KENNETH HUGHES

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PROFILE

A PhD student with a keen interest in environmental applications of physics, specifically combining modelling with field observations to best understand the ocean. Sound academic background with a particular strength in mathematics.

EDUCATION

PhD student in Physical Oceanography	University of Victoria, Canada	September 2014-present
MSc in Physics (with Distinction)	University of Otago, New Zealand	2013
BSc in Physics (Honours – 1st class)	University of Otago, New Zealand	2011

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Water Mass Modification and Mixing Rates in a 1/12° Simulation of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

Hughes, K. G., J. M. Klymak, X. Hu and P. G. Myers (2017)

J. Geophys. Res. 122, doi:10.1002/2016JC012235

Extension of an Ice Shelf Water plume model beneath sea ice with application in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

Hughes, K. G., P. J. Langhorne, G. H. Leonard and C. L. Stevens (2014)

J. Geophys. Res. 119, 8662-8687, doi:10.1002/2013JC009411

Estimates of the refreezing rate in an ice-shelf borehole.

Hughes, K. G., P. J. Langhorne and M. J. M. Williams (2013)

J. Glaciol. 59, 938–948, doi:10.3189/2013JoG12J117.

Observed platelet ice distributions in Antarctic sea ice: an index for ocean-ice shelf heat flux.

Langhorne, P. J., K. G. Hughes, A. J. Gough and 10 others (2015)

Geophys. Res. Lett. 42, 5442-5451, doi:10.1002/2015GL064508

Towards a process model for predicting potential anchor ice formation sites in coastal Antarctic waters.

Leonard, G. H., S. M. Mager, A. G. Pauling, K. G. Hughes and I. J. Smith (2014)

J. Spat. Sci. 59, 297-312, doi:10.1080/14498596.2014.913271

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Crystal orientation in ice frozen from fresh and brackish water.

Grothe, S., K.G. Hughes, and P. J. Langhorne (2014)

In Proceedings of the 22nd IAHR International Symposium on Ice, 743-750, doi:10.13140/RG.2.1.4390.3206

THESES

Propagation of an Ice Shelf Water Plume beneath Sea Ice in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica

Master's Thesis: http://hdl.handle.net/10523/4325 (awarded A+)

On the Rate of Refreezing in a Bore Hole in an Ice Shelf

Honours Dissertation: (awarded A+)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ten presentations (eight oral and two poster) at conferences in New Zealand, USA, and Canada

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University of Victoria Fellowship	2016, 2014
Arne H. Lane Fellowship in Marine Sciences	2015, 2016
University of Victoria Graduate Award	2015
Best student presentation at Antarctica NZ Annual Science Conference	2012
Antarctica NZ Postgraduate Scholarship	2012
Dux of Rangiora High School	2007
Davis Cup (all-round academic and sporting achievement in year 13)	2007

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Teaching assistant University of Victoria 2014, 2016

Independently lead weekly first-year labs and mark lab tests and exams

Guest lecturer Universities of Otago and Victoria March 2014, October 2016

Lecture second-year environmental physics and third-year physical oceanography

Research assistant University of Otago August 2013–May 2014

Collect and reduce data and prepare figures and reports

Demonstrator for second-year physics courseUniversity of Otago 2012, 2014

Demonstrate practical science methods and explain various software

Study coach at Big Picture Learning Dunedin 2009–2012

Tutor science and study skills for high school students and help develop an interactive, online learning tool

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Frequently used:

Python, Linux, Numerical ocean modelling (MITgcm), LaTeX, Inkscape

Other:

Matlab, Mathematica, Bash, Git

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

Haro Strait, British Columbia October 2016

One day deploying microstructure profilers (part of week-long microstructure workshop)

Canadian Arctic Archipelago September 2015

Two weeks as a scientist aboard a Canadian Coastguard ship

Antarctica November 2011

Drilling sea ice and deploying CTD profiler while working in approximately -10°C conditions

OTHER INTERESTS AND OUTREACH

Four presentations to 8–10 year olds at University of Victoria's Science Venture about oceanography	2016
Blog about presenting science: brushingupscience.wordpress.com	2015-present
Secretary and Instructor for University of Victoria Kayak Club	2015, 2016
Lead organiser of Blissfest 2013: whitewater kayaking competition in Dunedin, New Zealand	2013
President of Otago University Canoe Club	2010-2012f