# Mika McKinnon

**Geophysicist at Independent** Vancouver, BC, CA

Field geophysicist, disaster researcher, scifi science consultant, science writer, public speaker, irrepressible educator.

## **Biography**

I'm a physicist and geophysicist specializing in disasters -- tsunami, earthquakes, asteroid impacts -pretty much all the fun, heart-pounding science. My research focus is on the dynamics of landslides, and predicting where the landslides will travel to mitigate risk. I'm a science consultant in the film industry, bringing plausibility to fictional plotlines. I worked on the Stargate franchise, No Tomorrow, and countless projects locked in the veil of development secrecy. As a science communicator, I stick to the coolest beats -- planets, rockets, and the end of the universe.

### **Areas of Expertise**

Disaster Risk Reduction, Geophysics, Science and Policy, Science Fiction, Science Fiction Film and Tv, S.T.E.M., Women in Science, Landslides, Natural Disasters

#### **Event Appearances**

Workshop Leader, Panelist 2017 APS Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics

Guest 2012-2016 Dragon Con

Speaker Another Night of Total Destruction, Science and Entertainment Exchange

Panelist 2016 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting

Guest 2016 GateCon

Guest 2016 Time Lord Fest

Workshop Leader 2015 Science Communication Camp Invited Speaker 2013 BC Geophysical Society Annual Meeting

Guest 2012 TimeGate

Science Ambassador 2011, 2014, 2016 Science Hack Day

## **Education**

**University of British Columbia** Masters of Science Geophysics

University of California at Santa Barbara Bachelor's Physics

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