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Computational Scientist Experienced with multi-institution open-source software development, high-performance computing, verification and validation of scientific models, and extensive experience analyzing Big Data with the scientific python ecosystem.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Operating Systems: Unix/Linux (desktop and HPCs), Windows, OSX Languages: Python, R, C/C++, FORTRAN, Bash, LATEX Pandas, Numpy, Scipy, MATLAB, Mathematica Anaconda, netCDF4, HDF5, NCO, NCL

Data Science: Anaconda, netCDF4, HDF5, NCO, NCL Web: Javascript, HTML, CSS, PHP, Drupal, Jekyll

Frameworks/Skills: Agile software development, test-driven development, verification

and validation, unit and integration testing, continuous integration,

version control systems

Software

E3SM (Energy Exascale Earth System Model) core developer (infrastructure group) for phase 2; DOE's E3SM is a state-of-the-science Earth system model development and simulation project to investigate energy-relevant science using code optimized for DOE's advanced computers. Latest open-source release of E3SM, version 1.0.0, was on April 23, 2018. https://github.com/E3SM-Project/E3SM

Lead developer of the Land Ice Verification and Validation toolkit (LIVVkit); a python-based, extensible verification and validation suite for land-ice models. Latest open-source release of LIVVkit, version 2.1.3, was on July 28, 2018. https://github.com/LIVVkit/LIVVkit

Developer of the ISMIP6 Atlas submission validation tool; an extension to LIVVkit which checks submissions to ISMIP6 experiments for correct file names, paths, metadata, etc. and produces a large variety of diagnostic plots. https://github.com/LIVVkit/Atlas

Developer on DOE's E3SM ecosystem projects

- MPAS-Analysis: Analysis for simulations produced with Model for Prediction Across Scales (MPAS) components and DOE's E3SM. https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Analysis
- ♦ A-Prime: Python based scripts to generate coupled priority metrics for DOE's E3SM. https://github.com/ACME-Climate/a-prime
- ♦ EVV: Extended verification and validation for Earth system models. https://github.com/LIVVkit/evv4esm

Contributor to open-source software projects

- ♦ Conda-forge recipe maintainer for JSON tricks
- ♦ PR19 and PR27 to sphinx-js leading to release of (bugfix) v2.0.1 and contributing to v2.2.

Past: Developer and integrator for the joint DOE/NSF Community Ice Sheet Model (CISM); an open-source, next-generation ice sheet model used for predicting ice sheet evolution and sea level rise in a changing climate. Last contributed to CISM version 2.1.00, released on May 11, 2018. https://github.com/ESCOMP/cism

Professional Experience Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA

Computational Scientist in Glaciology

Climate Change Science Institute

December 2016 – present

Perform research tasks using Earth system models (ESMs; e.g., DOE's E3SM, CESM) and ice sheet models (e.g., MPAS-LI, BISICLES, PISM, CISM); coordinate the verification and validation of E3SM, MPAS-LI, and BISICLES simulations; development of the Land Ice Verification and Validation toolkit (LIVVkit), a python-based toolkit for robust evaluation of ice-sheet models; and develop an extended V&V evaluation tool (EVE) for climate reproducibility testing of ESMs.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Climate Change Science Institute

January 2015 – November 2016

Perform research tasks using the Community Ice Sheet Model (CISM) and coordinate the development of the Land Ice Verification and Validation toolkit (LIVVkit) — a python-based toolkit for robust evaluation of ice-sheet models.

Advisor: Dr. Katherine J. Evans

EDUCATION

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Department of Physics, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA

Ph.D., 2015, Dissertation Topic:

"Linking climate history and ice crystalline fabric evolution in polar ice sheets."

Advisor: Dr. Erin C. Pettit

Western Washington University, Department of Physics, Bellingham, Washington, USA B.S., 2008, Physics

Minors: Astronomy, The Study of Religion

AWARDS

2016 CCSI Professional Development Award, \$100,000

Co-I: Understanding the links between neighbourhood level human activity and global climate change by developing an integrative methodology using data analytics, agent-based modelling and Earth system modelling. Project PI: Dr. Melissa R. Allen.

Climate Change Science Institute, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

2013–2014 Thesis Completion Fellowship, \$15,000 + tuition

University of Alaska Fairbanks Graduate School

2011-2012 CASE GK-12 Fellow, \$45,000

NSF Graduate STEM Fellow in K-12 Education, Changing Alaska Science Education

Synergistic Activities

- 2016—present Referee for the Australian Antarctic Division, the Geophysical Journal International, and the Journal of Mountain Science
- 2015—present Currently participating in the Ice Sheet Model Intercomparison Project 6 (ISMIP6)
- 2015—present Conducting multiple experiments for the Initialization of Models Intercomparison Project (initMIP)
- 2015-present Invited outreach talks, entitled
 - ♦ The coolest science: Glaciers in the Earth system
 - ♦ ORISE Summer Seminar Series, July 18, 2018
 - ♦ Climate change today: An overview of the science, the observations, and a look toward the future
 - ♦ The Executive Network of Seattle, Washington, Jan. 16, 2017
 - ♦ with Dr. Allen, League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge, Feb. 16, 2016
 - ⋄ Using computational science to understand Earth's climate
 - ♦ UT Governor's School, June 18, 2018
 - APSU Governor's School, June 15, 2018; June 16, 2017; June 17, 2016; June 12, 2015
 - ♦ McCalie School (8th grade), May 9, 2018; May 10, 2017
 - ♦ Brevard College Tour, Sept. 20, 2017
 - \diamond UAH Joint Space Weather Summer Camp, June 30, 2017
 - ♦ University of Louisville's Society of Physics Students, March 15, 2017
 - ♦ White House High, April 7, 2016
 - ♦ Lipscomb Academy, Oct. 1, 2015

OTHER SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

- ♦ Wilderness experience including a continuous 700 mile, 33 day, canoe trip down the Yukon River
- ♦ Extensive boat experience: sailing, canoeing, power-boating, etc.
- ♦ Enjoy outdoor recreation: biking, hiking, backpacking, camping, etc.
- ♦ Trained in bear safety