

Brendan Clark

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EXPERIENCE

Cornell University | Ithaca, NY

Postdoctoral Research Associate (2025-present)

- Researching the effects of atmospheric dryness on tree growth using the Functionally Assembled Terrestrial Ecosystem Simulator (FATES) and statistical modeling from dendrometer observations
- Conducting research in partnership with CarbonPlan doing statistical downscaling of Earth system model simulations of climate change and solar radiation modification scenarios

Rutgers University | New Brunswick, New Jersey

Graduate Research Assistant (2020-2025)

- Simulated impacts to regional agriculture production and nutritional quality under climate change and solar radiation modification scenarios using the Community Earth System Model (CESM)
- Led multiple projects managing teams of 6-7 researchers and published findings as lead author studies in the peer reviewed journals *Nature Food*, *Earth's Future*, and *Environmental Research Letters*
- Presented findings at 15 national and international conferences, workshops, and seminars

Undergraduate Research Experience

- Used gas chromatography to analyze trace gas measurements from shale samples to determine greenhouse gas emissions from fracking
- Created and conducted a survey to understand how GIS, computer science, and programming is being taught by geocomputation instructors

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts

B.S. Environmental Sciences, 2020

Rutgers University

M.S. Atmospheric Sciences, 2022

Rutgers University

Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences, 2025

SKILLS

- Research
- Scientific writing
- Data visualization
- Cross-disciplinary collaboration
- Project planning and workflow management
- Presentations for technical and non-technical audiences

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE

- Python (xarray, numpy, matplotlib, cartopy packages)
- High performance computing
- Bash / Shell scripting
- Linux / Unix
- Git / Github
- MATLAB
- Fortran
- ArcGIS
- Excel
- HTML