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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Oceanography, Department of Physics, **Imperial College, London** 1995  
(advisor John Marshall)  
B.Sc., M.Phil, **Imperial College, London** 1990

## EMPLOYMENT

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*Research Oceanographer* 2004-present  
Program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, **Princeton University**  
*Principal Research Scientist* 2003-2004  
Program in Atmospheres, Oceans and Climate, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
*Visiting Research Oceanographer* Summer 2003  
Program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, **Princeton University**  
*Research Scientist* 1999-2003  
Program in Atmospheres, Oceans and Climate, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
*Research Fellow* 1997-1999  
Climate Modeling Initiative, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
*UCAR Ocean Modeling Fellowship* 1995-1997  
(hosted by David Neelin) **University of California, Los Angeles**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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2021 - present NCAR CESM Scientific Steering Committee (SSC)  
2023 - 2024 International CLIVAR Ocean Model Development Panel co-chair  
2019 - 2022 Expert Advisory Board member to IMMERSE H2020 (EU funded project)  
2017 - 2022 International CLIVAR Ocean Model Development Panel member  
2018 Jan Paul Allen Philanthropies Climate Modelling charette, Seattle, WA  
2014-2018 Associate editor AGU J. of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems

## INVITED TALKS

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2022 Nov *Sea-ice, icebergs, and ice shelves in climate models*  
COSIMA VI annual meeting (keynote)  
2020 Sept *Motivations, successes, and problems, with the Lagrangian-remap dynamical core*  
ECMWF annual seminar (invited)  
2019 Oct *State of the Art in Ocean (Climate) Modeling.*  
BIRS Workshop on physics-dynamics coupling in Earth System Models, Banff, CA  
2019 Feb Physical, Numerical, and Computational Challenges in Modelling Oceans for Climate.  
SIAM CSE, Spokane, WA (plenary speaker)  
2015 June *Coordinate-Free Modeling and Resolution-Independent Topography.*  
Gordon Research Conference Invited speaker on Coastal Ocean Modelling

- 2015 Mar *Representing Topography in ESMs with Porous Barriers.*  
SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering
- 2005 Mar *Algorithmic considerations for modeling the ocean in general coordinates.*  
EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria

## OTHER EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES (WORKSHOPS, PANELS, ETC.)

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- 2020 Sept ECMWF annual seminar on Numerical methods for atmospheric and oceanic modelling: recent advances and future prospects, Reading, UK
- 2020 Jan COMMODORE workshop on numerical methods for ocean models, Hamburg
- 2020 Feb CLIVAR OMDP business meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Mar CLIVAR OMDP business meeting, Tallahassee, FL
- 2019 Mar Workshop on Sources and Sinks of Mesoscale Eddy Energy, FSU (CLIVAR sponsored)
- 2019 Feb IMMERSE, European Commission project (Expert Advisory Board member)
- 2019 Jan DRAKKAR workshop, Grenoble, France
- 2018 Nov CLIVAR SSG meeting, OMDP representative, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Sept COMMODORE workshop on numerical methods for ocean models, Paris
- 2018 May Atmosphere, Oceans, and Computational Infrastructure workshop, CalTech
- 2018 Jan CESM Winter Ocean Modelling Working Group, Boulder, CO
- 2017 Nov Future of Earth System Modelling workshop, CalTech, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Oct CLIVAR OMDP, pan-WRCF meeting, Exeter, UK
- 2017 Sum Visiting Scientist at NCAR, Boulder, CO
- 2017 Feb CESM Winter Ocean Modelling Working Group, Boulder, CO
- 2016 June CESM Summer Ocean Modelling Working Group, Breckenridge, CO
- 2015 Oct CLIVAR Workshop Translating Process Understanding to Improve Climate Models
- 2014 Apr CLIVAR WGOMD Workshop on High Resolution Ocean Climate Modeling
- 2012 Sept Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences Adaptive Multiscale Methods for the Atmosphere and Ocean
- 2011 Sept NSF-CMG Forward Looking Workshop on Mathematical Geosciences
- 2011 Feb NERC UK Ocean Modelling Road-map steering group
- 2009 Oct Organized CLIVAR-WGOMD meeting on Ocean, Sea-ice and Ice-shelf modeling (GFDL/Princeton)
- 2007 Nov Eddy-Mixed Layer Interaction Climate Process Team (Seattle)
- 2007 Sum CLIVAR-WGOMD, Workshop on Numerical Methods in Ocean Models Layered Ocean Model Meeting (Bergen)
- 2006 Sept Eddy-Mixed Layer Interaction Climate Process Team (GFDL)
- 2006 May Gravity Current Entrainment Climate Process Team (GFDL)
- 2005 Jan Participated in CLIVAR Southern Oceans panel session on modeling
- 2004 Jun Organized “Future directions” session for CLIVAR Workshop on the ocean component of climate models
- 2004 May ONR Workshop on “Assessing the Effectiveness of Submesoscale Ocean Parameterizations”
- 2001-2004 Participant in the ONR “Experts Group” on Terrain-following Coordinate Ocean Modeling Systems.
- 2002 Sum Organized and hosted the Z-coordinate Ocean Modeling meeting (pre-OMDP)
- 2000-2002 U.S. Climate Modeling Infrastructure working group.
- 2001 Sum NOPP Review Panel (NSF-ONR)

