

# Jessica Caggiano

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## Education

- 2018 – est 2025    📖 **Ph.D., Marine Science** University of South Florida.  
Concentration: Physical Oceanography  
Entered Candidacy: March 2022  
Relevant course Work: Physical Oceanography, Biological Oceanography, Chemical Oceanography, Geological Oceanography, Data Analysis, Fluid Dynamics, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics
- 2015 – 2018    📖 **B.A Pure Mathematics** University of South Florida.  
Research Advisor: Razvan Teodorescu  
Relevant Course Work: Computational Physics, Theory of Computation, Finite Mathematics, Numerical Analysis I/II, Abstract Algebra
- 2013 – 2015    📖 **A.A. Engineering** Hillsborough Community College.
- 2012 – 2013    📖 **Certificate in Cosmetology** Paul Mitchell The School  
Hours completed: 1300  
License number: CL1235478

## Professional Experience

- 2024    📖 **NASA Jet Propulsion Lab Intern**  
Advisor: Jinbo Wang (jinbo.wang@jpl.nasa.gov)
- 📖 **Teaching Assistant**, Intro to Oceanography  
College of Marine Science, University of South Florida
- 2023    📖 **William M. Lapenta NOAA Student Internship**  
Advisors: Meghan Cronin (meghan.f.cronin@noaa.gov), Dongxiao Zhang (dongxiao.zhang@noaa.gov), Jack Reeves Eyre (jack.reeveseyre@gmail.com)  
Project: *"Diurnal cycle of the atmospheric boundary layer stability in NCEP models"*
- 2021 – 2023    📖 **Student Success Center Tutor**, University of South Florida Saint Petersburg Campus  
Subjects: College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Business Calculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, Physics I, Finite Mathematics, Mathematics for Liberal Arts
- 2020    📖 **Teaching Assistant**, Physical Oceanography  
College of Marine Science, University of South Florida




## Publications

- 1    **J. Caggiano** and D. Chambers, "Quantifying wave error on swot sea surface height in the southern ocean," in prep.
- 2    **J. Caggiano**, M. Cronin, D. Zhang, and J. R. Eyre, "Exploration of a coupled models diurnal cycles at tpos buoy locations," in prep.



## Presentations at Scientific Meetings

- 1 J. Caggiano, M. Cronin, D. Zhang, and J. R. Eyre, *Exploration of a Coupled Models Diurnal cycles at TPOS Buoy Locations*, 2024, AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting.
- 2 J. Caggiano, M. Cronin, D. Zhang, and J. R. Eyre, *Exploration of a coupled models Diurnal cycles at TPOS buoy locations*, 2024, USF College of Marine Science Graduate Student Symposium.
- 3 J. Caggiano and D. Chambers, *Quantifying Wave Error on SWOT Sea Surface Height in the Southern Ocean*, 2022, AGU Fall Meeting.
- 4 J. Caggiano and D. Chambers, *Quantifying Wave Error on SWOT Sea Surface Height in the Southern Ocean*, 2022, USF College of Marine Science Graduate Student Symposium.
- 5 J. Caggiano, D. Chambers, B. Galperin, and G. King, *Analysis of Second Order Transverse Structure Functions of Velocity in the Southern Ocean*, 2019, Ocean Surface Topography Science Team Meeting.




## Funding and Awards

- 2020-2023     **Future Investigator**, NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST), \$175k
- 2023-2024     **Thomas E Pyle Memorial Fellowship** in Marine Science, USF College of Marine Science, \$10k
- 2024         Travel award for OSM AGU

## Service

- 2023 - present     Curriculum Committee, student representative
- 2023             Physical Oceanography Faculty Hire Search Committee, student representative

## Cruise Activity

- 9/5/2023 – 9/10/2023     **COMPS-106 (CORE-1)**, R/V Weatherbird II, Assist in pre-cruise operations planning, Operate CTD rosette, Assist top-side buoy deployment, maintenance, and recovery, Gulf of Mexico
- 4/9/2023 – 5/3/23         **SR2306**, R/V Sally, Underway CTD (ecoCTD), Assisted with recovery and deployments of wavegliders, seagliders and surface drifters, Assisted with CTD rosette casts, North Pacific Ocean
- 6/2019             **Oceanography Camp for Girls**, R/V Angari, Assisted with Niskin bottles, otter-trawl, sediment grab sampling, plankton tows, secchi disk measurements, and nutrient analyses.