# James Doss-Gollin

#### Education

- Present **Ph.D. Candidate**, Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, Columbia University.
  - NSF Graduate Research Fellow
  - o Columbia University Presidential Fellow
  - o Advisor: Upmanu Lall
  - 2016 **M.S.**, Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, Columbia University.
  - 2015 **B.S.**, *Mechanical Engineering*, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
    - Senior project: "Adapting UVC-LEDs for Portable Water Purification"
    - Graduated Cum Laude
    - Distinction in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science
  - 2011 **High School**, Wilbur Cross H.S., New Haven, CT.

## Experience

- 2015–Present **Graduate Research Fellow**, *Columbia Water Center*, Columbia University Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, New York, NY.
  - 2014–2015 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
    - Evaluated technical and economic viability of UV-C LED technology for portable water treatment
    - Visiting Student Researcher, Water and Climate Risks Lab, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering Department, Universidade Federal do Ceará, Fortaleza, Brazil.

      Researched bottom-up drought vulnerability assessment of rural drinking water systems
    - 2013 Mechanical Design Intern, DEKA Research and Development, Manchester, NH.
      Used CAD and 3D printing to evaluate design changes for Slingshot water purification system
    - 2012 **Summer Intern**, *Ikatú Agua Project*, Fundación Paraguaya, Asunción, Paraguay. Assessed impact of credit for water system improvement in 19 rural communities

## Professional and Community Engagement

## Teaching

- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Environmental Data Modeling & Analysis*, Columbia University. Wrote and graded problem sets for 40 masters-level students. Held regular office hours and gave two lectures: "Introduction to R and RStudio", and "Introduction to Bayesian Methods".
- 2017 **Guest Lecturer**, *Water Systems Analysis*, Columbia University. Gave lecture "Using climate information for Water Systems analysis"

#### Mentoring

High School Caroline Schwab

Professional Service

2017–2018 **Organizer**, Earth and Environmental Engineering Student Research Symposium, Columbia University, New York, NY.

#### 2017-Present Reviewer.

A verified record of reviews is available at https://publons.com/a/1468228/.

- Oxford Journal of Development Studies
- Journal of Hydrology
- Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology

## Community Service and Outreach

2016–2017 Volunteer, Youth Career Connect, New York, NY.

Mentored New York high school juniors and seniors interested in STEM careers.

2015 **Summer Intern**, *Education Policy Initiative*, New Haven Housing Authority/Elm City Communities, New Haven, CT.

Developed summer curriculum and researched policy interventions to support literacy and youth engagement and reduce multi-generational poverty.

2012–2015 Founder, New Haven REACH, New Haven, CT.

Founded and led a program to support New Haven high school seniors applying to college. Recruited, trained, and coordinated > 50 volunteer mentors from Yale.

2011–2015 **President**, Engineers Without Borders, Yale Student Chapter.

As member (2011-2012, 2015), design lead (2013) and president (2014) led student team in design and construction of water supply system for rural community of 1500 in Northwestern Cameroon.

### Professional Memberships

2018–Present American Society of Civil Engineers

2015-Present American Geophysical Union

2016-Present American Meteorological Society

#### Skills

## Computer

Programming advanced: Python, R; proficient: bash, Matlab, C++

Stats / ML advanced: stan; proficient: PyMC3, Edward, tensorflow, keras

Communication advanced: Markdown/Pandoc, Rmarkdown, LATEX, jupyter; proficient: jekyll, pelican

Reproducibility proficient: Docker, git, conda, make

#### Language

English Native speaker

Spanish Full professional proficiency

Portuguese Professional working proficiency

French Elementary proficiency

Italian Elementary proficiency

Guaraní Basic

#### Honors & Awards

2018 **Nickolas and Liliana Themelis Fellowship**, Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University.

2017-2020 **Graduate Research Fellowship**, Climate and Large-Scale Atmospheric Dynamics, National Science Foundation.

Research: "Understanding & Predicting Climate Drivers of Extreme, Mid-latitude River Floods"

2015-2019 **Presidential Distinguished Fellowship**, Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University.

- 2015 **Distinction in Major**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, Yale University.
- 2015 **B.S. Cum Laude**, Yale University.
- 2014 Larry Coben '79 Fellowship, Yale University.
- 2013 Vance-Carter Travel Award, Yale University.
- 2012 Thomas C. Barry Fellowship, Yale University.

