

# David J. Farnham

624 W 207th St Apt 41  
New York, NY 10034  
☎ +1 (607) 351 9339  
✉ [djf2137@columbia.edu](mailto:djf2137@columbia.edu)

---

## Education

Present **Ph.D.**, *Columbia University*, New York, NY  
Earth and Environmental Engineering Department

*Adviser* Upmanu Lall, Columbia Water Center

*Thesis (in progress)* Identifying and modeling spatio-temporal patterns in high dimensional climate and weather datasets with applications to water and energy resource management

2015 **M.S., Earth Resources Engineering**, *Columbia University*, New York, NY

*Concentration* Water Resources and Climate Risks

*Thesis* Predictive Statistical Models Linking Antecedent Meteorological Conditions and Waterway Bacterial Contamination in Urban Waterways

2012 **B.S., Civil Engineering**, *SUNY-Buffalo*, Buffalo, NY  
Summa Cum Laude, Honors College member

2012 **B.A., Mathematics**, *SUNY-Buffalo*, Buffalo, NY  
Summa Cum Laude, Honors College member

---

## Experience

### Research

2012–Present **Graduate Student Researcher**, *Columbia Water Center & Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering*, Columbia University, New York, NY

2012 **Student Researcher**, *Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering*, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

2012 **Student Researcher**, *Ecosystem Restoration through Interdisciplinary Exchange, NSF IGERT REU*, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

### Teaching

2015 **Teaching Assistant/Guest Lecturer: Environmental Data Analysis (Graduate level)**, *Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering*, Columbia University, New York, NY

2015 **Teaching Assistant: Better Planet By Design (Undergraduate level)**, *Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering*, Columbia University, New York, NY

2014–2016 **Lead Module Developer: HydroViz Web Modules: Teleconnections Module**, [www.hydroviz.org](http://www.hydroviz.org)

### Journal Reviewer

2017–Present Water Resources Research, Water Research, and International Journal of Geographical Information Science

### Student Mentorship/Advisement

2017–Present Zeyu Xue and Jianan Cao (master's)

2016–2017 Caroline Schwab (high school)

---

## Select Honors and Awards

- 2015 **National Science Foundation/National Research Foundation of Korea EAPSI Fellowship**, *National Science Foundation*
- 2015 **Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention**, *National Science Foundation*
- 2012–Present **Integrated Graduate Education and Research Traineeship**, *National Science Foundation*
- 2012 **Best Poster Presentation**, *22nd Annual Great Lakes Research Consortium*
- 2012 **Garmen Scholarship, Robert P. Apmann Memorial Award, and Undergraduate Research Award**, *SUNY-Buffalo*

---

## Publications and Presentations

### Journal Articles Published, In Press, or Accepted

- [1] **Farnham, D. J.**, Doss-Gollin, J., Lall, U., “Regional extreme precipitation events: robust inference from credibly simulated GCM variables (accepted)”. In: *Water Resources Research* (2018).
- [2] Cooper, C. B., Larson, L. R., Holland, K. K., Gibson, R. A., **Farnham, D. J.**, Hsueh, D. Y., Culligan, P. J., McGillis, W. R., “Contrasting the Views and Actions of Data Collectors and Data Consumers in a Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Project : Implications for Project Design and Management”. In: *Citizen Science: Theory and Practice* 2.2 (2017), pp. 1–14.
- [3] **Farnham, D. J.**, Steinschneider, S., Lall, U., “Zonal wind indices to reconstruct CONUS winter precipitation (in press)”. In: *Geophysical Research Letters* (2017).
- [4] **Farnham, D. J.**, Gibson, R. A., Hsueh, D. Y., McGillis, W. R., Culligan, P. J., Zain, N., Buchanan, R., “Citizen science-based water quality monitoring: Constructing a large database to characterize the impacts of combined sewer overflow in New York City”. In: *Science of The Total Environment* (2016). doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2016.11.116.
- [5] **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “Predictive statistical models linking antecedent meteorological conditions and waterway bacterial contamination in urban waterways”. In: *Water Research* 76 (2015), pp. 143–159. doi: 10.1016/j.watres.2015.02.040.

