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**Brief bio**

Dr. Brad Weir is the lead developer of NASA's Goddard Earth Observing System (GEOS) Constituent Data Assimilation System (CoDAS) — a state-of-the-art statistical method for estimating atmospheric trace gas abundances based on satellite observations. He has over 10 years of experience developing and applying mathematical and statistical methods to address questions about the physics, chemistry, and biology of the Earth's atmosphere, ocean, and land surface. His work has appeared in Science, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the websites of National Geographic and the BBC, and the NASA/ESA/JAXA trilateral Earth Observing Dashboard.

**Employment**

2013 – present

**Scientist (Senior Scientist, 2021–present)**

Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO)

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

- Goddard Earth Sciences Technology and Research II, Morgan State University (2021–Present)
- Goddard Earth Sciences Technology and Research I, Universities Space Research Association (2013–2021)

2010 – 2013

**Post-doctoral Research Associate**

College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences (CEOAS)

Oregon State University

**Education**

2003 – 2010

Ph.D., Mathematics, University of Arizona

1999 – 2003

B.A., *Cum Laude*, Mathematics, New York University

**Professional Service**

2024 – 2028

Science Adviser, *Eos* magazine

2024 – present

Modeling Team member, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Global Greenhouse Gase Watch (G3W)

2023 – 2026

Secretary, American Geophysical Union (AGU) Nonlinear Geophysics

2021

Organizing Committee member, 17th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space

**Publications**

Knowland et al. (2025). "Stratospheric Water Vapor Beyond NASA's Aura MLS: Assimilating SAGE III/ISS Profiles for a Continued Climate Record." *Geophys. Res. Lett.* **52**, e2024GL112610. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024GL112610>

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- Weir** et al. (2022). "Assessing progress toward the Paris Climate Agreement from space." *Environ. Res. Lett.* **11**, 111002. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ac998c>
- Walley et al. (2022). "Airborne lidar measurements of XCO<sub>2</sub> in synoptically active environment and associated comparisons with numerical simulations." *J. Geophys. Res.: Atmos.* **127**, e2021JD035664. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021jd035664>
- Sweeney et al. (2022). "Using atmospheric trace gas vertical profiles to evaluate model fluxes: a case study of Arctic-CAP observations and GEOS simulations for the ABoVE domain." *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* **22**, 6347–6364. <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-22-6347-2022>
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### Invited Presentations

- "Constituent data assimilation plans of the GMAO at NASA Goddard." *Mathematical Approaches of Atmospheric Constituents Data Assimilation and Inverse Modeling*, Banff International Research Station, Banff, Alberta, Canada, 20 April 2023.
- "Data assimilation for carbon monitoring." *WMO GHG/Carbon Monitoring Workshop*, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 11 June 2022.

- "The Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 project: Monitoring atmospheric carbon dioxide." 2022 Carbon Tracking and Reporting, Energy Conference Network, Houston, Texas, USA, 22 April 2022.
- "The GEOS-Carb reanalysis of atmospheric carbon dioxide." GMAO Seminar Series on Earth System Science, Global Modeling and Assimilation Office, Greenbelt, Maryland, USA, 5 April 2017.
- "Implicit assimilation of satellite-based observations of ocean color." New Pathways to Understanding and Managing Marine Ecosystems: Quantifying Uncertainty and Risk Using Biophysical-Statistical Models of the Marine Environment, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 27-30 May 2013.
- "Implicit parameter estimation." Probabilistic Approaches to Data Assimilation for Earth Systems, Banff International Research Station, Banff, Alberta, Canada, 17-22 February 2013.
- "Implicit sampling: theory and implementation." International Workshop on Particle Filters for Data Assimilation, Institute for Statistical Mathematics, Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan, 7 February 2013.
- "Implicit assimilation for marine ecological models (Abstract NG41D-02)." 2012 Fall Meeting, AGU, San Francisco, Calif., USA, 3-7 December 2012.

### **Awards & Fellowships**

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| 2021, 2018, 2015 | Scientific Achievement Award. NASA GMAO                                     |
| 2013             | Early Career Travel Award. CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research            |
| 2003             | Graduate VIGRE Fellowship. Department of Mathematics, University of Arizona |
| 2003             | Perley Lenwood Thorne Medal. Department of Mathematics, New York University |