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EDUCATION

- 2014 **Ph.D., Applied Mathematics**, Brown University
Advisor: Björn Sandstede
Title: Lagrangian Data Assimilation and its Applications to Geophysical Fluid Flows
- 2010 **M.S., Applied Mathematics**, Brown University
- 2009 **B.S., Mathematics**, University of Maryland, College Park

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – present **Research Scientist II**, CIRES & NOAA/ESRL Physical Sciences Division, Boulder, CO
- 2015 – 2018 **Research Scientist I**, CIRES & NOAA/ESRL Physical Sciences Division, Boulder, CO
- 2014 – 2015 **Postdoctoral Investigator**, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; Dept. of Physical Oceanography, Woods Hole, MA. *Lagrangian data assimilation for parameter estimation*
- Summer 2013 **Graduate Student Visitor**, National Center for Atmospheric Research; Mesoscale and Microscale Meteorology Laboratory, Boulder, CO. *Applications of particle filters to high-dimensional nonlinear systems*
- Summer 2010 **Graduate Intern**, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, MA. *Compressive sensing techniques for communications algorithms*
- 2009 – 2014 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Brown University, Division of Applied Mathematics, Providence RI. *Lagrangian data assimilation and dynamical systems*

Summer 2008 **Undergraduate Intern**, Mathematics Summer Employment Program, National Security Agency. *Analysis of metadata files using Perl for intelligence applications.*

HONORS & AWARDS

2015 AWM-NSF Mathematics Travel Grant for Women Researchers
2014 Stella Dafermos Prize from the Division of Applied Mathematics at Brown University
2006 – 2009 University of Maryland Gemstone Program (*interdisciplinary undergraduate team research project, culminating in a thesis defense*)
2005 – 2009 University of Maryland Presidential Scholarship, Distinguished Scholar, Orbital Science's Kelly H. Burke Scholarship, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Mortar Board Honor Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010 – 2011 **Teaching Assistant**, Brown University
Probabilistic and Deterministic Models for Operations Research, Statistical Inference I
2007 – 2009 **Tutor**, University of Maryland
Algebra I, Calculus I, Calculus II
2007 – 2008 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Maryland
Algebra I and II

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Oct. 2020 – present **Mentor**, U. of Maryland Gemstone Alumni Mentor & Partner Program
Jul. 2019 **Poster judge**, UCAR Summer Intern Research Poster Session
2018 – present **Co-administrator**, Advancing Reanalysis website (reanalyses.org)
Jul. 2018 **Invited speaker**, [UNAVCO](#)'s intern career circle
Mar. 2017, 2018 **Volunteer and career mentor**, Denver Museum of Nature and Science's Girls and Science Day
Dec. 2016, 2018 **Outstanding Student Presentation Award judge**, AGU Fall Meeting
Feb. 2016 **Session moderator**, AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting

