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<b>Education</b>	<b>Ph.D., Earth and Planetary Science</b> , Johns Hopkins Univ. Advisor: Darryn D. Waugh	2020–2025 (expected)
	<b>M.S., Atmospheric Science &amp; Meteorology</b> , Penn State Univ. Advisor: Jerry Y. Harrington	2013–2018
	<b>B.A., Physics &amp; Chemistry</b> , Luther College	2009–2013
<b>Research Experience</b>	<b>Modeling and image analysis of Titan ice clouds</b> Johns Hopkins University advised by Darryn D. Waugh	2020–2025
	<b>Laboratory spectroscopy of Titan cloud ices</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center/University of Maryland advised by Carrie M. Anderson	2020
	<b>Martian cloud and atmospheric dynamics using Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter imagery</b> NASA Goddard Space Flight Center/University of Maryland advised by Scott Guzewich	2019
<b>Skills</b>	Cloud microphysical theory and modeling Planetary imagery analysis Programming (primarily Python and Fortran 77–95)	
<b>Professional Society Membership</b>	American Astronomical Society, Division of Planetary Science	2023–present
	American Geophysical Union	2018–present
<b>Teaching</b>	Guided Tour: The Planets, TA	Spring 2024
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	Principles of Atmospheric Measurement, co-instructor	Spring 2017
	Radiation and Climate, TA	Fall 2018
	Atmospheric Thermodynamics, TA	Fall 2014

<b>Other Training</b>	Johns Hopkins Teaching Institute, May 29-31	Spring 2024
	“Grading and Anti-grading” (workshop series)	Spring 2024
	“Teaching Discomfort: Facilitating Challenging Discussions in the Classroom” (workshop series)	Fall 2023
<b>Service</b>	Newsletter Contributor and Editor, EPS	2024
	Social Committee organizer, EPS	2020–2024
	Johns Hopkins Trans Awareness Task Force	2023–2024
<b>Funding</b>	NASA FINESST: <i>Mixed-species clouds in Titan's polar stratosphere</i> (as future investigator, PI: Darryn Waugh).	2021–2024
<b>Publications</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Lavender E Hanson</b>, Robert French, Darryn Waugh, Erika Barth, and Carrie M. Anderson, 2024: The Descent of Titan’s South Polar Cloud, <i>Geophys Res Lett</i> (in prep).</li> <li>2. <b>Lavender E Hanson</b>, Darryn Waugh, Erika Barth, and Carrie M. Anderson, 2023: Investigation of Titan's south polar HCN cloud during southern fall using microphysical modeling, <i>Planet Sci J</i>, 4, 237. doi:<a href="https://doi.org/10.3847/PSJ/ad0837">10.3847/PSJ/ad0837</a></li> <li>3. Gwenore F Pokrifka, AM Moyle, <b>Lavender E Hanson</b>, and Jerry Y Harrington, 2020: Estimating Surface Attachment Kinetic and Growth Transition Influences on Vapor-Grown Ice Crystals, <i>J Atmos Sci</i>, 77, 2393. doi:<a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/jas-d-19-0303.1">10.1175/jas-d-19-0303.1</a></li> <li>4. Jerry Y Harrington, Alfred Moyle, <b>Lavender E Hanson</b>, Hugh Morrison, 2019: On Calculating Deposition Coefficients and Aspect-Ratio Evolution in Approximate Models of Ice Crystal Vapor Growth, <i>J Atmos Sci</i>, 76, 1609. doi:<a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/jas-d-18-0319.1">10.1175/jas-d-18-0319.1</a></li> <li>5. Alexander Harrison, Alfred M Moyle, <b>Hanson</b>, Jerry Y Harrington, 2016: Levitation diffusion chamber measurements of the mass growth of small ice crystals from vapor, <i>J Atmos Sci</i>, 73, 2743-2758. doi:<a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/JAS-D-15-0234.1">10.1175/JAS-D-15-0234.1</a></li> </ol>	
<b>Conference presentations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lavender E Hanson, Darryn Waugh, Erika Barth, and Carrie M. Anderson. 2023: Investigating the evolution of Titan's high altitude south polar HCN cloud (talk). AAS/DPS 2023, 208.04, San Antonio, TX.</li> <li>2. Lavender E Hanson, Darryn Waugh, Erika Barth, and Carrie M. Anderson. 2023: Modeling the fall high altitude south polar HCN cloud (talk). <i>Titan Through Time 6</i>, Paris.</li> <li>3. Lavender E Hanson, Scott Guzewich, 2019: Orographic clouds in the Mars Arcadia province (poster). AGU Fall Meeting 2019, P41B-3405.</li> </ol>	

4. Lavender E Hanson, Scott Guzewich, 2019: Using Machine Learning to Identify Clouds in Mars Daily Global Maps (poster), *Ninth International Conference on Mars*, Pasadena, CA.
5. Hanson, Alfred Moyle, Jerry Harrington, 2016: Measurements of vapor growth and sublimation of individually levitated ice particles below -30°C (talk), *17th International Conference on Clouds & Precipitation*, Manchester, UK, S1.14.

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