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# Cesar B Rocha

# Physical oceanographer

**Research** I combine theory, computer simulations, and observations to study how the ocean flows and shapes the climate. My motivation stems from genuine curiosity and the societal relevance of oceanography in the Anthropocene. Lately, my research efforts have targeted the turbulent and wavy dynamics of the upper ocean at horizontal scales between 1 and 300 km.

### **Education**

Ongoing, PhD in Oceanography, University of California, San Diego BSc (Honors), MSc in Oceanography, University of São Paulo, Brazil

# **Experience/Employment**

**2016–Current, Graduate Writing Consultant, UCSD Writing Hub** Support graduate writers on campus.

**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**

**Rocha, C. B.**, Wagner, G. L., Young, W. R.: "Stimulated generation: extraction of energy from blanced flow by near-inertial waves," submitted to *J. Fluid Mechanics*.

#### Peer-reviewed

- 6. 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, , *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, 122, doi: 10.1002/2016JC012413.
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- 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.
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- 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.

# **Honors & Awards**

2016, NASA Earth & Space Science Graduate Fellowship

2015, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Fellowship, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

2011, Best Honor Thesis in Oceanography, University of Sao Paulo

# **Service**

#### Referee

Deep Sea Research–I, Journal of Geophysical Research–Oceans, Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Journal of Physical Oceanography, Nature Communications, Ocean Modelling.

#### Student committee member

2016, SIO faculty search in large-scale observational physical oceanography. 2015, 2017, SIO teaching award.

# Mentorship

2015–2017, Student host for the SIO open house. 2015, Mentor for first-year SIO PhD students.

# **Software**

Core developer for "Python quasigeostrophic model" (PyQG), doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.30517

Core developer for "Spectral Analysis in Python" (PySpec),

doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.31596

Contributor to several open source projects on github.

# **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

History of science and Music, in particular Bossa Nova.