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John has broad interests in planetary geochemistry: Origin of the planets and planetoids of the inner solar system, core formation, the early evolution of planetary atmospheres, origin of planetary basalts, parameterisation of experimental partition coefficients, nuclear processes as applied to geologic problems, and experimental geochemistry and petrology.

John was born in Kentucky (USA) and grew up in a small town of about 200 people. Inexplicably, this town has produced three Ph.D.'s: one in analytical chemistry, one in geochemistry, and one in political science. The town's main claim to fame, though, is that Peewee Reese, a long-time shortstop for the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, was born just outside the city limits.

John is a Fellow of the Meteoritical Society and the Mineralogical Society of America. He is also a member of the American Geophysical Union and the Geochemical Society. He has co-edited two books and published over eighty papers. He has served on several NASA panels and committees of professional societies. He is currently a member of the SAM instrument team, a part of NASA's Curiosity Rover mission that is exploring Gale Crater on Mars.