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Education

PhD in Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences

Sept 2015 - May 2020

Advisor: Prof. Baylor Fox-Kemper

Brown University

B.A. in Mathematics

Aug 2008 - Dec 2014

Advisor: Prof. Lidia Filus

Northeastern Illinois University

Magna cum laude

B.A. in Earth Science

Aug 2008 - Dec 2014

Advisor: Prof. Ken Voglesonger

Northeastern Illinois University

Magna cum laude

Teaching & Mentoring

Co-Day Lead

Mar 2023 - Present

Developed a series of python tutorials and lectures on introductory climate modeling.

Climatemark Academy

Co-Founder

Jan 2023 - Present

A volunteer-driven workforce to make climate science accessible to all.

Climatemark Academy

Mathematics Tutor

May 2014 - Present

Tutor elementary through college level students in a range of mathematics courses in person and online.

Wyzant

QUEST 2023: Climate Change: Exploring Solutions to a Complex Problem

2021-2022

Co-developed teaching materials to enhance middle school teachers knowledge of climate change.

Princeton University

These materials are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science and Math, and aim to enable teachers to effectively implement this topic in their classrooms.

Co-mentor for Junior Student Project

Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Co-mentored a junior undergraduate student on two projects spanning one semester each with Laure Resplandy. Utilized observations of temperature, oxygen, and runoff to assess the persistence and drivers of hypoxia along the coasts of the United States.

Princeton University

Instructor for Junior Colloquium Seminar

Oct 5th & 19th 2020

Introduction to Python

Princeton University

Taught introductory level python via jupyter notebooks on a High Performance Computing cluster to undergraduate juniors over two online synchronous seminar sessions.

Course Designer and Instructor for Summer @ Brown (online & asynchronous)

Summer 2020

Studying the Ocean: Past, Present and Future

Brown University

Expanded my 2-week in-person Summer@Brown course (see below) for remote delivery over 4 weeks.

Developed asynchronous canvas modules with lectures, discussions, at-home experiments, and a final group research project and presentation.

Co-Course Designer and instructor for Summer @ Brown

Summer 2019

Studying the Ocean from the Classroom to the Bay taught with Abigail Bodner.

Brown University

Developed and co-taught a two-week summer course introducing pre-college students to college-level

oceanography through observations, theory and models. Included a day-long cruise in Narragansett Bay collecting observations and applying learned knowledge, rotating tank fluids experiments, MATLAB coding assignments, and a final research project and poster session.

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Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019

Brown University

Introduction to Oceanography

for Prof. Steve Clemens.

Responsibilities included holding regular office hours and grading homework assignments.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017

Brown University

Global Climate & Weather

for Prof. Amanda Lynch

Responsibilities included holding regular office hours, grading and developing homework assignments, assisting with advising and grading final research projects. Lectured on general ocean/atmospheric circulation and thunderstorms.

Elementary School Science Instructor

2015 - 2016

Vartan Gregorian Elementary

Developed and implemented hour-long science lessons for 2nd and 3rd grade students.

Topics included weather and climate, phases of the moon, and the water cycle.

GRE Instructor

Aug 2015

Northeastern Illinois University

Student Center for Science Engagement

Taught a two-week summer course preparing students for the quantitative section of the GRE.

EMERGE Peer Leader

Jul-Aug 2015

Northeastern Illinois University

Department of Mathematics

Month long intensive summer course designed to prepare incoming undergraduate students for mathematics placement exams. Topics included algebra and trigonometry.

Mathematics Enrichment Workshop Program Peer Leader

2010-2012

Northeastern Illinois University

Department of Mathematics

Semester long recurring program designed to assist students in Calculus series courses through weekly peer-led lessons and homework.

U.S. Army National Guard

2005-2013

Served in Iraq as an E-4 Specialist during 2011, honorably discharged in 2013.

Health care specialist, as well as medical trainer and Combat Lifesaver Course coordinator/instructor for the State of IL and in Balad, Iraq.

Research

Harry Hess Postdoctoral Fellow

Aug 2020 - Aug 2022

Princeton University

Advisor: Prof. Laure Resplandy

Analysis of observations and models to understand how both human-induced and natural processes regulate coastal hypoxia (harmfully low oxygen levels) in the northern Indian ocean.