- May 2015 **Mini-symposium organizer**, “Applications of Ensemble Data Assimilation Methods to Climate Processes” at the SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (approx. 15 people in attendance)
- Apr. 2014 **Mini-symposium co-organizer**, “Data Assimilation in Atmospheric and Oceanographic Processes” at the SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification (approx. 15 people in attendance)
- 2014 – present **Peer-reviewer** for *Monthly Weather Review*, *Journal of Climate*, *Ocean Modelling*, *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, *Climate Dynamics*, *Atmosphere*; **internal reviewer** for NOAA/PSD; **NSF grant proposal reviewer**.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Fogt, R.L., C.P. Belak, J.M. Jones, **L.C. Slivinski**, and G.P. Compo, 2020: An assessment of early 20th century Antarctic pressure reconstructions using historical observations. *Int. J. Climatol.* [in review].
- Slivinski, L.C.**, G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, P.D. Sardeshmukh, and 42 coauthors, in press: Towards a more reliable historical reanalysis: Improvements for version 3 of the Twentieth Century Reanalysis system. *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society* [in press]. <https://doi.org/10.1002/qj.3598> [Invited.]
- Slivinski, L.C.**, G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, P.D. Sardeshmukh, J.-W. A. Wang, K. Friedman, C. McColl, 2019: What is the impact of additional tropical observations on a modern data assimilation system? *Monthly Weather Review* 147, 2433-2449. <https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-18-0120.1>.
- Wang, J.-W. A., P.D. Sardeshmukh, G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, **L.C. Slivinski**, C.M. McColl, and P.J. Pegion, 2019: Sensitivities of the NCEP Global Forecast System. *Monthly Weather Review* 147, 1237 – 1256. <https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-18-0239.1>
- Slivinski, L.C.**, 2018: Historical reanalysis: what, how, and why? *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems* 10, 1736 – 1739. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2018MS001434> [Invited.]
- Dole, R.M., J.R. Spackman, M. Newman, G.P. Compo, C.A. Smith, L.M. Hartten, J.J. Barsugli, R.S. Webb, M.P. Hoerling, R. Cifelli, K. Wolter, C.D. Barnet, M. Gehne, R. Gelaro, G.N. Kiladis, S. Abbott, E. Akish, J. Albers, J.M. Brown, C.J. Cox, L. Darby, G. de Boer, B. DeLuisi, J. Dias, J. Dunion, J. Eischeid, C. Fairall, A. Gambacorta, B.K. Gorton, A. Hoell, J. Intrieri, D. Jackson, P.E. Johnston, R. Lataitis, K.M. Mahoney, K. McCaffrey, H.A. McColl, M.J. Mueller, D. Murray, P.J. Neiman, W. Otto, O. Persson, X. Quan, I. Rangwala, A.J. Ray, D. Reynolds, E.R. Dellaripa, K. Rosenlof, N. Sakaeda, P.D. Sardeshmukh, **L.C. Slivinski**, L. Smith, A. Solomon, D. Swales, S. Tulich, A. White, G. Wick, M.G. Winterkorn, D.E. Wolfe, and R. Zamora, 2018: Advancing

science and services during the 2015-16 El Niño: The NOAA El Niño Rapid Response field campaign. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 99, 975 – 1001. <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-16-0219.1>

Thorne, P., R.J. Allan, L. Ashcroft, P. Brohan, R.J. Dunn, M.J. Menne, P.R. Pearce, J. Picas, K.M. Willett, M. Benoy, S. Bronnimann, P.O. Canziani, J. Coll, R. Crouthamel, G.P. Compo, D. Cuppett, M. Curley, C. Duffy, I. Gillespie, J. Guijarro, S. Jourdain, E.C. Kent, H. Kubota, T.P. Legg, Q. Li, J. Matsumoto, C. Murphy, N.A. Rayner, J.J. Rennie, E. Rustemeier, **L.C. Slivinski**, V. Slonosky, A. Squintu, B. Tinz, M.A. Valente, S. Walsh, X.L. Wang, N. Westcott, K. Wood, S.D. Woodruff, and S.J. Worley, 2017: Toward an integrated set of surface meteorological observations for climate science and applications. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 98, 2680 – 2702. <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-16-0165.1>

Slivinski, L.C., L.J. Pratt, I.I. Rypina, M.M. Orescanin, B. Raubenheimer, J. MacMahan, and S. Elgar, 2017: Assimilating Lagrangian data for parameter estimation in a multiple-inlet system. *Ocean Modelling*, 113, 131 – 144. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ocemod.2017.04.001>

Xia, C., C. Cochrane, J. DeGuire, G. Fan, E. Holmes, M. McGuirl, P. Murphy, J. Palmer, P. Carter, **L.C. Slivinski**, and B. Sandstede, 2017: Assimilating Eulerian and Lagrangian data in traffic-flow models. *Physica D*, 346, 59 – 72. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physd.2017.02.004>

Slivinski, L.C., and C. Snyder, 2016: Exploring practical estimates of the ensemble size necessary for particle filters. *Monthly Weather Review*, 144(3), 861 – 875. <https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-14-00303.1>

Slivinski, L.C., E.T. Spiller, A. Apte, and B. Sandstede, 2015: A hybrid particle-ensemble Kalman filter for Lagrangian data assimilation. *Monthly Weather Review*, 143(1), 195 – 211. <https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-14-00051.1>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & DATASETS

Compo, G. P., **L.C. Slivinski**, et. al. (2019): *The International Surface Pressure Databank version 4*. Research Data Archive at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Computational and Information Systems Laboratory. <http://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds132.2/>. Accessed 31 Oct. 2019.

