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EDUCATION

2027 Ph.D. Geography, University of California, Los Angeles

Dissertation: TBD

Advisor: Marilyn N. Raphael

2024 M.A. Geography, University of California, Los Angeles

Thesis: Comparison of Antarctic Sea Ice Reconstruction from 1905 - 1979

Advisor: Marilyn N. Raphael

2022 B.S Earth Science & Physical Geography, University of California, Santa Barbara

2020 Exchange Program, National University of Singapore, Singapore

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in Antarctic sea ice variability, climate change impacts on global & local scales, synoptic & mesoscale meteorology, GIS, and remote sensing.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Changing Boundaries of Antarctic Sea Ice Sectors

- 2025 Present Investigating the changing regional variability and boundaries of Antarctic sea ice sectors since Raphael and Hobbs (2014)
 - Extending the analysis to 2024 using consistent methodologies to assess evolving spatial patterns and recent circum-Antarctic behavior
 - Preliminary findings show potential shifts in the Amundsen-Bellingshausen Sea and Weddell Sea sectors
 - Further research is in progress to link this change with oceanic and atmospheric processes.

Comparison of Antarctic Sea Ice Reconstruction from 1905-1979

2024 - 2025

- Performed a rigorous statistical comparison of two recently completed twentieth-century Antarctic sea ice extent reconstructions (Fogt et al., 2022) and (Maierhofer et al., 2023)
- Results indicated that the 2014/15 record high and the 2016/17 record low SIE are unlikely to occur even with the longer timescale
- Highlighted the temporal and spatial differences between the two
 datasets due to the nature of the different methods employed in the
 reconstructions.

Prioritizing Neighborhood Cooling Interventions in Los Angeles, CA

2024

- Conducted a spatial policy assessment for the City of Los Angeles to identify priority areas for new cooling centers
- Integrated seven indicators of heat vulnerability (population density, age, income, temperature, unhoused population, and proximity to cooling centers) from ACS, LAHSA, USGS, and LA Open Data Portal.
- Developed a suitability map in ArcGIS Pro using rescaling and equal-weight overlay techniques to identify underserved, high-risk census tracts.

The Effects of Sea Level Rise in San Mateo County

2022

- Developed a flood risk vulnerability map using the ArcGIS Pro suitability modeler based on SMC land use and USGS geology data
- Modeled the effects of sea level rise scenarios on critical facilities and vulnerable groups
- Created an average flood risk score map of each census tract in SMC using zonal statistics

Understanding Sundowner Winds in Santa Barbara and Fire Weather Risk

2021 - 2022

- Conducted time series analysis using 40 years of weather data on Santa Rosa Island using Excel
- Examined the patterns of meteorological variables associated with Sundowner Winds
- Investigated frequent, extreme Sundowner Winds in relation to major wildfires in Santa Barbara

SKILLS

Geospatial Analysis ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, QGIS, Adobe Illustrator

Programming Languages Python

Climate Modeling CESM, CMIP 5/6 Datasets

Languages English (Native), Cantonese (Native), Mandarin (Fluent)

AWARDS

2022-2027 Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship
 2026 CliC OSC Conference Travel Grant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCLA Teaching Assistant

2025 Winter, 2024 Fall, 2024 Spring	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
2025 Spring, 2024 Winter	People and Earth's Ecosystem
2023 Fall	Earth's Physical Environment

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2026	Climate and Cryosphere Open Science	Wellington, New Zealand
	Conference (Poster)	
2024	American Geophysical Union Annual	Washington D.C
	Meeting (Poster)	
2024	American Association of Geographers	Honolulu, Hawaii
	Annual Meeting (Poster)	

SERVICE

2023 - 2024 Geography Graduate Student Association - Treasurer

PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL

2024 Community Earth System Model Boulder, Colorado

(CESM) Tutorial

REFERENCES

Available upon request.