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EDUCATION

University of Oxford DPhil (PhD) in Climate Physics	October 2019 - July 2023 Advisor: Philip Stier
University of Oxford Masters degree in Physics	October 2015 - June 2019 Classification: 1 st

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Research Associate <i>Princeton University & NOAA GFDL</i>	August 2023 - present Host: Nadir Jeevanjee
Visiting Researcher <i>TU Delft</i>	June 2022 - July 2022 Host: Louise Nuijens
Visiting Researcher <i>Max Planck Institute for Meteorology</i>	April 2022 - May 2022 Host: Cathy Hohenegger
Research Associate <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	June 2019 - January 2020 Host: Paul O’Gorman
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow <i>California Institute of Technology</i>	Summer 2018 Hosts: Yair Cohen, Tapio Schneider

AWARDS

Outstanding Early Career Presentation Award <i>CFMIP-GASS meeting, Paris</i>	2023
Princeton AOS Postdoctoral Fellowship <i>Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Program, Princeton University</i>	2023
NOAA Climate & Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) <i>Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Yale University</i>	2023
Outstanding Student and PhD candidate Presentation Award <i>EGU</i>	2022
Outstanding Student Presentation Award <i>AGU Fall Meeting</i>	2022
NERC Studentship <i>Awarded fully funded place on NERC Environmental Research Doctoral Programme at the University of Oxford, covering tuition, stipend and research grant (Approx. £100,000).</i>	2019-2023
Laidlaw Research and Leadership Scholarship <i>Awarded £10,000 to fund research at MIT with Prof. Paul O’Gorman.</i>	2019
Caltech Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship <i>Awarded \$8,000 to fund research at Caltech with Prof. Tapio Schneider.</i>	2018
Moritz-Heyman Scholarship <i>Scholarship for low-income students who won a place at Oxford University (£16,000 total).</i>	2015-2019

PUBLICATIONS

in preparation

- Risi, C. & co-authors including **Williams, A. I. L.**: Amplification of temperature changes with altitude in the tropics and subtropics
- Herbert, R. J., **Williams, A. I. L.**, Weiss, P., Klocke, D. & Stier, P.: Isolating aerosol-climate interactions in global storm-resolving simulations
- **Williams, A. I. L.**, Wang, J. & Watson-Parris, D.: Understanding the sensitivity of regional precipitation to SSTs using a linear Green's function approach

submitted/in review

- Dagan, G., Yeheskel, N. & **Williams, A. I. L.**: Enhanced radiative forcing from aerosol-cloud interactions due to large-scale circulation adjustments
Nature Geoscience
- Schmidt, H. & co-authors including **Williams, A. I. L.**: Effects of vertical grid spacing on the climate simulated in the ICON-Sapphire global storm-resolving model
Geoscientific Model Development
- Bloch-Johnson, J. and co-authors including **Williams, A. I. L.**: The Green's Function Model Intercomparison Project (GFMIIP) Protocol
Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems

2023

- **Williams, A. I. L.**, Watson-Parris, D., Dagan, G. & Stier, P.: Dependence of fast changes in global and local precipitation on the geographical location of absorbing aerosol
Journal of Climate
[10.22541/au.167364749.93845737/v1](https://doi.org/10.22541/au.167364749.93845737/v1)
- **Williams, A. I. L.**, Jeevanjee, N. & Bloch-Johnson, J.: Circus Tents, Convective Thresholds and the Non-Linear Climate Response to Tropical SSTs
Geophysical Research Letters
[10.1029/2022GL101499](https://doi.org/10.1029/2022GL101499)

2022

- **Williams, A. I. L.**, Stier, P., Dagan, G. & Watson-Parris, D.: Strong control of effective radiative forcing by the spatial pattern of absorbing aerosol
Nature Climate Change
(Press coverage)
[10.1038/s41558-022-01415-4](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-022-01415-4)
- Dagan, G., Stier, P., Dingley, B. & **Williams, A. I. L.**: Examining the regional co-variability of the atmospheric water and energy imbalances in different model configurations - linking clouds and circulation
Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems
[10.1029/2021MS002951](https://doi.org/10.1029/2021MS002951)
- **Williams, A. I. L.** & O'Gorman, P. A.: Summer-Winter Contrast in the Response of Precipitation Extremes to Climate Change over Northern Hemisphere Land
Geophysical Research Letters
[10.1029/2021GL096531](https://doi.org/10.1029/2021GL096531)