Slivinski, L. C., et al. 2019. *NOAA-CIRES-DOE Twentieth Century Reanalysis Version 3*. Research Data Archive at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Computational and Information Systems Laboratory. <https://doi.org/10.5065/H93G-WS83>. Accessed 31 Oct. 2019.

Slivinski, L.C. and L.J. Pratt, 2017: Bayesian principles in data assimilation: A tutorial. Available from <http://www.whoi.edu/page.do?pid=100797>.

Slivinski, L.C., E.T. Spiller, and A. Apte, 2015: A hybrid particle-ensemble Kalman filter for high-dimensional Lagrangian data assimilation. *Dynamic Data-Driven*

Environmental Systems Science. Ed. Sai Ravela, Adrian Sandu. Volume 8964 of Lecture Notes in Computer Science, pp 263-273. Springer International Publishing.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-25138-7_24

Slivinski, L.C., A.R. Margetts, and D.W. Bliss, 2011: Sparse space-time equalization with l_1 norm. *Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*. Pacific Grove, CA. <https://doi.org/10.1109/ACSSC.2011.6190282>

Cigna, J., P. Davé, C. Hickey, J. Holzberger, M. Kuhn, S. Kwok, B. O'Haver, E. Ryan, and L. Slivinski, 2009: Specializing pedestrian maps to address the needs of people using wheelchairs: A case study in community-sustainable information systems. (*Undergraduate Thesis*.) Available from the Digital Repository at the University of Maryland (<http://hdl.handle.net/1903/9076>).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Slivinski, L.C., G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, P.D. Sardeshmukh, P. Brohan, B. Giese, C. McColl, and R. Allan, 2019: **Capturing nearly 200 years of storms in the 20th Century Reanalysis version 3**. Talk. *South America C3S Data Rescue Capacity Building Workshop and ACRE Meeting*, UTN, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Slivinski, L. C., A. Apte, E. Spiller, and B. Sandstede, 2018: **Recent applications of the hybrid particle-ensemble Kalman filter in Lagrangian data assimilation**. Talk. *Applied Math Department Dynamics Seminar*, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., G. P. Compo, J. S. Whitaker, and P. D. Sardeshmukh, 2017: **Status of, and plans for, the 20th Century Reanalysis**. Talk. *The 10th Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth Workshop*, Auckland, New Zealand.

Slivinski, L.C., G. P. Compo, J. S. Whitaker, and P. D. Sardeshmukh, 2017: **Improvements in the 20th Century Reanalysis version 3**. Talk. *5th International Conference on Reanalysis*, Rome, Italy.

Slivinski, L.C., G. P. Compo, P. D. Sardeshmukh, J. S. Whitaker, J.-W. A. Wang, K. Friedman, and C. McColl, 2017: **The impact of observations on data assimilation: Results from data-denial experiments**. Talk. *NOAA EN3R PSD-NCEP Workshop*, College Park, MD, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., G. P. Compo, J. S. Whitaker, and P. D. Sardeshmukh, 2017: **Opportunities for improvement in the Twentieth Century Reanalysis**. Talk. *Banff International Research Station Workshop*, Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Slivinski, L.C., 2016: **An application of Lagrangian data assimilation to Katama Bay, MA**. Talk. *Mathematics and Climate Research Network webinar*.

Slivinski, L.C., 2016: **Discussion on data assimilation**. Panelist. *Meeting on Mathematical Issues in Sea-Ice Modeling and Data Assimilation*, Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center, Bergen, Norway.

Slivinski, L.C., 2015: **Extracting the most from drifter trajectories: A method for Lagrangian data assimilation.** Talk. *Midwest Mathematics and Climate Conference*, Lawrence, KS, USA.