Graduate Research Assistant

Fall 2015-Spring 2020

Advisor: Prof. Baylor Fox-Kemper

Brown University

Statistical methods paired with models, observations, and theory to isolate biases in Lagrangian observation platforms as well as characterize reactive-tracer fields in the presence of turbulence.

Undergraduate Researcher

Summer 2014

Advisor: Prof. Björn Sandstede, Division of Applied Mathematics

Brown University

Analysis of data assimilation and parameter estimation schemes applied to traffic models.

Undergraduate Researcher

Summer 2013

Advisor: Prof. Alkes Price, Department of Epidemiology

Harvard University

Statistical methods to infer consistency across populations of genetic variants associated with type-II diabetes.

Publications

1. **Pearson, J.**, Resplandy, R., Poupon, M., 2022: Coastlines at Risk of Hypoxia From Natural Variability in the Northern Indian Ocean. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*, 36, e2021GB007192. [DOI](#)
2. Pearson, B., **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., 2021: Advective Structure Functions in Anisotropic Two-Dimensional Turbulence. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics.*, 916, A49. [DOI](#)
3. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Pearson, B., Chang, H., Huntley, H., Haus, B., Horstmann, J., Huntley, H., Kirwan, D. A., Jr., Poje, A., 2020: Biases in structure functions from observations of submesoscale flows. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 125, e2019JC015769 [DOI](#)
4. Chang, H., Huntley, H., Kirwan, D., Jr., Carlson, D., Mensa, J., Mehta, S., Novelli, G., Ozgokomen, T., Fox-Kemper, B., Pearson, B., **Pearson, J.**, Harcourt, R., 2019: Small-scale dispersion observations in the presence of Langmuir circulation. *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, 49, 3069-3085 [DOI](#)
5. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., & McWilliams, J., 2019: Impacts of convergence on structure functions from surface drifters in the Gulf of Mexico. *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, 49, 675-690. [DOI](#)
6. Xia, C., Cochrane, C., DeGuire, J., Fan, G., Holmes, E., McGuirl, M., Murphy, P., **Palmer, J.**, Carter, P., Slivinski, L., & Sandstede, B., 2017: Assimilating Eulerian and Lagrangian data in traffic-flow models. *Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena*, 346, 59-72. [DOI](#)

Awards & Honors

Harry Hess Postdoctoral Research Fellowship	2020-2022
Tse Cheuk Ng Tai Innovations in Fluids and Health 2019 Award, Tse Cheuk Ng Tai Innovation Fund	2019
Brown University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	2019
Fluids and Health 2019 Junior Researcher Fellowship	2019
Brown University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	2019
Brown University Graduate School International Travel Grant	2019
GoMRI Scholar, Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative	2018
First Year Graduate Fellowship, Brown University	2015-2016
National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis Travel Grant	2013
National Science Foundation MaPs Scholar, Northeastern Illinois University	2012-2014
Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science Travel Grant	2012
Army Achievement Medal, ILARNG	2011

For meritorious achievement, outstanding performance, personal sacrifice, and service as the primary instructor during the battalions Combat Lifesaver Course.

Command Sergeant Major's Award, ILARNG

2009

For outstanding service in successfully training soldiers in Combat Lifesaver skills, and performance of the highest standards befitting of soldiers who lead from the front.

Dean's List, Northeastern Illinois University

2008-2014

Skills & Training

Computer Languages & Software: MATLAB, Python, R, and \LaTeX

Community Earth System Model (CESM) Tutorial 2019

08/05-08/09 2019

1 week of lecture and hands on activities to learn to operate CESM.

NCAR, CO

Cornell Satellite Remote Sensing Training Program

06/03-06/14 2019

2 week summer course on remote sensing with a focus on ocean color.

