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**Education:**

Stanford University, Ph.D. Geophysics, 1988  
University of Illinois, M.S., Geology, 1981  
University of Wisconsin, B.S. with distinction, Geology & Geophysics, 1977

**Awards & Honors (Arts and Science):**

Wisconsin Wrights Foundation New Play Development Finalist, *The Millennium Prize*, 2020  
Fort Worth Opera Frontiers Festival Finalist, *Fordlandia*, 2018  
Friends of American Writers Award, 2015  
National Jewish Book Award for Debut Fiction, *The Mathematician's Shiva* (Penguin), 2015  
American Library Association Brody Award Finalist, 2015  
SF Chronicle Bestseller (three weeks) 2014  
American Booksellers Association Bestseller (three weeks) 2014  
Karma Foundation Short Fiction Finalist, 2011  
West Coast Songwriters, Song of the Year (Jazz), 2008  
Americana Music Association Top 40 (two weeks), 2004  
Geological Society of America Birdsall-Dreiss Distinguished Lecturer, 1999  
National Research Council Special Service Award, 1997  
American Men & Women of Science, 1997  
Geological Society of America Fellow, 1994  
National Science Foundation Young Investigator, 1994  
U.S. Geological Survey Excellent Service Award, 1988

**Research/Teaching:**

Professor Geology/Earth & Ocean Sciences, Duke University, 1990-2005  
Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, CA, 1981-1990  
Visiting Faculty, Geophysics, Stanford University, 1991, 2001-2003  
Director, Duke in Venice Overseas Program, Venice International University, 1997  
Visiting Investigator, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C., 1996-2004  
Director, Center for Hydrologic Science, Duke University, 1995-2001

**Invited Talks, Post 2010 (Arts and Science):**

2017 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2016 University of California-Santa Cruz  
2015 American Library Association Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Book Festival, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vancouver Jewish Book Festival  
2014 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, West Coast Live, Highland Park Library  
2011 University of North Carolina, Association for Education in Journalism Annual Meeting

**Performances, Post 2010 (Music and Theater):**

2017 Fort Worth Opera Frontiers Festival (*Fordlandia*, an opera with composer William Susman)  
2016, Marsh Theater, Berkeley (solo music performances of original music)  
2012, North Beach Festival, San Francisco (solo music performance of original music)

**Sample Reviews (Writing, Music and Theater):**

“works for the same reason the humor does: It is smart and brutally honest.”

–New York Times

“surprisingly optimistic and funny... the kind of family dysfunction you’d be happy to have.”

–Boston Herald

“effortlessly combining laughter and tears.”

–Huffington Post

“witty with insightful commentary... his characters are well-developed, and they remain very much alive in my mind, days after.”

–Straits Times (Singapore)

“Hilarity, of course. Thoughtful hilarity.”

–WGN (Chicago)

“a complex and chaotic rainbow of characters... both comedic and compelling.”

–Library Journal

“This guy has mega-chops cemented by lyrics that recall Cohen and Zevon. ”

–Real Detroit Weekly

“Performed with freshness, humor and verve. So vivid that you can almost hear the late-night clink of ice cubes.”

–Global Rhythm Magazine

#### **Sample Mass Market Publications:**

Rojstaczer, S., 2014, *The Mathematician's Shiva: A Novel*, Penguin Press.

Rojstaczer, S., 2013, *The Muskie*, A Short Story, Moment Magazine,

Rojstaczer, S., 2010, *Grade Inflation: Your Questions Answered*, New York Times, May 13.

Rojstaczer, S., 2009, *College grades gone wild*, Christian Science Monitor, January 14.

Rojstaczer, S. 2003, *Where all grades are above average*, Washington Post, January 28.

Rojstaczer, S., 2001, *Colleges where the middle class need not apply*, Washington Post, March 9.

Rojstaczer, S., 1999, *Gone for Good: Tales of University Life After the Golden Age*, Oxford University Press.

#### **Sample Academic Publications (over 3600 citations as of February 2020):**

Rojstaczer, S., and Healy, C., 2012, *When A is Ordinary: The Evolution of American College and University Grading, 1940-2009*, Teachers College Record, v. 14, ID Number: 16473.

Rojstaczer, S., Ingebritsen, S.E., and Hayba, D.O., 2008, *Permeability of continental crust influenced by internal and external forcing*, Geofluids, v. 8, 1-12.

Moore N., and Rojstaczer, S., 2002, *Irrigation's influence on precipitation: Texas High Plains, U.S.A.*, Geophysical Research Letters, v. 29, 1755-1780.

Rojstaczer, S., Sterling, S., and Moore, N., 2001, *Human appropriation of photosynthesis products*, Science, v. 294, 2549-2552.