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# Cesar B Rocha

## Physical oceanographer

**Research** Physical oceanography, particularly the dynamics of unsteady mesoscale to submesoscale flows, and the Brazil Current System. Geophysical fluid dynamics, particularly stirring and mixing in geophysical turbulence. Numerical methods, specifically Galerkin approximations. Data science and oceanographic big data.

## Education

Current, PhD in Oceanography, University of California, San Diego  
2013 MSc in Oceanography, University of São Paulo, Brazil  
2011, BSc in Oceanography, University of São Paulo, Brazil

## Experience

### 2015, Fellow in Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, GFD Program, WHOI

Coupled reduced equations for strongly stratified flows.

### 2013–Current, Graduate Student Researcher, SIO/UCSD

Stratified planetary turbulence and dynamics of the upper ocean.

### 2012, Visiting student, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Quasigeostrophic modes and surface quasigeostrophic solutions.

### 2011–2013, Master Student, University of Sao Paulo

Energetics and dynamics of the Brazil Current System.

## Publications

### Submitted

2. Ardhuin, F., Gille, S., Menemenlis, D., **Rocha, C. B.**, Rascle, N., Chapron, B., Gula, J., Molemaker, J.: Small scale currents have large effects on ocean wave heights, under review for GRL.

1. **Rocha, C. B.**, Chereskin, T. K., Gille, S. T., Young, W. R., and Menemenlis, D.: Seasonality in governing submesoscale dynamics in the Kuroshio Extension, under review for GRL.

### Peer-reviewed

4. **Rocha, C. B.**; Chereskin, T. K.; Gille, S. T. and Menemenlis, D., 2016: “Mesoscale to submesoscale wavenumber spectra in Drake Passage”, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, 46 (2), 601-620, doi:10.1175/JPO-D-15-0087.1.

3. **Rocha, C. B.**; Young, W. R. and Grooms, I., 2016: “On Galerkin approximations of the surface-active quasi-geostrophic equations”, *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, 46 (1), 125-139, doi:10.1175/JPO-D-15-0073.1

2. **Rocha, C. B.**; da Silveira, I. C. A., Castro, B. M. and Lima, J. A. M., 2014: “Vertical structure, energetics and dynamics of the Brazil Current System at 22°S-28°S”, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 119, doi:10.1002/2013JC009143.

1. **Rocha, C. B.**; Tandon, A.; da Silveira, I. C. A. and Lima, J. A. M., 2013: “Traditional Quasi-geostrophic modes and Surface Quasi-geostrophic solutions in the Southwestern Atlantic”, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 118 (5), doi:10.1002/jgrc.20214.

## Grey literature

1. **Rocha, C. B.**, 2015: Coupled reduced equations for strongly stratified flows, Proceedings of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Program, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.

## Invited Seminars

1. Oceans and Cryosphere Seminar Series, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Fall 2015

## Software

2. Core developer for “Python quasigeostrophic model” (PyQG),  
[doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.30517](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.30517)
1. Core developer for “Spectral Analysis in Python” (PySpec),  
[doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.31596](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.31596)

## Service

2016, Reviewer for DSR-I, GRL, JFM.

2016, Representative of physical oceanography curricular group students in the student committee for faculty search in “large scale observational physical oceanography”. The student committee reports to the main faculty search committee.

2015-2016, Mentor for 1st yr SIO Graduate Students.

2015, Representative of physical oceanography curricular group students in the committee for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography teaching award.

## Honors & Awards

2016, NASA Earth & Space Science Graduate Fellowship

2015, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Fellowship, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

2011, Best BSc thesis in Oceanography, University of Sao Paulo

## Skills

### Programming

Python, C, Fortran 90, Shell-Script, Matlab, git, mercurial, markdown

### Languages

English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (professional fluency)

## Membership

American Geophysical Union, The Oceanography Society, NumFOCUS

## Other interests

Data science, Scientific reproducibility, Free software, Open science, History and philosophy of science