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Education

PhD in Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences

2015-Expected 2020

Advisor: Prof. Baylor Fox-Kemper

Brown University

B.A. in Mathematics

2008-2014

Advisor: Prof. Lidia Filus

Northeastern Illinois University

Magna cum laude

B.A. in Earth Science

2008-2014

Advisor: Prof. Ken Voglesonger

Northeastern Illinois University

Magna cum laude

Professional & Teaching Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

Fall 2015-Present

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

Course Designer and Co-instructor for Summer @ Brown

Summer 2018, 2019 & 2020

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 oceanography

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019

Intro. to Oceanography under Prof. Steve Clemens

Brown University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017

Global Climate & Weather under Prof. Amanda Lynch

Brown University

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

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 coordinator for the State of IL and in Balad, Iraq

Publications

1. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., *In Prep*: Seasonal transport in the Gulf of Mexico from surface drifter observations. *Journal of Physical Oceanography*
2. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., *In Prep*: Blended second-order structure function laws for passive-reactive tracers in geophysical flows. *Geophysical Research Letters*
3. Pearson, B., **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., *In Prep*: Structure Functions in Quasigeostrophic Turbulence. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*.

4. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Pearson, B., Chang, H., Huntley, H., Haus, B., Horstmann, J., Huntley, H., Kirwan, D. A., Jr., Poje, A., *Under Review*: Biases in structure functions from observations of submesoscale flows. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*.
5. Pearson, B., **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., *In Revision*: Relation Between Structure Functions and Cascade Rates in Anisotropic Two-Dimensional Turbulence. *Physical Review Fluids*.
6. 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., *In Press*: Small-scale dispersion observations in the presence of Langmuir circulation. *Journal of Physical Oceanography*. [DOI](#)
7. **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](#)
8. 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

FUNDING

First Year Graduate Fellowship, Brown University	2015-2016
National Science Foundation MaPs Scholar, Northeastern Illinois University	2012-2014
First Sergeant Council Scholarship, ILARNG	2011

HONORS

Tse Cheuk Ng Tai Innovations in Fluids and Health 2019 Award, Tse Cheuk Ng Tai Innovation Fund	2019
GoMRI Scholar, Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative	2018
Dean's List, Northeastern Illinois University	2008-2014
Women in Mathematics, Northeastern Illinois University	2013
Army Achievement Medal, ILARNG	2011
<i>For exceptionally meritorious service while serving as a medic for the the 709th Area Support Medical Company in support of Operation New Dawn.</i>	
Army Achievement Medal, ILARNG	2011
<i>For meritorious achievement, outstanding performance, personal sacrifice, and service as the primary instructor during the battalions Combat Lifesaver Course.</i>	
Command Sergeant Major's Award, ILARNG	2009
<i>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.</i>	

TRAVEL GRANTS

Fluids and Health 2019 Junior Researcher Fellowship	2019
Brown University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	2019
Brown University Graduate School International Travel Grant	2019
National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis Travel Grant	2013
Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science Travel Grant	2012

Skills & Training

Computer Languages & Software: MATLAB, Python, R, Java 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.	<i>Ithaca, NY</i>
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	<i>Kingston, RI</i>
The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning	Fall 2018
Certificate I: Reflective Teaching	<i>Providence, RI</i>
GODAE Oceanview International School	Fall 2017
New frontiers in operational oceanography	<i>Mallorca, Spain</i>
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	<i>Grande Isle, LA</i>
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	<i>Baraboo, WI</i>

Service & Outreach

CONTRIBUTIONS

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
Elementary School Science Instructor, Vartan Gregorian Elementary	2015 - 2016
GRE Math Preparation Course Instructor, Northeastern Illinois University	Aug 2015
EMERGE Peer Leader, Northeastern Illinois University	Jul-Aug 2015
Mathematics Enrichment Workshop Program Peer Leader, Northeastern Illinois University	2010-2012
Combat Lifesaver Course Coordinator and Instructor, ILARNG	2009-2011

REVIEWS

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	2018-2019

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

International Graduate Student Mentor, Brown University	Fall 2017-2019
First Year Graduate Student Mentor, Brown University	Fall 2017 - Spring 2018
Geoclub Treasurer, Brown University	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

Invited Presentations

1. **Palmer, 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.**
2. **Palmer, J.**, Santana, L., Anderson, R., Price, A., 2013: Consistency across ancestries of genetic associations of type-II diabetes. MaPS Scholars Fall Meeting. **Invited Oral.**

Presentations

1. **Pearson, J.**, T., Sane, A., Ben-Horin, Fox-Kemper, B., 2019: Pathogen Dispersal in Narragansett Bay. Fluids and Health. **Oral.**

2. **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.
3. **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**.
4. **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**.
5. **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.
6. **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.
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. Waters Edge. 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. OSM, abstract PS33A-01. Poster.
9. **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**.
10. **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.
11. **Pearson, J.**, Fox-Kemper, B., Bodner, A., 2016: Preparing for Model-Data Comparison: Structure Functions and Frontogenesis. CARTHE II All Hands Meeting. **Oral**.
12. **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.
13. **Palmer, J.**, Santana, L., Anderson, R., Price, A., 2013: Consistency across ancestries of genetic associations of type-II diabetes. Harvard Summer Research Symposium. **Oral**.

Affiliations

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)

Memberships

American Meteorological Society	2018-Present
American Geophysical Union	2018-Present
Graduate Women in Science & Engineering	2015-Present
Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography	2015-Present

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