OTHER SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Slivinski, L.C., G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, P.D. Sardeshmukh, P. Brohan, B. Giese, C. McColl, and R. Allan, 2018: **Capturing more than 100 years of storms in the 20th Century Reanalysis version 3.** Talk. *AGU Fall Meeting*, Washington, D.C., USA.

Slivinski, L.C., A. Apte, and E. Spiller, 2018: **Recent applications of the hybrid particle-ensemble Kalman filter in Lagrangian data assimilation.** Talk. *The 8th EnKF Data Assimilation Workshop*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Slivinski, L.C., G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, and P.D. Sardeshmukh, 2017: **Quantifying uncertainty in the 20th Century Reanalysis version 2c, and improvements in version 3.** Poster. *AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., G.P. Compo, J.S. Whitaker, and P.D. Sardeshmukh, 2016: **Biases in the 20th Century Reanalysis version 2c and a comparison to version 3.** Talk. *9th ACRE Workshop and Historical Weather and Climate Data Forum*, University of Maynooth, Ireland.

Slivinski, L.C., L. Pratt, I. Rypina, M. Orescanin, S. Elgar, and B. Raubenheimer, 2016: **An application of Lagrangian data assimilation to Katama Bay, MA.** Poster. *AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., L. Pratt, and I. Rypina, 2015: **An application of Lagrangian data assimilation to Katama Bay, MA.** Talk. *SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems*, Snowbird, UT, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., L. Pratt, and I. Rypina, 2014: **An application of Lagrangian data assimilation to Katama Bay using ensemble methods.** Talk. *MURI 3D+1 Workshop*, Miami, FL, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., A. Apte, E. Spiller, and B. Sandstede, 2014: **A hybrid particle-ensemble Kalman filter scheme for Lagrangian data assimilation.** Talk. *SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification*, Savannah, GA, USA.

Slivinski, L.C. and C. Snyder, 2013: **Particle filtering for nonlinear systems: Proposals and scalability.** Talk. *IMA Hot Topics Workshop: Predictability in Earth Systems Processes*, University of Minnesota, MN, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., A. Apte, E. Spiller, and B. Sandstede, 2013: **Lagrangian data assimilation and its applications to geophysical fluid flows.** Poster. *Sixth WMO Symposium on Data Assimilation*, College Park, MD, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., A. Apte, E. Spiller, and B. Sandstede, 2013: **Lagrangian data assimilation and its applications to geophysical fluid flows.** Poster. *SIAM Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., A. Apte, E. Spiller, and B. Sandstede, 2013: **Lagrangian data assimilation and its applications to geophysical fluid flows**. Talk. *SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems*, Snowbird, UT, USA.

Slivinski, L.C., A. Apte, E. Spiller, and B. Sandstede, 2012: **Lagrangian data assimilation and its applications to geophysical fluid flows**. Talk. *Colloquium*, TIFR-CAM, Bangalore, India.

Slivinski, L.C., A.R. Margetts, and D.W. Bliss, 2011: **Sparse space-time equalization with l_1 norm**. Poster. *IEEE Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, Pacific Grove, CA, USA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| Spring 2018 | American Meteorological Society Summer Policy Colloquium
<i>10-day immersion in science policy, Washington, D.C.</i> |
| Spring 2015 | National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation
<i>Study Circle Science Fellow</i> |
| Summer 2013 | Interdisciplinary Summer School: Data Assimilation in the
Geosciences, University of Maryland, College Park |
| Summer 2012 | International Summer School on Advanced Data Assimilation for
Geosciences, Les Houches, France. |

MEMBERSHIPS & OTHER INFORMATION

Member of the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union.

Former member of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the Mathematics and Climate Research Network, the Postdoctoral Association of WHOI (*Secretary, Dept. Representative*), the Rose Whelan Society of Brown, and Women in Math at the University of Maryland (*Secretary, Undergraduate Representative*).

Languages: English, LaTeX, MATLAB, Python, NCL.

Experience with Unix/Linux, Fortran, R, Perl.