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Research Statement

I study precipitation, cloud systems, and coupled ocean-atmosphere boundary layer processes over oceans. This includes cloud microphysics, large scale forcing on precipitation and clouds, and how clouds, precipitation, air-sea fluxes, and coupled boundary layer evolution influence each other. I also study how these processes impact weather and climate variability. I collect and analyze in-situ observations, use satellite observations, and partner with modeling teams to improve process level understanding, develop algorithms, determine observational capabilities and needs, and evaluate models with process-oriented diagnostics.

Research Interests

Air-sea fluxes and their role in the co-evolution of atmospheric and oceanic boundary layers; Studies of meteorology, precipitation, and clouds using observations from dual- and single-polarization radars for clouds and rain, satellites, and disdrometers; Algorithms for quantitative precipitation estimation, precipitation classification, and near-surface ocean stability; Investigations of meteorological and physical oceanographic processes with satellite and in-situ observations; Observation-based research on atmospheric dynamics, physical oceanography, as well as synoptic-scale and mesoscale meteorology; Use of in-situ measurements to evaluate and improve environmental prediction models and remote sensing products.

Education

- 2012-2016 Ph.D. Atmospheric Science, Colorado State University
Advisor: Steven A. Rutledge; co-advisor: James N. Moum (Oregon State Univ.)
Dissertation: “*Tropical warm pool rainfall variability and impact on upper ocean variability throughout the Madden-Julian Oscillation*”
- 2010-2012 M.S. Atmospheric Science, Colorado State University
Advisor: Steven A. Rutledge
Thesis: “*Development of a Polarimetric-Radar Based Hydrometeor Classification Algorithm for Winter Precipitation*”

2006-2010 B.S. Meteorology, minors in Mathematics and Geography, Valparaiso University
Advisor: Bart Wolf

Professional Experience

2019-present Research Meteorologist, NOAA OAR Physical Sciences Laboratory
Boundary Layer Observations and Processes Team

2019-present Affiliate Scientist, Applied Physics Laboratory at Univ. of Washington, Air-Sea
Interaction and Remote Sensing Dept.

2018-2019 Senior Meteorologist, Applied Physics Laboratory at Univ. of Washington, Air-
Sea Interaction and Remote Sensing Dept.

2016-2018 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Applied Physics Laboratory at Univ. of
Washington, Air-Sea Interaction and Remote Sensing Dept. Mentors: Kyla
Drushka, William E. Asher, Andrew T. Jessup

2010-2016 Graduate Research Assistant, Colorado State Univ., Radar Meteorology Group,
Advisor: Steven A. Rutledge

2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Atmospheric Thermodynamics and Cloud Physics,
Supervisor: Prof. Steven A. Rutledge, Colorado State Univ.

2011-2012 Graduate Student Representative, Colorado State Univ.

2010 Environmental Science Interpretation and Visitor Services Assistant, U.S. Forest
Service, Chugach National Forest, Glacier Ranger District, Alaska. Mentor:
Lezlie Murray

2009-2010 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Atmospheric Dynamics, Supervisor: Prof.
Teresa Bals-Elsholz, Valparaiso Univ.

2009 Undergraduate Research Assistant. NOAA OAR National Severe Storms Lab,
Mentor: Kenneth Howard

2008 Student Volunteer, NOAA National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office
Baltimore/Washington D.C., Mentor: Steven Zubrick

2007 Undergraduate Research Assistant, NASA/Texas Commission for Environmental
Quality and Valparaiso Univ. Tropospheric Ozone Pollution Project, Mentor:
Gary Morris

