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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ocean Modeling	Uncertainty Quantification	Open Source Analysis Tool Development
Ice-Ocean Interactions	Optimal Observing System Design	High Performance Computing
Atlantic Ocean Circulation	Machine Learning	Inverse Problems

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Computational Science, Engineering, and Mathematics; Current
The University of Texas at Austin
Current GPA: 3.96/4.00

M.S. in Computational Science, Engineering, and Mathematics; May 2017
The University of Texas at Austin
Overall GPA: 3.96/4.00

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with High Honors; May 2014
Certificate in Scientific Computation
The University of Texas at Austin
Overall GPA: 3.91/4.00

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2015 - Present
Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences; The University of Texas at Austin
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Heimbach

- Evaluating optimal mooring placement for reducing uncertainty in Antarctic ice shelf melt rate estimates*
- Developing computational framework for uncertainty quantification in oceanography (with MITgcm)*
- Performed attribution of monthly to interannual South Atlantic meridional ocean circulation variability*

Undergraduate Research Assistant, December 2011 - May 2014
Department of Mechanical Engineering; The University of Texas at Austin
Advisor: Dr. Mark Deinert

- Developed Monte Carlo neutron transport model to better parameterize nuclear reaction rates*
- Implemented Monte Carlo atmospheric radiative transport model in C to validate new parameterization*
- Explored the potential solar energy cost reduction via positive feedback from economies of scale*

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Summer 2013
Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences; The University of Texas at Austin
Advisor: Dr. Michael Sacks

- Developed tetrahedral human heart model for mechanical deformation simulations*
- Established workflow for collaboration with Medtronic (industry partners)*

PREPRINTS AND ONGOING WORK

1. Goldberg, D., **Smith, T.**, Narayanan, S., Heimbach, P., & Morlighem, M. Bathymetric influences on Antarctic ice-shelf melt rates. *In Review at Journal of Geophysical Research - Oceans*. Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1002/essoar.10503016.2>
2. Kostov, Y., Johnson, H., Marshall, D., Forget, G., Heimbach, P., Holliday, P., Li, F., Lozier, S., Pillar, H., & **Smith, T.** Contrasting sources of variability in subtropical and subpolar Atlantic overturning. *In Review at Nature Geosciences*.
3. Laguë, M. M., Pietschnig, M., Ragen, S., **Smith, T. A.**, & Battisti, D. S. (2020). Northland: the climate of an Earth with a hemispheric continent. *Submitted to Journal of Climate*. Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.31223/osf.io/qjne3>
4. Abernathey, R., Busecke, J., Banihirwe, A., Zhang, C., & **Smith, T.** Xgcm: a python package for analyzing data from general circulation models. *Manuscript to be submitted to Journal of Open Source Software upon reopening*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Smith, T.** & Heimbach, P. (2019). Atmospheric Origins of Variability in the South Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation. *Journal of Climate*, 32(5), 14831500. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-18-0311.1>
2. Stoll, B. L., **Smith, T. A.**, & Deinert, M. R. (2013). Potential for rooftop photovoltaics in Tokyo to replace nuclear capacity. *Environmental Research Letters*, 8(1), 014042. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/8/1/014042>

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. Osborne, A. G., **Smith, T. A.**, & Deinert, M. R. (2013). Comparison of actinide production in traveling wave and pressurized water reactors. In *Proceedings of GLOBAL 2013: International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Conference-Nuclear Energy at a Crossroads*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONSORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. [ecco_v4.py demo](#): analysis tools for the ECCO state estimate in python with xarray and dask. ECCO Townhall, Ocean Sciences Meeting 2020. San Diego, California. February, 2020.
2. *Atmospheric origins of variability in the South Atlantic meridional overturning circulation*. SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences. Houston, Texas. March, 2019.
3. *Atmospheric origins of variability in the South Atlantic meridional overturning circulation*. ECCO Meeting. Austin, Texas. October, 2018.
4. *Atmospheric origins of variability in the South Atlantic meridional overturning circulation*. Workshop on Sensitivity Analysis and Data Assimilation in Meteorology and Oceanography. Aveiro, Portugal. July, 2018.
5. *Atmospheric origins of variability in the South Atlantic meridional overturning circulation*. Adjoint Ocean Modeling Workshop. Cambridge, UK. June, 2018.
6. *A dynamical reconstruction of AMOC variability at the mouth of the South Atlantic*. US AMOC Science Team Meeting. Santa Fe, New Mexico. May, 2017.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. *Atmospheric origins of variability in the South Atlantic meridional overturning circulation*. Ocean Sciences Meeting. February, 2020.
2. *Informing bathymetry through an ocean model*. Workshop on UQ for inverse problems in complex systems. Cambridge, UK. April, 2018.
3. *A dynamical reconstruction of AMOC variability at the mouth of the South Atlantic*. SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences. Erlangen, Germany. September, 2017.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Certificate of Recognition**, UT Austin SIAM Student Chapter. 2018.
- **Poster Presentation Award**, SIAM Conference for Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences. September, 2017
- **Professional Development Award for Travel**, UT Office of Graduate Studies. Fall, 2017.
- **CSEM Fellowship**, Oden Institute, UT Austin. 2014 - 2018
- **Graham F. Carey Undergraduate Scholarship in Computational Science**, Oden Institute, UT Austin. 2014
- **Fuel Cycle Research Award**, US DOE Office of Fuel Cycle Technologies. 2013
- **Nuclear Energy University Program Scholarship**, US DOE Integrated University Program. 2012
- **Undergraduate Research Fellowship**, UT Austin, 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

