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## Education

Ph.D., Atmospheric Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, June 2016  
M.S., Atmospheric Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2012  
B.S., Physics and Mathematics *Cum Laude*, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 2008  
A.S., Shoreline Community College, Seattle, WA, 2005

## Research Experience

**Postdoctoral Appointee**, Department of Atmospheric Science, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM, Summer 2016–present

- Improving understanding of Arctic cloud processes and model biases through high resolution atmospheric modeling and observations.
- Development and analysis of cutting-edge techniques for improved simulation in global climate models, including the use and development of super-parameterization and regionally-fined meshes.

**Graduate Research Associate**, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Fall 2008–Spring 2016

- Evaluating cloud properties in atmospheric models against satellite remote sensing retrievals using satellite instrument simulators to account for limitations and uncertainties in retrievals.
- Quantification of uncertainties and inherent biases in the satellite simulator framework due to representations of unresolved scales.
- Development and implementation of an improved parameterization of unresolved cloud properties for use in satellite simulators.

**Research Associate**, Department of Chemistry, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, Summer 2008

- Modeling growth of thin semiconductor films using a deposition, diffusion, aggregation model.

## Technical Skills

- Development and analysis of a range of global climate models, including the GFDL global atmosphere model (AM2), the NCAR Community Earth System Model (CESM), the Super-Parameterized Community Atmosphere Model (SP-CAM), and the DOE Accelerated Climate Model for Energy (ACME)
- Expertise in the use of satellite instrument simulators for model evaluation
- Development of analysis tools for end-user applications, including incorporation of new diagnostics into the NCAR Atmosphere Model Working Group (AMWG) diagnostics package
- Experience with a range of programming and analysis languages including Fortran (77 and 90), C, Python, Matlab, NCL, and UNIX shell scripting

- Analysis of geospatial datasets using the netCDF operators (NCO)
- Using git and github for software version control and project management
- Working in high-performance computing environments

## Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Atmospheric Radiative Transfer (ATM S 341), University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Weather (ATM S 101), University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Winter 2010

Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, Winter 2006–Spring 2008

## Field Experience

Storm Peak Lab Cloud Property Validation Experiment (STORMVEx) Steamboat Springs, CO, Winter 2011

## Honors

2011 NCAR Advanced Study Program Graduate Visitor

2008 Dr. James and Joann Albers memorial scholarship

2007 Dr. James and Joann Albers memorial scholarship

## Publications

Hillman, B. R., R. Marchand, T. P. Ackerman, G. G. Mace and S. Benson, 2015: Assessing the accuracy of MISR and MISR-simulated cloud top heights using CloudSat and CALIPSO-retrieved hydrometeor profiles (in review).

Hillman, B. R., R. Marchand, and T. P. Ackerman, 2015: Errors in simulated satellite cloud diagnostics from global climate models due to unresolved cloud structure and variability (in prep).

Hillman, B. R., R. Marchand, and T. P. Ackerman, A. Bodas-Salcedo, J. Cole, J.-C. Golaz, J. E. Kay, 2015: Comparing cloud biases in CMIP5: insights using MISR and ISCCP observations and satellite simulators (in prep).

Hillman, B. R., 2016: Reducing errors in simulated satellite views of clouds from large-scale models. Ph.D. dissertation, University of Washington.

Hillman, B. R., 2012: Evaluating clouds in global climate models using instrument simulators. M.S. thesis, University of Washington.

Kay, J. E., B. R. Hillman, S. A. Klein, Y. Zhang, B. Medeiros, R. Pincus, A. Gettelman, B. Eaton, J. Boyle, R. Marchand, and T. P. Ackerman, 2012: Exposing global cloud biases in the Community Atmosphere Model (CAM) using satellite observations and their corresponding instrument simulators. *J. Climate*, 25, 51905207, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-11-00469.1.

## Selected Presentations

Hillman, B. R., R. Marchand, T. P. Ackerman, 2014: Comparison of MISR and MISR-simulated cloud top heights using CloudSat and CALIPSO profiles. MISR Science Team Meeting, Pasadena, CA.

Hillman, B. R., R. Marchand, T. P. Ackerman, A. Bodas-Salcedo, J. Cole, J.-C. Golaz, J. E. Kay, 2012: Comparing cloud biases in CMIP5: insights using MISR and ISCCP American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Hillman, B. R., R. Marchand, T. P. Ackerman, A. Bodas-Salcedo, J. Cole, J.-C. Golaz, J. E. Kay, 2012: An intercomparison of clouds and radiation in CMIP5 models using MISR and ISCCP simulators. 1st Pan-Global Atmosphere Systems Studies (GASS) Conference, Boulder, CO.

Hillman, B. R., J. E. Kay, S. A. Klein, Y. Zhang, B. Medeiros, R. Pincus, A. Gettelman, B. Eaton, J. Boyle, R. Marchand, and T. P. Ackerman, 2011: Evaluating clouds in climate models using satellite simulators: from mean state to feedbacks. MISR Data Users Symposium, Pasadena, CA.

Hillman, B. R., J. E. Kay, S. A. Klein, Y. Zhang, B. Medeiros, R. Pincus, A. Gettelman, B. Eaton, J. Boyle, R. Marchand, and T. P. Ackerman, 2011: Evaluating clouds in climate models using satellite simulators: from mean state to feedbacks. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Hillman, B., 2011: Use of satellite instrument simulators in the evaluation of climate models. University of Washington Department of Atmospheric Sciences Physics and Chemistry Seminar, Seattle, WA.

Hillman, B., J. Kay, and T. Ackerman, 2011: Evaluating clouds in the Community Atmosphere Model using COSP. Poster presentation, CESM Annual Workshop, Breckenridge, CO.

Hillman, B., R. Marchand, and T. Ackerman, 2010: Evaluation of Clouds in Climate Models Using Instrument Simulators. Western Washington University Physics Department Invited Colloquium, Bellingham, WA.

Hillman, B., R. Marchand, and T. Ackerman, 2010: Evaluation of Low Clouds in the NCAR CAM3 and GFDL AM2 Using MISR Joint Histograms. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Hillman, B., R. Marchand, and T. Ackerman, 2010: Evaluation of Low Clouds in the NCAR CAM3 and GFDL AM2 Using MISR Joint Histograms. MISR Data Users Symposium, Pasadena, CA.

Hillman, B., T. Ackerman, and R. Marchand, 2009: Evaluating global climate models using a MISR simulator. Presentation, MISR Data Users Science Symposium, Pasadena, CA.