Field Experiments

- 2020 Atlantic Tradewind Ocean- Atmosphere Mesoscale Interaction Campaign (ATOMIC), Jan 6 - Feb 13, role: collected and analyzed observations from SWIFT buoys (Surface Wave Instrument Float with Tracking), wave gliders, R/V Ronald H. Brown, and NOAA P3 aircraft. Observations were taken from the upper ocean mixed layer, ocean surface, air-sea fluxes, clouds, and rain. These were analyzed for gaining a better understanding of coupled boundary layer processes. Gave science presentation at Outreach Day on the ship with Barbados students, Barbados/US Embassy, NOAA Assistant Secretary and Program Managers, EUREC4A scientists, Barbados Coast Guard, scientists from Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology. Chief Scientists: Patricia Quinn (NOAA PMEL) and Janet Intieri (NOAA PSL)
- 2019 Propagation of Intra-Seasonal Tropical Oscillations II (PISTON-2), Sept 2 – Sept 27, role: collected ship-based oceanographic, air-sea flux, cloud, and rain measurements, analyzed observations for better understanding of coupled boundary layer processes, R/V Sally Ride, Chief Scientist: James N. Moum (OSU)
- 2018 Propagation of Intra-Seasonal Tropical Oscillations I (PISTON-1), Sept 14 – Oct 15, role: collected ship-based oceanographic and rain measurements, analyzed all observations for better understanding of coupled boundary layer processes, R/V Thomas G. Thompson, Chief Scientist: James N. Moum (OSU)
- 2017 Salinity Processes in the Upper Ocean Regional Study 2 (SPURS-2), Oct 16 – Nov 17, role: collected and analyzed ship-based observations of the upper ocean and lower atmosphere, including radar-based rainfall; also analyzed air-sea fluxes, R/V Roger Revelle, Chief Scientist: Kyla Drushka (APL-UW)
- 2017 UNOLS Chief Scientist Training Cruise: Diurnal Warm Layers in the Great Lakes, June 8 -11, role: collected and analyzed upper ocean and meteorological observations, R/V Blue Heron, co-Chief Scientist: Elizabeth J. Thompson (APL-UW)
- 2016 Salinity Processes in the Upper Ocean Regional Study 2 (SPURS-2), Aug 13 – Sept 23, role: collected and analyzed ship-based observations of the upper ocean and lower atmosphere, including radar-based rainfall; also analyzed air-sea fluxes, R/V Roger Revelle, Chief Scientist: Andrew T. Jessup (APL-UW)
- 2011 Dynamics of the Madden-Julian Oscillation (DYNAMO), Nov 3 – Dec 13, role: lead radar scientist operating NASA TOGA C-Band Doppler radar used to measure precipitation; analyzed measurements of rain, the upper ocean, the lower atmosphere, and air-sea fluxes, R/V Roger Revelle, Chief Scientist: James N. Moum (OSU)
- 2011 Midlatitude Continental Convective Clouds Experiment (MC3E), May –June, role: launched radiosondes for DOE to test NASA Global Precipitation Measurement satellite algorithms; PI: Steven A. Rutledge (CSU)

- 2009 Engineers Without Borders Valparaiso Univ. Assessment Trip to Tanzania, Africa, May 15-24, role: designed and conducted Geographic Information System (GIS) project to map demographics and deteriorating water canal in primitive village
- 2008 Plains Convective Storms Student Field Study, May 2008, role: lead Doppler radar data interpreter for the forecasting and interception of severe storms in 20-student team; Supervisor: Bart Wolf (Valparaiso Univ.)
- 2007 Texas Commission for Environmental Quality Study (TexAQS II), June-July 2007, role: launched daily ozonesondes to study the atmospheric boundary layer and tropospheric ozone in urban environment of Houston; Supervisor: Gary Morris (Valparaiso Univ.)