TEACHING

- **Instructor and Co-Organizer**, [ECCO Summer School](#). May, 2019.
Presented [Jupyter notebook tutorials](#), demonstrating [ECCO state estimate](#) analysis in python
Taught students to use Git and GitHub
Organized computational resources for remote analysis via the [Texas Advanced Computing Center](#)
- **Mentor**, for Andrew Xiao (undergraduate), UT Austin. Spring, 2019.
Mentored undergraduate student during his final thesis project, titled:
Comparing Volumetric Transport from the Arctic with Estimated Transport using ECCO and ASTE
- **Teaching Assistant**, Descriptive Physical Oceanography, UT Austin. Spring, 2019.
Presented lecture and provided course notes on air-sea interactions at undergraduate & graduate level
- **K-12 Outreach Tutor & Committee Chair**, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. 2013-2014.
Tutored students in high school mathematics
Organized supplemental Saturday tutoring sessions
- **Undergraduate Tutor**, Mechanical Engineering, UT Austin. 2011-2012.
Tutored undergraduate level thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, dynamics, & computational methods

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- **Reviewer**, Journal of Climate. 2019 - present.
- **Co-Organizer**, [Texas Applied Mathematics and Engineering Symposium](#). September, 2017.

Helped organize and run a 3 day, student led conference, initiated by the UT Austin Chapter of SIAM

- **Industry Liaison**, UT Austin Chapter of SIAM. 2016-2018.

Invited speakers from industry and national laboratories to give talks aimed at graduate students

Organized one-on-one meetings between representatives and students

OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEERING

- **Zero Waste Volunteer**, Oden Institute, UT Austin. January 2020 - present.

Co-leading institute initiative to curtail landfill waste, implement composting, and reduce carbon footprint

- **Volunteer**, [UT Girl Day](#). February, 2020.

Organized and demonstrated Arctic-Ocean themed scientific experiments for girls in grades K-12

COURSEWORK AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Mathematics: Variational Methods for Inverse Problems, Functional Analysis, Multiscale Modeling, Statistical Estimation Theory

Computational Science: Parallel Algorithms, Validation and Uncertainty Quantification in Computational Models, Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

Fluid Mechanics & Oceanography: Dynamics of Turbulent Flows, Fluid Dynamics of the Atmosphere and Ocean, Computational Ocean Modeling, Observational Physical Oceanography

SUMMER SCHOOLS

[Advanced Climate Dynamics Course](#), September 2018

[Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment \(GODAE\) Ocean View International School](#), October 2017

[Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute \(SAMSI\) Optimization Summer School](#), August 2016

SOFTWARE CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

SELECTED SOFTWARE CONTRIBUTIONS

- **ecco_v4_py**: python package for analyzing ECCOv4 output with [xarray](#), [dask](#), [xgcm](#), & [xmitgcm](#)
- **MITgcm**: general circulation model largely for oceanographic applications in Fortran
- **xgcm**: python package for analyzing general circulation model output
- **xmitgcm**: python package to read MITgcm binary output to [xarray](#)
- **sparc**: educational tool for solving the sparse page rank problem in C++ on multicore (KNL) architecture

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Fortran, C/C++, Python, Matlab

MPI, OpenMP

Git/Mercurial, \LaTeX