### Articles In Review or Preparation

- [1] Cao, J., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “Spatial-temporal wind field prediction by Artificial Neural Networks (in prep for Applied Energy)”.
- [2] Doss-Gollin, J., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “Climate Change Adaptation: The Need to Address Quasi-Periodic and Secular Risk (in prep for Nature Climate Change)”.
- [3] **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “Is anthropogenic warming changing the Southwest US’s hydroclimate variability? (in prep; journal undecided)”.
- [4] **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “The impact of climate-induced demand-supply coupling and decadal variations on renewable energy reliability estimates (in prep; journal undecided)”.
- [5] **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., Kwon, H.-H., “Long-term Trends, Decadal Variability, and Teleconnections associated with Sub-weekly Precipitation Extremes from a Multicentury Record (in prep for Advances in Water Resources)”.
- [6] Hamidi, A., **Farnham, D. J.**, Khanbilvardi, R., “Uncertainty Analysis of Urban Sewer System using Spatial Simulation of Radar Rainfall Fields: New York City Case Study (minor revision in Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment)”.

- [7] Yuan, S., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., Modi, V., “Simultaneous increasing electricity demand for heating and reliance on wind energy: Demand side management using heat pumps during extreme cold events (in prep for Applied Energy)”.

### Conference Presentations, Posters, and Papers

- [1] Faranda, D., Messori, G., Doss-Gollin, J., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., Yiou, P., “Dynamics and Thermodynamics of weather extremes: a dynamical systems approach”. In: *European Geosciences Union General Assembly*. 2018.
- [2] Doss-Gollin, J., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “Designing and operating infrastructure for nonstationary flood risk management”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, 2017.
- [3] Faranda, D., Messori, G., Doss-Gollin, J., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., Yiou, P., “Dynamics and Thermodynamics of weather extremes: a dynamical systems approach”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, 2017.
- [4] **Farnham, D. J.**, Doss-Gollin, J., Lall, U., “Regional intense precipitation: inference from credibly simulated GCM variables”. In: *North East Graduate Student Water Symposium*. Amherst, Mass, 2017.
- [5] **Farnham, D. J.**, Steinschneider, S., Lall, U., “Zonal wind indices to reconstruct United States winter precipitation during El Niño”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, 2017.
- [6] Gawthrop, E., **Farnham, D. J.**, Fiondella, F., Owusu, A. S., Thomson, M., Ambani, M., Percy, F., Chung, W., McKeown, K., “Media Analysis: Communication of the 2015/16 El Niño in Kenya”. In: *97th American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*. Seattle, WA, 2017.
- [7] Doss-Gollin, J., **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., “Global-Local Interactions Modulate Tropical Moisture Exports to the Ohio River Basin”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, 2016.
- [8] **Farnham, D. J.**, Doss-Gollin, J., Lall, U., “Seasonal climate signals and synoptic circulation patterns associated with regional daily intense precipitation in the Ohio River Basin”. In: *Workshop on Sub-Seasonal to Seasonal Predictability of Extreme Weather and Climate*. Columbia University, 2016.
- [9] **Farnham, D. J.**, Doss-Gollin, J., Lall, U., “Space-time characteristics and statistical predictability of extreme sub-weekly precipitation events in the Ohio River Basin”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, 2016.
- [10] Habib, E., Tarboton, D., Deshotel, M., **Farnham, D. J.**, “Development of Student-centered Modules to Support Active Learning in Hydrology”. In: *ASCE Annual Conference & Exposition*. New Orleans, LA, 2016.
- [11] Larson, L. R., Cooper, C. B., Krafte, K., Gibson, R., **Farnham, D. J.**, Hsueh, D., Culligan, P., Wade McGillis, “Characterizing citizen scientists based on project engagement: Data generators, data users, and “onlooker effects.”” In: *Southeastern Recreation Research Conference*. Asheville, NC, 2016.
- [12] **Farnham, D. J.**, Habib, E., Lall, U., “HydroViz: A Web-based Climate Teleconnection Module for Undergraduate and Graduate Water Engineering Students”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, 2015.
- [13] **Farnham, D. J.**, Lall, U., Kwon, H.-H., Doss-Gollin, J., “Moisture Transport and Extreme Precipitation in Mid-latitudes”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, 2015.
- [14] Habib, E., Bodin, M., Taboton, D., Merck, M., **Farnham, D. J.**, “Stimulating Active Learning in Hydrology Using Research-Driven, Web-based Learning Modules”. In: *ASCE Annual Conference & Exposition*. Seattle, WA, 2015.
- [15] Hsueh, D. Y., **Farnham, D. J.**, Gibson, R. A., McGillis, W. R., Zheng, Y., Buchanan, R., Eddowes, D., Zain, N., Loiselle, S., Butkiewicz, L., “NYC URBAN WATER QUALITY: MONITORING THE FLOW OF CSOS WITH CITIZEN SCIENTISTS”. In: *Aquatic Sciences Meeting*. Granada, Spain, 2015.

- [16] Hsueh, D., **Farnham, D. J.**, Gibson, R., McGillis, W. R., Culligan, P. J., Cooper, C., Larson, L., Mailloux, B. J., Buchanan, R., Borus, N., Zain, N., Eddowes, D., Butkiewicz, L., Loiselle, S. A., “Advancing the Potential of Citizen Science for Urban Water Quality Monitoring: Exploring Research Design and Methodology in New York City”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, 2015.
- [17] **Farnham, D. J.**, Atkinson, J. F., “Flow visualization study: Understanding water circulation in Lake Ontario through physical modeling”. In: *The 22nd Annual Great Lakes Research Consortium Student-Faculty Conference*. Oswego, NY, 2012.

### Invited Presentations

- [1] *Bronx Sewershed Water Quality and Citizen Science (with W. McGillis and D. Hsueh)*. Interdisciplinary Workshop on Urban Green Infrastructure: Reports on Monitoring, Modeling, Performance & Design Work. Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 2015.
- [2] *Extreme Rainfall Mechanisms, Prediction, and Simulation at Chonbuk National University in Summer 2015*. NSF EAPSI closing ceremony presentation series at the National Research Foundation of Korea. Seoul, South Korea, 2015.
- [3] *NYC Urban Water Quality: Monitoring the Flow of CSOs with Citizen Scientists (with R. Gibson and D. Hsueh)*. Citizens Advisory Committee, New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program meeting. New York, NY, USA, 2015.
- [4] *Water Quality Monitoring: 2013 Citizens' Water Quality Testing Program*. New York City Department of Environmental Protection and New York City Department of Health. New York, NY, USA, 2014.
- [5] *Understanding Climate Risks in an Urban Environment (with M. Haraguchi)*. NSF IGERT, Solving Urbanization Challenges by Design summer workshop series. Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 2013.
- [6] *Urban Water Cycle Responses to Climate*. NSF IGERT, Solving Urbanization Challenges by Design Brown Bag seminar series. Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 2013.

### Invited Panel Participation

- [1] *2016 Planet Forward Sustainable Cities Summit: Rethinking Water: Solutions for a 21st Century Infrastructure*. George Washington University, Washington DC, USA, 2016.
- [2] *Earth Institute Sustainable Development Seminar Series: The Monster El Niño Of 2015-16: What Was Expected? And, What Was Done?* Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 2016.

---

## Professional Affiliations

**Member**, American Geophysical Union and American Meteorological Society

---

## Recent Community Involvement

- 2014–Present **Volunteer**, Student Sponsor Partners, New York, NY  
High school student mentor
- 2014, 2016, 2017 **Volunteer**, International Research Institute for Climate and Society, New York, NY  
Facilitator at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory open house
- 2013–2014 **Volunteer**, Citizen's Water Quality Testing Program, New York, NY  
Water quality sampling site coordinator

---

## Select Computer Skills

Languages Proficient in **R**; Experience with Matlab, Python, C++  
Software Proficient in Markdown,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Microsoft Word/Powerpoint/Excel

---

## Media Appearances

- September 20, 2017 **Quoted in Renee Cho's: "What the U.S. Military is Doing About Climate Change",**  
Earth Institute  
<http://blogs.ei.columbia.edu/2017/09/20/what-the-u-s-military-is-doing-about-climate-change/>
- April 28, 2016 **Quoted in Mike Hower's: "Sustainable Cities Summit tackles the challenges of urban sustainability",** Planet Forward  
<https://www.planetforward.org/2016/04/28/sustainable-cities-summit-tackles-the-challenges-of-urban-sustainability>
- April 27, 2016 **Quoted in Mike Hower's: "The 5 toughest challenges tomorrow's cities face",** GreenBiz  
<https://www.greenbiz.com/article/5-toughest-challenges-tomorrows-cities-face>