Publications

In Review

- Reid, J. and many coauthors including E. J. Thompson, submitted: The coupling between tropical meteorology, aerosol science, convection and the energy budget during the Clouds, Aerosol Monsoon Processes Philippines Experiment (CAMP2Ex). *Bulletin of American Meteorological Society*, submitted.
- Iyer, S., K. Drushka, E. J. Thompson, J. Thomson, submitted: Small-scale spatial variations of air-sea heat, moisture, and buoyancy fluxes in the tropical trade winds. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, submitted.
- Eyre, J. E., M. F. Cronin, D. Zhang, E. J. Thompson, C. W. Fairall, J. B. Edson, submitted: Saildrone direct covariance wind stress in various wind and current regimes of the tropical Pacific. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, submitted.
- Bailey, A. J., F. Aemisegger, L. Villiger, S. A. Los, G. Reverdin, E. Q. Meléndez, C. Acquistapace, D. B. Baranowski, T. Böck, S. Bony, T. Bordsdorff, D. Coffman, S. P. de Szoeke, C. J. Diekmann, M. Dütsch, B. Ertl, J. Galewsky, D. Henze, P. Makuch, D. Noone, P. K. Quinn, M. Rösch, A. Schneider, M. Schneider, S. Speich, B. Stevens, and E. J. Thompson, submitted: Isotopic measurements in water vapor, precipitation, and sea water during EUREC4A, *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.* <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2022-3>, submitted.
- Brizuela, N., T. M. S. Johnston, M. H. Alford, O. Asselin, D. L. Rudnick, J. N. Moum, E. J. Thompson, S. Wang, C.-Y. Lee, 2021: Mixing, upwelling, and internal wave generation beneath Super Typhoon Mangkhut: a vorticity-divergence view of the ocean response to tropical cyclones. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, submitted.

Accepted

- Iyer, S., J. Thomson, K. Drushka, E. J. Thompson, 2022: Variations in wave slope and momentum flux from wave-current interactions in the tropical trade winds. *Journal of Geophysical Research, Oceans*, <http://doi.org/10.1029/2021JC018003>
- Shackelford, K., C. A. DeMott, P. J van Leeuwan, E. J. Thompson, S. Hagos, 2022: Rain-induced stratification of the tropical Indian Ocean and its potential feedbacks to the atmosphere. *Journal of Geophysical Research, Oceans*, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021JC018025>
- Quinn, P. K., Thompson, E.J., Coffman, D. J., Baidar, S., Bariteau, L., Bates, T. S., Bigorre, S., Brewer, A., de Boer, G., de Szoeko, S. P., Drushka, K., Foltz, G. R., Intrieri, J., Iyer, S., Fairall, C. W., Gaston, C. J., Jansen, F., Johnson, J. E., Krüger, O. O., Marchbanks, R. D., Moran, K. P., Noone, D., Pezoa, S., Pincus, R., Plueddemann, A. J., Pöhlker, M. L., Pöschl, U., Quinones Melendez, E., Royer, H. M., Szczodrak, M., Thomson, J., Upchurch, L. M., Zhang, C., Zhang, D., and Zuidema, P.: 2021. Measurements from the RV Ronald H. Brown and related platforms as part of the Atlantic Tradewind Ocean-Atmosphere Mesoscale Interaction Campaign (ATOMIC), *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.*, <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2020-331>
- Pincus, R., Fairall, C. W., Bailey, A., Chen, H., Chuang, P. Y., de Boer, G., Feingold, G., Henze, D., Kalen, Q. T., Kazil, J., Leandro, M., Lundry, A., Moran, K., Naeher, D. A., Noone, D., Patel, A. J., Pezoa, S., PopStefanija, I., Thompson, E. J., Warnecke, J., and Zuidema, P., 2021: Observations from the NOAA P-3 aircraft during ATOMIC, *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.* <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2021-11>
- Stevens, B., and over 292 coauthors, 2021: EUREC4A, *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.*, <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2021-18>
- Jackson, R., Collis, S., Louf, V., Protat, A., Wang, D., Giangrande, S., Thompson, E.J., Dolan, B., Powell, S.W., 2021. The development of rainfall retrievals from radar at Darwin. *Atmospheric Measurement Techniques* 14, 53–69. <https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-14-53-2021>
- Reverdin, G., A. Supply, K. Drushka, E. J. Thompson, W. E. Asher, 2020. Intense and small freshwater pools from rainfall investigated during SPURS-2 on November 9 2017 in the eastern tropical Pacific. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*. 125, e2019JC015558. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019JC015558>
- Hagos, S., G.R. Foltz, C. Zhang, E. Thompson, H. Seo, S. Chen, A. Capotondi, K.A. Reed, C. DeMott, and A. Protat, 2020: Atmospheric Convection and Air-Sea Interactions over the Tropical Oceans: Scientific Progress, Challenges and Opportunities. *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, 101, E253–E258, <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-19-0261.1>
- Thompson E. J., W. E. Asher, A. T. Jessup, K. Drushka, 2019: High-resolution rain maps from an X-band marine radar and their use in understanding ocean freshening. *Oceanography* 32(2):58–65, <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2019.213>

- Asher, W. E., K. Drushka, A. T. Jessup, E. J. Thompson, D. Clark, 2019: Estimating rain-generated turbulence at the ocean surface using the Active Controlled-Flux Technique. *Oceanography* 32(2):108–115, <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2019.218>
- Drushka, K., W.E. Asher, A.T. Jessup, E.J. Thompson, S. Iyer, and D. Clark, 2019: Capturing fresh layers with the Surface Salinity Profiler. *Oceanography* 32(2):76–85, <https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2019.215>
- Thompson, E. J., Moum, J. N., Fairall, C. W., & Rutledge, S. A. 2019: Wind limits on rain layers and diurnal warm layers. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 124, 897-924. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2018JC014130>
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- Thompson, E. J., S. A. Rutledge, B. Dolan, M. Thurai, and V. Chandrasekar, 2018: Dual-polarization radar rainfall estimation over tropical oceans. *J. Appl. Meteor. Climatol.*, 57, 755–775, <https://doi.org/10.1175/JAMC-D-17-0160.1>
- Thompson, E. J., S. A. Rutledge, B. Dolan, and M. Thurai, 2015: Drop size distributions and radar observations of convective and stratiform rain over the equatorial Indian and west Pacific Oceans. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, 72, 4091–4125. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JAS-D-14-0206.1>
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- Thompson, E. J., S. A. Rutledge, B. Dolan, V. Chandrasekar, and B.-L. Cheong, 2014: A dual-polarization radar hydrometeor classification algorithm for winter precipitation. *J. Atmos. Oceanic Technol.*, 31, 1457–1481. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-13-00119.1>
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Code

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Published Datasets

1. DYNAMO 2011 ship ocean surface stable layers and upstream radar rainfall - in prep
2. SPURS-2 2016-2017 ship X-band radar rain maps - in prep

3. SPURS-2 2016-2017 ship disdrometer drop size distributions and rain - in prep
4. SPURS-2 2016-2017 ship underway salinity and temperature ship data - link broken, TBD
5. SPURS-2 2016-2017 Surface Salinity Profiler data - link broken, TBD
6. SPURS-2 2016-2017 combined platform surface wind and rain datasets - in prep
7. PISTON 2018 ship disdrometer drop size distributions and rain - in prep
8. PISTON 2018-2019 ship W-band cloud and precipitation radar - in prep
9. PISTON 2018-2019 ship ceilometer cloud height statistics and backscatter - in prep
10. PISTON 2018-2019 ship navigation, meteorology, seawater, air-sea flux - in prep
11. PISTON 2018-2019 ship skin sea surface temperature - in prep
12. ** led effort to publish all 27 ATOMIC 2020 experiment datasets for the entire campaign - <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/archive/accession/ATOMIC-2020>
13. ATOMIC 2020 ship W-band cloud and precipitation radar - <https://doi.org/10.25921/44cy-kr53>
14. ATOMIC 2020 ship ceilometer cloud height statistics and backscatter - <https://doi.org/10.25921/jbz6-e918>
15. ATOMIC 2020 ship navigation, meteorology, seawater, air-sea flux - <https://doi.org/10.25921/etxb-ht19>
16. ATOMIC 2020 ship skin sea surface temperature - <https://doi.org/10.25921/nwx9-rd07>
17. ATOMIC 2020 SWIFT drifters - <https://doi.org/10.25921/s5d7-tc07>
18. ATOMIC 2020 Wavegliders - <https://doi.org/10.25921/dvys-1f29>
19. Global PAL rain and wind - in prep

Research Grants

Awarded:

- PI: NOAA COM/GOMO/CVP, FY 21-24
“An Air-Sea Flux, SST, Wave Database from the ATOMIC field program”
- PI: NOAA CPO CVP, FY18-22*co-mentor PhD student
“Spatial structure of air-sea interaction in the tropical Atlantic Ocean”
- PI: NASA Precipitation Measurement Mission, FY18-22*mentor early career scientist
“Comparison of oceanic acoustic rain measurements with downscaled IMERG rainfall for the study of air-sea interaction”
- PI: NASA Ocean Salinity Science Team, FY17-22 *mentor early career scientist
“Bridging satellite and in-situ scales of near-surface salinity stratification”
- Co-I: ONR NOPP, FY21-24
“Air-Deployed Wave Buoys for Hurricane Forecast Improvements”: led by J. Thomson APL-UW *providing unfunded effort
- Co-I: NASA Physical Oceanography, FY18-21 *mentor postdoc
“SPURS-2 Synthesis: Multi-scale Integration of Freshwater into the Upper Eastern Pacific Ocean” led by A. Shcherbina, APL-UW
- Collaborator: NSF Physical Oceanography, FY19-21 *co-mentor MS student
“Formation of rain layers in the Warm Pool and their feedbacks to atmospheric convection in an idealized modeling framework” led by C. DeMott, CSU
- Collaborator: NSF Oceanography Technology, FY19-21
“Simultaneous Remote Measurement of Skin and Sub-skin Temperature for USVs and Ships Buoys” by A. Jessup, APL-UW
- Collaborator: NOAA WPO Precipitation Precip Grand Challenge, FY20-21.

“Boundary-layer and Microphysical Properties of Convective Precipitation in VORTEX-SE” by R. Cifelli NOAA PSL

Past Projects:

- Co-PI: NOAA WPO Precipitation Prediction Grand Challenge, FY20-21.
“Identifying physical processes responsible for tropical UFS errors and their relation to UFS week 2-4 precipitation predictability in the western US” with J. Dias NOAA PSL
- PI: University of Washington Royalty Research Fund, FY19-20
“The skin and subskin temperature of seas surrounding the Maritime Continent”
- Co-I: NASA Salinity Science Team, FY17-21
“The Generation and Evolution of Near-Surface Salinity Stratification” led by J. Schanze, ESR * *providing unfunded effort*

White Papers

- 2022 CLIVAR Variations White Paper / Newsletter Articles: Satellite Observations and Needs for Air Sea Interaction; Tropical Pacific in-situ Observing System
- 2021 [Ocean Best Practices Workshop Report on ocean surface radiation measurements:](#)
- 2021 [NOAA-DOE Workshop Report on Interdisciplinary Processes session from 2020 Workshop on Precipitation Predictability and Processes](#)
Balmaseda M, A Barros, S Hagos, B Kirtman, H-Y Ma, Y Ming, A Pendergrass, V Tallapragada, E Thompson. 2020. “NOAA-DOE Precipitation Processes and Predictability Workshop.” U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA; DOE/SC-0203; NOAA Technical Report OAR CPO-9.
- 2020 [NOAA Precipitation Prediction Grand Challenge:](#) Chapter 5 Observations
- 2019 ATOMIC Field Experiment Implementation Plan: Science Themes chapter
- 2019 [US CLIVAR Workshop Report \(later a published manuscript Hagos et al. 2020\) on Atmospheric Convection and Air-Sea Interaction over Tropical Oceans](#)

Awards and Honors

- 2019 US CLIVAR Early Career Scientist Leadership Award: Processes, Observations, Synthesis (US Climate Variability and Predictability Program)
- 2016-2018 APL-UW SEED Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 2012-2015 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2010-2011 AMS Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2010 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2010 Valparaiso Univ. Eugene M. Rasmussen Meteorology Scholarship and Service Award
- 2008-2010 NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program
- 2009 AMS John R. Hope Endowed Scholarship in Atmospheric Sciences
- 2009 NWA Arthur C. Pike Scholarship in Meteorology
- 2008-2009 Valparaiso Univ. Swim Team Captain

Invited Seminars

- 2022 NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO) invited seminar: “Observations of precipitation, boundary layer clouds, and coupled air-sea transition zones over tropical oceans: science questions, satellite evaluation, and model improvement opportunities”, oral virtual
- 2020 NOAA-DOE Precipitation Processes and Predictability Workshop, Keynote Speaker of Interdisciplinary Processes session: “[Atmosphere-Ocean Interactions Related to Precipitation Predictability](#)”
- 2020 AGU Fall Meeting session on Tropical Pacific Observing System (TPOS) In Situ and Remote Sensing Technology: “Observing rain layers, diurnal warm layers, and their impacts in tropical oceans”
- 2018 NASA Coupled Ocean Surface Variables Workshop: “Outstanding questions regarding air-sea interaction and near-surface processes: How can satellites be used to find answers?”
- 2014 University of Oklahoma School of Meteorology: “Development of a Polarimetric Radar Based Hydrometeor Classification Algorithm for Winter”

Science Teams and Committee Service

- Co-author / Member, US CLIVAR Air-Sea Transition Zone Study Group, 2022-2023
- Scientific Steering Committee, US CLIVAR workshop on The Role of the Gulf Stream in Climate Variability and Predictability, 2021-2022
- co-Chair Ocean Best Practices Workshop Session for Surface Solar Radiation. 2020-present
- co-Chair 3-day Data Analysis Hackathon from the NOAA ATOMIC field campaign, including converting, organizing, and posting all field campaign datasets into common data format on shared website, planning and leading 3-day virtual event during pandemic, co-leading communication and planning announcements. 2020
- Scientific Steering Committee, US CLIVAR workshop on Atmospheric Convection and Air-Sea Interaction over Tropical Oceans, including co-leading the workshop agenda, breakout discussions, and published summary report; encouraged participation and representation from oceanography. 2018-2020
- Member, NASA Ocean Salinity Science Team. 2018-present
- Member, NASA Precipitation Measurement Mission Team. 2018-present
- Convener, AGU Fall Meeting Session 2020, 2021

Public Science Article Contributions

- CBS This Morning Saturday: [Study aims to examine links between climate change and clouds](#)
- NOAA Research: [New research helps crack the mystery of clouds to improve climate prediction \(plus coverage on data papers and data archive\)](#)
- NOAA Research: [Barbadian students tour NOAA Ship Ronald H. Brown](#)
- NOAA Research: [Wave gliders, ocean drifters and drones to help international researchers solve key climate question](#)
- NOAA Research: [NOAA launches major field campaign to improve weather and climate prediction](#)
- NOAA Research: [From the ocean to the clouds: Life on the NOAA ATOMIC mission](#)
- NOAA PSL: [The ATOMIC Field Project](#)

NASA Notes from the Field: [The Salinity Processes in the Upper Ocean Regional Study \(SPURS2\)](#)

Science Mentoring and Outreach

Mentor: two undergraduate interns through NOAA Lapenta Undergraduate Research Internship. 2021. Projects included: Air-Sea Boundary Layer Interactions During PISTON and also

[Cloud Fraction Estimates from Saildrone Sky Cameras during ATOMIC](#)

Volunteer Presenter: NOAA ATOMIC field campaign Outreach Day in Barbados aboard NOAA ship Ronald H. Brown. Gave guided tour of ship oceanographic and atmospheric instrumentation and mission goals to Barbados high school students, Barbados/US Embassy, NOAA Assistant Secretary and Program Managers, EUREC4A scientists, Barbados Coast Guard, and scientists from Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology. 2020

Volunteer Presenter: NOAA PSL “Funtastic” virtual presentation during pandemic to children on [“Ocean Robots”](#). 2020

Volunteer Presenter: CU CIRES at Home presentation to children during pandemic on [“Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions: Amphibious Science”](#). Shared on multiple media platforms. 2020

Volunteer Presenter: NOAA/ONR PISTON field campaign Outreach Day in Taiwan aboard R/V Sally Ride. Gave guided tour of ship oceanographic and atmospheric instrumentation and science mission goals to National Taiwan University students, faculty, and researchers, as well as Taiwan/US Embassy. 2019.

Mentor and Project Manager: co-mentoring 1 PhD student and 1 postdoc, co-supervising 3 early career scientists. 2019-present

Steering Committee: NOAA ESRL Workplace Advisory Committee, understanding workplace interpersonal issues and promoting workplace respect, unity, and efficiency. 2019-present

Steering Committee: APL-UW Early Career Principal Investigators, raising awareness about challenges, building community, and advocating for opportunities for early-career oceanographers, meteorologists, and engineers. 2018-present

Steering Committee and still current member: [SeaTalk](#) at APL-UW aimed at building community between fieldgoers in APL and Oceanography” by addressing and preventing sexual harassment, improving communication techniques and effectively planning for field work at sea. 2017-2019

Volunteer Presenter at Seattle’s Polar Science Weekend: “Waves in the Arctic”. 2017

Volunteer Presenter at Bush School 5th grade: “Life as a Scientist”. 2016

Volunteer Presenter for [PROGRESS: Promoting Geoscience Research, Education and Success](#), PI: Emily Fischer, CSU. Workshops open up valuable professional development opportunities to undergraduate women in the geosciences. 2015

Mentor of student between middle and high school in meteorology and preparation for college education. 2012-2016

Tutor: two 7th grader girls for meteorology Olympiad contest, weekly meetings. 2010

Project co-lead for Engineers Without Border: developing water resources project between Valparaiso University students and community in Tanzania, Africa. 2008-2009

Workshop Participation

2021 ESWN Women in Sciences Leadership Workshop

2021 NOAA Diversity, Inclusion & Equity: A Culture of Engagement Workshop

2021 US CLIVAR Tropical Pacific Ocean Observing Needs for Modeling Workshop

- 2021 NOAA GOMO Integrating Ocean Observations to Improve NOAA's Hurricane Intensity Forecasts *session moderator
- 2021 [Unlearning Racism in the Geosciences](#) 8-part curriculum
- 2020 [NOAA-DOE Precipitation Processes and Predictability Workshop](#) *keynote speaker
- 2020 ATOMIC Data Analysis Hackathon *co-Lead
- 2020 NOAA Diversity and Inclusion workshop on Implicit Bias
- 2020 NASA Planetary Boundary Layer Workshop
- 2019 US CLIVAR Atmospheric Convection and Air-Sea Interaction over Tropical Oceans Workshop (NCAR) *Scientific Steering Committee Member
- 2019 NOAA Engineering Forum (NOAA PMEL): learning to work more successfully with engineers, advocate for their success, retention, and innovation
- 2018 NASA Coupled Ocean Surface Variables Workshop (APL-UW)
- 2017 NASA Global Ocean Salinity and Water Cycle Workshop (WHOI)
- 2017 NASA/GPM OLYMPEX Science Workshop (UW)
- 2017 Cross-cultural Communication Workshop (UW)
- 2016 NASA Coupled Ocean Surface Variables Workshop (APL-UW)
- 2014 NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Summer School: Using Satellite Observations to Advance Climate Models
- 2011 American Meteorological Society Summer Policy Colloquium (Washington D.C.)

Reviews

- 1-2 proposal panel reviews per year
- Approximately 10 journal article reviews total per year for: *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, *Journal of Oceanic and Atmospheric Technology*, *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, *Monthly Weather Review*, *Journal of Climate*, *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, *Weather and Forecasting*, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, *EGU Atmospheric Measurement Technique*, *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Sensors Journal*, *Artificial Intelligence for the Earth Systems*

Technological and Instrumentation Expertise

Led the collection, quality-controlling, processing, and analysis of measurements from sea/land:

- W-, X-, C-, and S-band single and dual polarization Doppler radars and ceilometer lidars (precipitation, clouds, wind, atmospheric boundary layer)
- X-band marine navigation radar (precipitation)
- 2D-video and optical disdrometers: ground and ship-based (raindrop size distributions)
- air-sea turbulent fluxes over ocean (bulk, eddy covariance, inertial dissipation)
- surface meteorology over ocean (wind, humidity, pressure, temperature)
- surface radiation over ocean (solar, infrared)
- sea surface temperature (infrared radiometer, sea snake, throughflow ports)
- radiosondes (meteorological data and ozone concentration as functions of height)
- ocean CTDs: underway, profiling, through-flow on hull, towed from ship (ocean temperature, salinity, velocity)

Presentations

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- Chi, N., H. Chen, E. J. Thompson, A. Shcherbina, F. Bingham, L. Rainville, 2022: Ocean Salinity Conference, poster.
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