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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<i>2021</i>	American Geophysical Union, Ocean Sciences Award
<i>2020-2025</i>	Schmidt Futures, VESRI: Multiscale Machine Learning In coupled Earth System Modeling. (Co-PI, led by L. Zanna)
<i>2019-2022</i>	NOAA/NSF CPT, Ocean Transport and Eddy Energy. (Co-PI, led by L. Zanna)
<i>2018-2020</i>	NSF, Collaborative Research Modeling Giant Icebergs and Their Decay. (PI with T. Wagner)
<i>2016-2018</i>	ExxonMobil seed grant, Exploring the use of smoothed particle-hydrodynamics for modeling sea ice in fine-resolution circulation models for prediction and climate. (PI)
<i>2015-2018</i>	NSF, Collaborative Research Energetically Consistent, Resolution Aware, Parameterization of Meso-Scale Eddies. (Co-PI with M. Jansen)
<i>2013-2016</i>	NOAA-MAPP Collaborative Research: Representing calving and iceberg dynamics in global climate models. (PI)
<i>2007-2009</i>	National Science Foundation SGER grant: Toward a Community Environment for Advanced Oceanic Modeling.
<i>2005-2011</i>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration grant: Estimating the Circulation and Climate of the Ocean II: High Resolution Global-Ocean and Sea-Ice Reanalysis.
<i>2002-2004</i>	Office of Naval Research (USA) grant: Developing numerical methods for non-hydrostatic modeling of coastal scale processes. (PI)
<i>2003</i>	Princeton University Visiting Fellowship
<i>1995-1997</i>	Universities Corporation for Atmospheric Res., Ocean Model. Fellowship
<i>1991-1993</i>	National Environment Research Council, UK, Studentship

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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American Geophysical Union (AGU), American Institute of Physics (AIP),  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

## TEACHING/MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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Undergraduate interns: Eowyn Connolly-Brown, William Foust, Mon Tre'D Hudson, Nicholas Ordonez, Nabhonil Kar, Esther Liao, Paula Gradu

External examiner: U. New South Wales, Australia, M.I.T.

Post-doctoral fellows/mentees: Whit Anderson, Laurent White, Mehmet Ilicak, Malte Jansen, Alon Stern, Anders Damsgaard, Sina Khani, Alexander Huth

Courses:

<i>2004 Fall</i>	Lectures for AOS575: Numerical prediction of the Atmosphere and Ocean
<i>2002-2004</i>	Created/taught 12.950: Atmospheric and Oceanic Modeling (graduate course, published as MIT Open Course Ware)
<i>2001 Fall</i>	Co-wrote Ocean modeling (graduate course)
<i>1992-1995</i>	T.A. for Physics of the Fluid Earth (undergraduate course)

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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(\* indicates mentees/intern/postdoc at time of study)

- [1] Adcroft, A., Hill, C., Marshall, J., Representation of Topography by Shaved Cells in a Height Coordinate Ocean Model, *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, 125 (9), p. 2293–2315, Sep. 1997. DOI: 10.1175/1520-0493(1997)125<2293:ROTBS>2.0.CO;2.
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- [3] Marshall, J., Adcroft, A., Hill, C., Perelman, L., Heisey, C., A finite-volume, incompressible Navier Stokes model for studies of the ocean on parallel computers, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 102 (C3), p. 5753–5766, Mar. 1997. DOI: 10.1029/96JC02775.
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- [5] Adcroft, A., How slippery are piecewise-constant coastlines in numerical ocean models? *Tellus A*, 50 (1), 1998. DOI: 10.3402/tellusa.v50i1.14514.
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- [11] Legg, S., Adcroft, A., Internal Wave Breaking at Concave and Convex Continental Slopes, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, 33 (11), p. 2224–2246, Nov. 2003. DOI: 10.1175/1520-0485(2003)033<2224:IWBACA>2.0.CO;2.
- [12] Stammer, D., Wunsch, C., Giering, R., Eckert, C., Heimbach, P., Marotzke, J., Adcroft, A., Hill, C. N., Marshall, J., Volume, heat, and freshwater transports of the global ocean circulation 1993–2000, estimated from a general circulation model constrained by World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) data, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 108 (C1), p. 3007, Jan. 2003. DOI: 10.1029/2001JC001115.
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