Ithaca, NY

American Institute of Biological Sciences & RI NSF EPSCoR/RI C-AIM

Feb 2019

Enabling Interdisciplinary and Team Science Workshop: A Professional Development Program from AIBS

Kingston, RI

The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

Fall 2018

Certificate I: Reflective Teaching

Providence, RI

GODAE Oceanview International School

Fall 2017

New frontiers in operational oceanography

Mallorca, Spain

Consortium for Advanced Research on Transport of Hydrocarbon in the Environment III

Summer 2017

2 weeks launching driftcards in the Gulf of Mexico shelf area of LA

Grande Isle, LA

Northeastern Illinois University Field School

Summer 2014

2 weeks producing detailed geologic maps, stereonet, and reports on geomorphological and glacial features of the Baraboo syncline area

Baraboo, WI

Service & Outreach

CONTRIBUTIONS

Communications and Outreach Co-Team Lead for Climatedmatch Academy

Jan 2023-present

Virtual Research Presentation for the Gifted 5th Graders Program at Bensonhurst in Brooklyn, NY

Jan 2020

Big Bang Science Fair Demonstrator, Waterfire in Providence, RI

Sept 2019

Career Day Geosciences Speaker, Lincoln Middle School

Apr 2019

GradCon Coordinator, Brown University

2018-2019

REVIEWS

Reviewer, Environmental Research Letters

2020-Present

Reviewer, Ocean Science

2019-Present

Reviewer, Journal of Physical Oceanography

2019-Present

Reviewer, Journal of Fluid Mechanics

2018-Present

Expert Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

2018

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Princeton Women in Geosciences Mentor, Princeton University

2020-2021

International Graduate Student Mentor, Brown University

Fall 2017-2019

Select Presentations

1. **Pearson, J.**, Resplandy, L., Poupon, M., 2020: Coastlines at Risk of Hypoxia in the Northern Indian Ocean. OCB 2020. Online poster.
2. **Pearson, J.**, Resplandy, L., Poupon, M., 2020: Observed Seasonal and Interannual Controls on Hypoxia in the Northern Indian Ocean. EGU 2020. Online poster. <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-egu21-1421>
3. **Pearson, J.**, T., Sane, A., Ben-Horin, Fox-Kemper, B., 2019: Pathogen Dispersal in Narragansett Bay. Fluids and Health. **Oral.**
4. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Huntley, H., Chang, H., Kirwan, D., Jr., Pearson, B., 2019: Systematic Differences Between Eulerian and Surface Drifter Statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. AOFD, abstract 358490. Poster.
5. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Huntley, H., Chang, H., Kirwan, D., Jr., Pearson, B., 2019: Do surface drifters accurately represent Eulerian turbulence statistics? LAPCOD. **Oral.**
6. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Huntley, H., Chang, H., Kirwan, D., Jr., Pearson, B., 2019: Observed biases in surface drifter statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. CLIVAR. **Oral.**
7. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2018: Impacts of convergence zones on Lagrangian structure function statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. GRS. Poster.
8. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2018: Impacts of Convergence Zones on Lagrangian Structure Function Statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. KITP. Poster.
9. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2018: Impacts of convergence zones on Lagrangian structure function statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. Waters Edge. Poster.
10. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2018: Impacts of Convergence Zones on Lagrangian Structure Function Statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. OSM, abstract PS33A-01. Poster.
11. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2017: Evaluation of Lagrangian Structure Function Statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. AOFD. **Oral.**
12. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2017: Impacts of Convergence Zones on Lagrangian Structure Function Statistics in the Gulf of Mexico. GODAE International School. Poster.
13. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Bodner, A., 2016: Preparing for Model-Data Comparison: Structure Functions and Frontogenesis. CARTHE II All Hands Meeting. **Oral.**
14. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Barkan, R., Choi, J., Bracco, A., McWilliams, J., 2016: Structure Function Statistics to Detect Submesoscale Cascades. OSM, abstract PO34C-3066. Poster.

15. **Pearson, J.**, Xia, C., Cochrane, C., DeGuire, J., Fan, G., Holmes, E., McGuirl, M., Murphy, P., Carter, P., Slivinski, L., Sandstede, B., 2015: Microscopic and macroscopic traffic modeling utilizing data assimilation. The 5th Workshop in Statistical Mathematical Modeling. **Invited Oral.**

Affiliations and Memberships

Affiliate Graduate Student in the Institute at Brown for Environment Society (IBES)

Consortium for Advanced Research on Transport of Hydrocarbon in the Environment (CARTHE)

Graduate Fellow of the Rhode Island Consortium for Coastal Ecology Assessment Innovation & Modeling (RI C-AIM)

American Meteorological Society

American/European Geophysical Union

Graduate Women in Science & Engineering

Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography
