## Cheng, Yu

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Climate variability, large-scale ocean circulation, High-resolution coupled climate modeling, ocean's role in climate, air-sea interaction, Python applications in oceanography, Data visualization

**EDUCATION** 

## Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, University of Miami

Graduate student, Meteorology and Physical Oceanography

August 2012 - Present

- Advisor: Professor Lisa Beal
- Co-advisor: Professor Ben Kirtman
- Topic: Agulhas Leakage and its impact on Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation in a high-resolution coupled climate model

## National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

**September 2006 - June 2010** 

B.S., Atmospheric Science

• Award of Dean (Summa cum Laude), College of Science

#### Freie Universitat Berlin, Berlin, Germany

October 2008 - July 2009

Direct Exchange Program, Institute for Meteorology

- Sponsored by FU, 7000 Euros / Year
- Accomplished courses in German: Atmospheric Dynamics I/II, Physical Climatology, Applied Statistics

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Research Assistant**

**September 2011 - July 2012** 

PERIENCE Laboratory for Climate Change Research, Academia Sinica

- Supervisor: Dr. Huang-Hsiung Hsu
- Climate data analysis and visualization, with the aid of NCL, CDO and FORTRAN; Topic: Teleconnections and jet stream waveguide

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching assistant for *Current topics of Weather and Climate (ATM/MSC 118)*; undergraduate course, Spring 2014, Instructor: Chidong Zhang
  - Gave one 50-min lecture titled "Oceans and Climate Change"
  - Graded weekly quizzes and led the discussion sessions
  - Wrote the final exam questions and graded term papers
- Teaching assistant for Climate & Global Change (MSC 220); Fall 2014, Instructor: Igor Kamenkovich
  - Gave two 50-min lectures titled "Water, aerosols and ozone" and "Climate change mitigation"
  - Graded homework and exams
  - Collected climate change related news articles as class discussion materials

#### **AWARDS**

#### National Taiwan University

- Award of Dean, College of Science, June 2010
- Two times Presidential Award (top 5% in the class), March and October 2007

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Ocean Science Meeting, New Orleans, 2016 **Poster** titled "Investigating the relationship between Agulhas leakage and Southern Hemisphere westerlies in a coupled system"
- Lagrangian Ocean Modeling Workshop, Imperial College, London, September 2015, Talk titled "Assessing the skill of 30-day climate model output for Lagrangian analyses of Agulhas Leakage"
- IUGG general assembly, Prague 2015, Talk titled "Quantifying Agulhas leakage in coupled climate models"
- Participated in the METEOR 100/2 Research Cruise, from Namibia to Mauritius, October 2013: CTD operation, onboard meteorological data monitoring, provided daily maps of operational ocean forecasts and satellite SST observations.
- Participated in the NCAR Community Earth System Model tutorial, NCAR, Boulder, August 2013
- Reviewer for: Climate Dynamics

### SOFTWARE SKILLS Computer Programming:

• UNIX shell, Fortran, Python, LATEX, Git

Numerical Analysis and climate data processing:

• MATLAB, CDO, NCO

Gridded-data visualization:

• NCL, python-matplotlib, python-cartopy

#### LANGUAGES

- Chinese: Native
- German: Two years living in Germany as an exchange student, fluent in reading, listening and speaking, B1 certificated
- Japanese: intermediate knowledge, N4 certificated
- Spanish: intermediate knowledge

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Cheng, Y., D. Putrasahan, L. Beal, and B. Kirtman, 2016: Quantifying Agulhas Leakage in a High-Resolution Climate Model. J. Climate, 29, 6881-6892, doi: 10.1175/JCLI-D-15-0568.1.
- Putrasahan, D. A., L. M. Beal, B. P. Kirtman, and Y. Cheng, 2015: A new Eulerian method to estimate spicy Agulhas leakage in climate models. Geophys. Res. Lett, 42, 4532-4539, doi:10.1002/2015GL064482.