## Publications and Presentations

## Manuscripts In Review

- [1] **James Doss-Gollin**, David J Farnham, Michelle Ho, and Upmanu Lall. "Predictable and Preventable: Let Us Not Blame Climate Change for Our Own Failures". 2019.
- [2] **James Doss-Gollin**, David J Farnham, Scott Steinschneider, and Upmanu Lall. "Robust Adaptation to Multi-Scale Climate Variability". 2019.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- [1] Viktor Rözer, Heidi Kreibich, Kai Schröter, Meike Müller, Nivedita Sairam, **James Doss-Gollin**, Upmanu Lall, and Bruno Merz. "Probabilistic Models Significantly Reduce Uncertainty in Hurricane Harvey Pluvial Flood Loss Estimates". In: *Earth's Future* (2019). DOI: 10.1029/2018EF001074.
- [2] **James Doss-Gollin**, Ångel G Muñoz, Simon J Mason, and Max Pastén. "Heavy Rainfall in Paraguay during the 2015-2016 Austral Summer: Causes and Sub-Seasonal-to-Seasonal Predictive Skill". In: *Journal of Climate* (June 2018). DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-17-0805.1.
- [3] David J Farnham, **James Doss-Gollin**, and Upmanu Lall. "Regional Extreme Precipitation Events: Robust Inference From Credibly Simulated GCM Variables". In: *Water Resources Research* (2018). DOI: 10.1002/2017wr021318.
- [4] **James Doss-Gollin**, Francisco de Assis de Souza Filho, and Francisco Osny Enéas da Silva. "Analytic Modeling of Rainwater Harvesting in the Brazilian Semiarid Northeast". In: *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 52.1 (Dec. 2015), pp. 129–137. DOI: 10.1111/1752-1688.12376.

#### Conference Papers and Presentations

- [1] **James Doss-Gollin**, David J Farnham, Scott Steinschneider, and Upmanu Lall. "Robust Adaptation to Multi-Scale Climate Variability". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. Washington, DC, Dec. 14, 2018. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.28447.20649.
- [2] James Doss-Gollin, David J Farnham, and Upmanu Lall. "Designing and Operating Infrastructure for Nonstationary Flood Risk Management". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, Dec. 2017. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.16110.46403.
- [3] **James Doss-Gollin**, Ángel G Muñoz, Simon J Mason, and Max Pastén. "Causes and Model Skill of the Persistent Intense Rainfall and Flooding in Paraguay during the Austral Summer 2015-2016". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, Dec. 2017. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.2.20146.30406.
- [4] Davide Faranda, Gabriele Messori, **James Doss-Gollin**, David J Farnham, Upmanu Lall, and Pascal Yiou. "Dynamics and Thermodynamics of Weather Extremes: A Dynamical Systems Approach". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, Dec. 2017.

- [5] Viktor Rözer, Heidi Kreibich, Kai Schröter, **James Doss-Gollin**, Upmanu Lall, and Bruno Merz. "BN-FLEMOps Pluvial A Probabilistic Multi-Variable Loss Estimation Model for Pluvial Floods". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, Dec. 2017.
- [6] **James Doss-Gollin**, David J Farnham, and Upmanu Lall. "Global-Local Interactions Modulate Tropical Moisture Exports to the Ohio River Basin". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, 2016. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.36009.19044.
- [7] David J Farnham, **James Doss-Gollin**, and Upmanu Lall. "Space-Time Characteristics and Statistical Predictability of Extreme Daily Precipitation Events in the Ohio River Basin". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, Dec. 2016.
- [8] Caitlin M Spence, Casey Brown, and **James Doss-Gollin**. "Exploiting Synoptic-Scale Climate Processes to Develop Nonstationary, Probabilistic Flood Hazard Projections". In: *American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA. 2016.
- [9] David J Farnham, Upmanu Lall, H H Kwon, and **James Doss-Gollin**. "Moisture Transport and Extreme Precipitation in Mid-Latitudes". In: *American Geophsyical Union Fall Meeting*. San Francisco, CA, Dec. 2015.
- [10] Luiz Martins Araújo Júnior, Francisco de Assis de Souza Filho, Cleiton da Silva Silveira, Tyhago Aragão Dias, and James Doss-Gollin. "Análise Dos Eventos de Seca No Nordeste Setentrional Brasileiro Com Base No Índice de Precipitação Normalizada". In: XII Simpósio de Recursos Hídricos Do Nordeste. Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brasil, 2014. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.4610.7685.
- [11] **James Doss-Gollin**, Francisco de Assis de Souza Filho, and Francisco Osny Enéas da Silva. "Considerações Sobre a Sustentabilidade Hídrica de Cisternas Para Captação de Chuva No Semiárido Brasileiro". In: *XII Simpósio de Recursos Hídricos Do Nordeste*. Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brasil: Associação Brasileira de Recursos Hídricos (ABRH), 2014. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.4086.4807.

## Talks and Workshop Presentations

- 2018-11-08 **Robust Adaptation to Multi-Scale Climate Variability**, *The Nexus of Climate Data, Insurance, and Adaptive Capacity*, Asheville, NC, poster.
- 2017-09-10 **Extreme Rainfall in Paraguay During the 2015-16 Austral Summer**, North East Graduate Student Water Symposium, Amherst, MA, talk.
- 2017-05-31 **Regional Intense Precipitation: Inferences From GCM Atmospheric Circulation Fields**, *Modeling Research in the Cloud*, NCAR, Boulder, Colorado, poster.
- 2017-04-21 **Statistical-Dynamical Analysis of Climate Projections for Flood Infrastructure Design**, *Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development 2017*, Columbia University, New York, NY, talk.
- 2016-12-07 Physical Mechanisms and Subseasonal-To-Seasonal Predictability of Persistent Intense Rainfall and Paraguay River Flooding During the Austral Summer 2015/2016, Workshop on Subseasonal to Seasonal Predictability of Extreme Weather and Climate, Columbia University, New York, NY, poster.
- 2016-08-26 Understanding the Physical Drivers of Extreme Rainfall for Flood Prediction, Oxford Water Network, Oxford University, talk.