
EDUCATION

- University of Colorado at Boulder**
PhD in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences advised by Prof. Jen Kay; GPA: 3.99
 - Thesis: *Narrowing the Model-Observation Gap: New Methods, Tools, and Datasets to Improve Climate Change Detection*
 - Carleton College**
Bachelor of Arts in Physics; GPA: 3.94; Honors in Physics, Magna Cum Laude
 - Thesis: *Radiative transfer in the earth-atmosphere-space system*

Boulder, CO
Aug. 2020 – Aug. 2025

Northfield, MN
Sep. 2014 – June 2018

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences**
Post-Doctoral Associate
 - Use observations from the NASA PREFIRE mission to advance understanding of climate change and variability.
 - Electric Power Research Institute**
Graduate Student Research Intern
 - Evaluated the skill of deterministic and probabilistic weather forecast models (NOAA's HRRR and RRFS) for use in day-ahead solar forecasting and grid operations.
 - Communicated the benefits and limitations of operational weather models to power systems engineers.
 - University of Oslo, Section for Meteorology and Oceanography**
US Fulbright Student Scholar working with Prof. Trude Storelvmo
 - Operated the NorESM2 and CESM2 global climate models. Modified of the model's parametrization of ice nucleation in mixed-phase clouds and in-model satellite simulator (COSP).
 - Processed and synthesized model predictions with observational datasets from the CALIOP and CloudSat satellite missions.
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology**
Post-Baccalaureate Researcher working with Prof. Scott Diddams
 - Implemented a flexible and robust digital phase-lock loop to stabilize laser frequency combs.
 - Used free-space and fiber optics to produce and characterize femtosecond near-infrared pulses.
 - Wrote programs in Python and MATLAB to model pulse evolution in optical fiber.

Boulder, CO
Sep. 2025 - Present

Palo Alto, CA (remote)
May - July 2024

Oslo, Norway
Aug. 2019 - May 2020

Boulder, CO
July 2018 - July 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- J.K. Shaw**, D.D. Turner, S. Desouza-Machado, L.L. Strow, and Kay, J.E., “A Case for Continuity: Current and Future Climate Change Detection with Spectral Infrared Satellite Observations,” (in prep.).
- J.K. Shaw**, D.P. Larson, and D.D. Turner, “Evaluating NOAA’s HRRR v4 and RRFS v1 models as forecasters of day-ahead solar irradiance: Skill, spread, and steps forward,” (in prep.).
- A. Borowiak et al., (including **J.K. Shaw**), “Methods to Identify Time of Emergence,” (in revision at Nature Reviews).
- O Bruno, **J.K. Shaw**, T. Storelvmo, and C. Hoose, “Evaluation of global climate and storm-resolving models for the representation of mixed-phase clouds and their hemispheric contrasts,” (submitted).
- J.K. Shaw**, D. Swales, S. Desouza-Machado, D.D. Turner, J.E. Kay, and D.P. Schneider, “COSP-RTTOV-1.0: Flexible radiation diagnostics to enable new science applications in model evaluation, climate change detection, and satellite mission design,” (2025). *Geoscientific Model Development*, 18, 4935–4950. <https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-18-4935-2025>.
- J.K. Shaw** and N. Lenssen, “Early and Widespread Emergence of Regional Warming is Robust to Observational and Model Uncertainty,” (2025) *Environ. Res. Lett.*, 20, 074066. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ade458>
- Hofer, S., Hahn, L.C., **Shaw, J.K.** et al. “Realistic Representation of Mixed-phase Clouds Increases Projected Climate Warming,” (2024). *Communications Earth & Environment*, 5, 390. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-024-01524-2>

- J.K. Shaw** and J.E. Kay, “Processes Controlling the Seasonally Varying Emergence of Forced Arctic Longwave Radiation Changes,” (2023). *J. Climate*, 36, 7337–7354. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-23-0020.1>
- McGraw, Z., Storelvmo, T., Polvani, L. M., Hofer, S., **Shaw, J. K.**, Gettelman, A., “On the Links Between Ice Nucleation, Cloud Phase, and Climate Sensitivity in CESM2,” (2023). *Geophysical Research Letters*, 50, e2023GL105053. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023GL105053>
- B. Medeiros, **J. Shaw**, J.E. Kay, and I. Davis, “Assessing Clouds Using Satellite Observations Through Three Generations of Global Atmosphere Models,” (2023). *Earth and Space Science*, 10, e2023EA002918. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023EA002918>
- J. Zhu, B.L. Otto-Bliesner, E.C. Brady, A. Gettelman, J.T. Bacmeister, R.B. Neale, C.J. Poulsen, **J.K. Shaw**, Z.M. McGraw, J.E. Kay, “LGM paleoclimate constraints inform cloud parameterizations and equilibrium climate sensitivity in CESM2,” (2022). *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 14, e2021MS002776. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021MS002776>
- J. Shaw**, Z. McGraw, O. Bruno, T. Storelvmo, and S. Hofer, “Using satellite observations to evaluate model microphysical representation of Arctic mixed-phase clouds,” (2022). *Geophysical Research Letters*, 49, e2021GL096191. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021GL096191>
- J.K. Shaw**, C. Fredrick, and S.A. Diddams, “Versatile digital approach to laser frequency comb stabilization,” *OSA Continuum* 2, 3262-3271 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1364/OSAC.2.003262>

