra-plate deformation and volcanism. He also has a strong interest in the physical mechanisms of Earth's changing stress and strain, and the detection, relocation and physical mechanism of various un-conventional seismic sources including nuclear tests, induced earthquakes, hurricanes and deep earthquakes. Over the course of research, he has developed many new techniques for simulating viscous flow and seismic wave propagation, detecting/locating small and unconventional seismic sources, and classifying various types of seismic events.

Professor Wen leads two national-level initiatives in seismology in China. He is the proposer and the team leader of the China Seismological Reference Model (CSRM) project initiated by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and the lead author of a designated report entitled "Grand Challenges on Earthquake Hazard Mitigation in China" to the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the China Earthquake Administration, and the National Natural Science Foundation of China.

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