2021

- Watson-Parris, D., **Williams, A. I. L.**, Deaconou, L. & Stier, P.: Model calibration using ESEm v1.0.0 - an open, scalable Earth System Emulator
Geoscientific Model Development
[10.5194/gmd-14-7659-2021](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-14-7659-2021)

INVITED TALKS

AGU Fall Meeting <i>Internal variability delays the robust detection of climatic trends in extreme precipitation</i>	Dec 2022
NOAA GFDL <i>Strong control of effective radiative forcing by the spatial pattern of absorbing aerosol</i>	Dec 2022
Princeton University <i>Circus tents, convective thresholds and the non-linear climate response to tropical SSTs</i>	Dec 2022
Yale University <i>Non-linearities in the pattern effect explained by a convective threshold</i>	Nov 2022
TU Delft <i>Clouds, aerosol and the global circulation</i>	June 2022
EGU General Assembly Meeting <i>Strong control of effective radiative forcing and precipitation by the spatial pattern of absorbing aerosol</i> (Winner of an Outstanding Student Presentation Award)	May 2022

PRESENTATIONS

ECS & cloud feedback virtual symposium <i>Circus tents, convective thresholds and the non-linear climate response to tropical SSTs</i>	March 2023 (Talk)
4th biennial workshop on the regional climate response to aerosol <i>Understanding the dependence of fast changes in global and local precipitation on the geographical location of absorbing aerosol</i>	March 2023 (Talk)
AGU Fall Meeting <i>Non-linear climate response to tropical SST changes explained by a convective threshold</i>	Dec 2022 (Talk)
3rd Pan-GASS Meeting, Monterey <i>Impact of warm-rain suppression on the climate of a mock-Walker circulation</i>	July 2022 (Poster)
2nd Workshop on Cloud Organization, Utrecht <i>Aerosol-cloud-circulations in cloud-resolving simulations with an imposed SST gradient</i>	May 2022 (Poster)
CLIVAR Pattern Effect Workshop <i>SST Green's functions for regional precipitation</i>	May 2022 (Poster)
AGU Fall Meeting <i>Contrasting Seasonal Response of Northern Hemisphere Precipitation Extremes to Climate Change</i> (Winner of an Outstanding Student Presentation Award)	Dec 2021 (Talk)
AGU Fall Meeting <i>Understanding the "pattern effect" of absorbing aerosol</i>	Dec 2021 (Poster)
EGU General Assembly Meeting <i>Optimizing the number of convective plumes in EDMF cloud parameterization schemes using high-resolution LES simulations</i>	April 2019 (Poster)

SERVICE

Peer reviewer for *Scientific Reports, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Geophysical Research Letters*.

Session chair

2022

Chair of session on “Absorbing Aerosols: Experiments, Observations, and Modelling” at the EGU General Assembly Meeting 2022

AOPP Working Group on EDI

2020-present

Helping lead efforts to monitor and improve EDI within the Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics (AOPP) department.

DPhil mentoring scheme

2021-present

Initiated a mentoring scheme which matches incoming DPhil (PhD) students with a postdoc or more senior DPhil student who can provide advice on adjusting to graduate study at Oxford.

Policy briefing

Nov-Dec 2020

Commissioned by Shadow Secretary for Health and Social Care to research the intersection between ‘Pandemics and Climate Change’. Findings were written in a [white paper](#) and presented to the Government.

OUTREACH

Oxford Sparks

2020-present

Recorded an [outreach video about clouds](#) which has reached over 150,000 people across social media.

Seren Hub

2016-present

Provided interview practice and entrance exam help for Welsh students from disadvantaged backgrounds who want to study Physics or Mathematics at university.

TEACHING

Co-supervising a Masters Thesis

2022-2023

Day-to-day supervision of a Master’s student studying the response of regional precipitation to SST anomalies

Teaching Assistant: Atmospheric Physics Master’s Course

2020-2022

Workshop lead

2020-2023

Leader of a yearly workshop for first year PhD students on modelling the global-mean climate using energy balance models.

HOBBIES

Music

Self-taught, grade eight-level guitarist with a speciality in rock and blues.

Sports

Captain of the St. Hilda’s College Men’s Squash team. 2017-2018.

Completed the Oxford Half Marathon at the beginning of my second year in 1:32:29.

Spent two weeks hiking through the Slovenian Alps - Summer 2016.

Completed a three-week long cycle tour from Toulouse, through the French Pyrenees and up the Atlantic coast, ending in Bordeaux - Summer 2017.

Cycled the North Coast 500 route around the north coast of Scotland in seven days - Summer 2021.