INVITED TALKS

2025 CESM Workshop, *Evaluating CESM Against Satellite Spectral Radiation Observations*

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 CESM Workshop, *Early and Widespread Emergence of of Regional Warming is Robust to Observational and Model Uncertainty*
- 2025 AMS Denver Summit, 18th Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography, *Apples-to-Apples Radiation Comparisons Speed the Detection of Arctic Climate Change*
- 105th AMS Annual Meeting, *Evaluating NOAA’s HRRR v4 and RRFS v1 models as forecasters of day-ahead solar irradiance: Skill, spread, and steps forward* (presentation), *Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Cryospheric Sciences REU at the University of Colorado Boulder* (poster co-author)
- 2024 AGU Annual Meeting, *Apples-to-apples radiation comparisons speed the detection of Arctic climate change* (poster)
- 104th AMS Annual Meeting, *The Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Cryospheric Sciences REU at the University of Colorado Boulder* (poster co-author)
- CFMIP 2024 Meeting, *New Spectral Radiation Diagnostics for Model Evaluation and Climate Change Detection*
- 2023 AGU Fall Meeting, *New Spectral Radiation Diagnostics for Climate Change Detection, Model Evaluation, and Satellite Mission Design* (presentation), *Observational Uncertainty is Necessary for Assessing Time-of-Emergence* (presentation)
- 2023 Gordon Research Conference on Climate and Radiation, *Enhancing Climate Change Detection with Spectral Radiation* (poster)
- 2023 CESM Workshop, *Spectral Radiation Diagnostics for Model-Satellite Comparisons*
- AMS Collective Madison Meeting 2022, *Emerging seasonal changes in Arctic Longwave Radiation* (presentation)
- International Radiation Symposium 2022, *Emerging seasonal changes in Arctic Longwave Radiation* (presentation)
- Graduate Climate Conference 2021, *Observations of Seasonal Changes in the Arctic Energy Budget* (poster)
- CESM 2021 Annual Workshop, *Evaluation of clouds in three generations of CAM using satellite simulators and observations* (poster)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Honorable Mention, Best Student Oral Presentation, American Meteorological Society (AMS) 18th Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography Denver Summit
- 2025 CESM Graduate Student Award
- 2025 University of Colorado Boulder Campus Sustainability Award for Student Leadership
- ATOC Student Service Award (Spring 2025)

3rd Place, CU Boulder ESSS Poster Conference
 ATOC Student Service Award (Spring 2024)
 Outstanding Student Presentation Award (OSPA), AGU 2023 Fall Meeting
 ATOC Student Service Award (Spring 2023)
 ATOC Student Teaching Award (Spring 2023)
 Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) Grant recipient with Professor Jennifer Kay (2022).
 International Radiation Symposium Student Travel Award (2022)
 CIRES Graduate Student Travel Grant (2022)
 ATOC Student Service Award (Spring 2022)
 Honorable Mention, 2020 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
 Fulbright Student Research Grant Recipient (2019-2020), Norway
 Distinction in Senior Thesis, Carleton College
 Campus Nominee, Barry Goldwater Scholarship 2017, Carleton College
 Dean's List 2014, 2015, 2016 (Carleton College)
 Carleton Distinguished Scholar
 National Merit Scholar

SERVICE

Peer Reviewer: Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Earth System Science Data, Global Planetary Change, Journal of Climate, Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres, Journal of Hydrometeorology

ATOC Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee, CU Boulder	August 2020 - Present
ATOC Graduate Application Program Mentor, CU Boulder	August 2020 - Present
ATOC REU Planning Committee, CU Boulder	January 2021 - April 2025
ATOC First-Year Graduate Student Mentor, CU Boulder	August 2021 - August 2023
ATOC REU Graduate Student Mentor, CU Boulder	Summers 2021, 2022, and 2023
ATOC Curriculum Committee, CU Boulder	September 2022 - May 2023
Student Departmental Advisor, Physics, Carleton College	Sep. 2017 - June 2018
Physics Department Curriculum Committee, Carleton College	Sep. 2017 - June 2018