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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Oceanography, Texas A&M University <i>Advisors: Drs. Robert Hetland &amp; Henry Potter</i>	Jan 2020 - Aug 2024 (Expected)
B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Maine <i>Minor: Mathematics</i>	Aug 2016 - Dec 2019

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> <i>Texas A&amp;M University: Dept. Oceanography</i>	Jan 2020 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Characterized numerical tracer mixing in an high-resolution ocean model of the Texas-Louisiana continental shelf.</li><li>· Developed idealized numerical simulations with the Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS) for further analysis of spurious mixing.</li><li>· Helped develop the concept of mixing pathways for characterizing tracer mixing.</li><li>· Provided shore support for two oceanographic cruises in 2021/2022 as part of the Submesoscales Under Near-Resonant Inertial Shear Experiment (SUNRISE, <a href="https://sunrise-nsf.github.io/">https://sunrise-nsf.github.io/</a>).</li></ul>	
<b>Student Research Assistant</b> <i>UMaine: Dept. Civil Engineering</i>	May 2017 - Dec 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Used analytical modeling to study the interaction of flow and suspended kelp farms.</li><li>· Analyzed the environmental impacts of coastal armoring structures on pocket beaches in Southern Maine.</li><li>· Participated in the construction, deployment, and management of an oceanographic mooring system for the Sensing Storm Surge Citizen Science Project. (<a href="http://sensingstormsurge.acg.maine.edu/">http://sensingstormsurge.acg.maine.edu/</a>).</li><li>· Designed and co-managed laboratory experiments to study hydrodynamic and turbulent characteristics of flow through floating oyster cages.</li></ul>	
<b>Engineering Research Assistant</b> <i>UMaine: School of Marine Sciences</i>	Aug 2018 - May 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Characterized inertial oscillations in the Gulf of Maine using observational data.</li><li>· Used spectral analysis to study ocean circulation in the Gulf of Maine.</li></ul>	
<b>Research Experience for Undergraduates</b> <i>Texas A&amp;M University: Dept. Oceanography</i>	May 2018 - Aug 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Characterized salinity structure in Copano Bay, TX using ROMS model output.</li></ul>	

- Analyzed time scales, total exchange flow, and salinity variance in Copano Bay to improve performance of existing numerical models.
- Cruise: R/V Pelican (3 days). Cocodrie, LA, to Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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High resolution coastal ocean modeling, spurious mixing, submesoscale processes and dynamics, estuarine exchange flow and mixing.

## PUBLICATIONS

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3. **Schlichting, D.**, Qu, L., Kobashi, D., & Hetland, R. (2023). Quantification of physical and numerical mixing in a coastal ocean model using salinity variance budgets. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 15, e2022MS003380. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022MS003380>. Forthcoming.
2. Qu, L., Hetland, R., & **Schlichting, D.** Mixing pathways in simple box models (2022). *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, 52(11), 2761-2772. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JPO-D-22-0074.1>.
1. Spicer, P., **Schlichting, D.**, Huguenard, K., Roche, A., & Rickard, L. (2021). Sensing Storm Surge: A framework for establishing a citizen scientist monitored water level network. *Ocean and Coastal Management*, 211, 105802. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ocecoaman.2021.105802>.

## INVITED TALKS/LECTURES

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2. **Schlichting, D.** (2022). An introduction to numerical mixing in a coastal ocean model of the Texas-Louisiana continental shelf. Submesoscales under near-resonant inertial shear experiment (SUNRISE) meeting. December 11. Bend, OR.
1. **Schlichting, D.**, Qu, L., Hetland, R., & Kobashi, D. (2022). Quantification of physical and numerical mixing using tracer variance dissipation in a coastal ocean model. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory coastal modeling group. July 11.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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9. **Schlichting, D.**, Qu, L., Hetland, R., & Kobashi, D. (2022). Quantification of physical and numerical mixing using tracer variance dissipation in a coastal ocean model. Gordon Research Seminar/Conference on Ocean Mixing, June 4-10. Poster.
8. Hetland, R., Qu, L., & **Schlichting, D.** (2022). Tracer variance mixing in simple box models. Ocean Sciences Meeting. February 24 - March 4. Talk.
7. **Schlichting, D.**, Qu, L., Hetland, R., & Kobashi, D. (2022). Using salinity variance budgets to quantify numerical mixing in a coastal ocean model. Ocean Sciences Meeting. February 24 - March 4. Talk.
6. **Schlichting, D.**, Hetland, R., Qu, L., & Kobashi, D. (2021). Using tracer variance budgets to quantify numerical mixing offline in a coastal ocean model. Warnemünde Turbulence Days Meeting. December 6-9. Talk.

5. **Schlichting, D.**, Lieberthal, B., & Huguenard, K. (2019). An assessment into vegetation farms as a solution to coastal erosion in southern Maine. Northeast Aquaculture Conference, Boston MA. January 9-11. Poster.
4. **Schlichting, D.** & Hetland, R. (2018). Using salinity variance and total exchange flow to analyze salinity structure in an unsteady estuary. Physics of Estuaries and Coastal Seas Conference, Galveston TX. October 14-18. Poster.
3. **Schlichting, D.** & Hetland, R. (2018). Mechanisms controlling salinity structure structure in a broad, shallow, unsteady estuary. Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture Network Undergraduate Research Symposium, Walpole ME. August 7. Poster.
2. **Schlichting, D.** & Hetland, R. (2018). Salinity structure in Copano Bay. Texas A&M University Observing the Ocean REU Student Symposium, College Station, TX. August 2. Talk.
1. **Schlichting, D.**, Lieberthal, B., & Huguenard, K. (2017). Vegetation farms as a solution to coastal erosion for Saco, Maine. Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture Network Undergraduate Research Symposium, Walpole ME. August 16. Poster.

#### ADDITIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

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4. Texas Center for Climate Studies High Resolution Earth System Modelling Workshop (2023). College Station, TX, January 23-25.
3. Scientific Computing with Python Conference (2021). July 12-18. *Virtual*.
2. Scientific Computing with Python Conference (2020). July 6-12. *Virtual*.
1. Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation Conference (2017). Providence, RI, November 5-9.

#### SERVICE AND TEACHING

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Judge: Student Research Week (two 2 hour sessions)	Spring 2023
NSF PROGRESS Mentor	Fall 2022
Judge: Environmental Geosciences (GEOS 405, TAMU)	Spring 2022
Tutor: Computers in Civil Engineering (CIE 115, UMaine)	Spring 2019

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

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Louis and Elizabeth Scherck Scholarship	2020-Present
NSF S-STEM Scholar	Jan 2020 - Aug 2021
Oceanography Graduate Council mini-grant recipient (X3)	2021
Frank Sleeper - Sawyer Scholarship	2017 - 2019
Best capstone project	2019
Chi Epsilon Member: Civ. Eng. Honors Society	2019
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Scholar	May 2018 - Aug 2018
Alpha Tau Omega Memorial Scholarship	2018

## SKILLS

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- High-level programming languages: Python (advanced), Matlab (intermediate), FORTRAN (basic), C++ (basic).
- Proficient in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and Markdown (6 years of experience).
- Proficient in Linux administration.
- Website design with GitHub Pages, HTML, Ruby, and CSS.
- Ocean modeling: Realistic and idealized simulations with ROMS and COAWST. Basic experience with FVCOM output.

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography

The Oceanography Society

American Society of Civil Engineers