

## EDUCATION

- 2026 **Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Engineering** Berkeley, CA  
(expected) **University of California, Berkeley**  
Advisor: Dr. Joshua Apte  
Dissertation Committee: Drs. Joshua Apte, Robert Harley, Cesunica Ivey, Rachel Morello-Frosch
- 2018 **Master of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering** Cambridge, MA  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Thesis: The phase separation inlet for droplets, ice residuals, and interstitial aerosols  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel J. Cziczo
- 2017 **Bachelor of Science in Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences** Cambridge, MA  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Thesis: Characterization of a 3D printed pumped counterflow virtual impactor and an aerodynamic lens concentrator  
Minor: Atmospheric Chemistry  
Concentration: Music and Theater Arts

## PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS

### Peer-Reviewed

- 2024 **Koolik, L. H.**, Alvarado, Á., Budahn, A., Plummer, L., Marshall, J. D., and Apte, J. S.: PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure disparities persist despite strict vehicle emissions controls in California, *Sci. Adv.*, **10**, eadn8544, 2024. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adn8544>.  
Press Coverage: [1], [2], [3], [4], [5]
- 2022 **Koolik, L.**, Roesch, M., Dameto de Espana, C., Rapp, C. N., Franco Deloya, L. J., Shen, C., Hallar, A. G., McCubbin, I. B., and Cziczo, D. J.: A phase separation inlet for droplets, ice residuals, and interstitial aerosol particles, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, **15**, 3213–3222, 2022. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-15-3213-2022>.

### Under Review

- In review* **Koolik, L. H.**, Bullard, R. D., Min, E., Morello-Frosch, R., Salgado, M., Patterson, R., Wedekind, N., Marshall, J. D., and Apte, J. S.: Eliminating systemic disparities in air pollution exposure requires more than emission reduction, *under review*. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv-2025-793ps>.
- In review* **Koolik, L. H.**, Speizer, S., Rong, C., Chambliss, S., Marshall, J. D., Morello-Frosch, R., Tessum, C., and Apte, J. S.: Methodological Design Choices Can Affect Air Pollution Exposure Disparity Estimates: A Case Study on California's Agricultural Sector, *under review*. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv-2025-jcdnz>.
- In review* Marshall, J. D., **Koolik, L. H.**, Ünal, A., Morello-Frosch, R., and Apte, J. S.: Advancing Methods and Models that Promote Equity in Air Quality, *under review*.

## Working Papers

*In prep.* **Koolik, L. H.** & Manchanda, C. (co-first), Ünal, A., Fung, I., Marshall, J. D., Morello-Frosch, R., Turner, A. J., Harley, R. A., and Apte, J. S.: Reverse-Engineering Optimal Pathways to a Triple Win in Air Quality, Climate, and Equity, *working paper*. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv-2025-c6sn4>.

## Patents

2025 Apte, J. S., Harley, R. A., Manchanda, C., and **Koolik, L. H.**: *Systems, Methods, and Program Products for Reducing Air Pollution for One or More Pollutants in a Locality*. U.C. Berkeley Case No. B2026-025, U.S. Provisional Patent Application, filed September 8, 2025.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025
  - Philomathia Graduate Student Fellowship in the Environmental Sciences ([link](#))
  - Joan Daisey Air Quality Research Award
  - Lau Graduate Fellowship in Climate Equity
- 2024
  - American Geophysical Union Outstanding Student Presentation Award ([link](#))
- 2023
  - Hearts to Humanity Eternal (H2H8) Graduate Research Fellowship ([link](#))
  - Health Effects Institute Jane Warren Award ([link](#))
- 2021
  - University of California, Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study
- 2019
  - Ramboll Extraordinary Individual Contribution to the Business Unit Award
- 2016
  - MIT Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Science Achievement Award

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

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| 2021-26 | <b>Graduate Student Researcher</b> , University of California, Berkeley  | Berkeley, CA      |
|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of open-source modeling tools for estimating air pollution exposure, health outcomes, and disparities arising from California's climate mitigation policies (Advisor: Prof. Joshua Apte).</li><li>• Evaluation of air quality and emissions trends in California's overburdened communities during the first phase of the Community Air Protection Program (Advisor: Prof. Rachel Morello-Frosch).</li></ul> |                   |
| 2018-21 | <b>Air Quality Consultant &amp; Senior Air Quality Consultant</b> , Ramboll  | San Francisco, CA |
|         | Area of expertise: emissions inventory development and health risk analysis.   |                   |
| 2015-18 | <b>Undergraduate &amp; Graduate Research Fellow</b> , MIT  | Cambridge, MA     |
|         | Design and validation of lower-cost sampling instruments for investigating the physical and chemical properties of mixed-phase cloud nucleating particles (Advisor: Prof. Daniel Cziczo).  |                   |
| 2014    | <b>Undergraduate Research Fellow</b> , MIT   | Cambridge, MA     |
|         | Simulation of the health co-benefits arising from greenhouse gas mitigation policies (Advisor: Prof. Noelle Selin).  |                   |

## MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING

### Graduate Student Research Collaboration

- Simone Speizer (2024–present): “Methodological Design Choices Can Affect Air Pollution Exposure Disparity Estimates: A Case Study on California’s Agricultural Sector.” *Manuscript under review*.
- Cassidy Barrientos (2024–present): “Historical Trends in Exposure Equity Associated with California’s Cap and Trade Program.” *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Lucas Rojas Mendoza (2023–present): “Analyzing Sources and Scales of Air Pollution Disparities in the US and California: Examining Urban-Rural Emission Interactions in disadvantaged communities.” Poster presented at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2023, San Francisco, CA. December 11-15, 2023. *Manuscript in preparation*.

### Undergraduate Student Research Mentorship

- Meghana Raj (2024–present): “Comparing Methodologies for Air Pollution Health Impact Assessments in Open-Source Modeling for Equity in California.” Direct contributions to the modeling pipeline currently in use by California state agencies.
- Benjamin Salop (2024–2025): “Future-Proofing Open-Source, Accessible Air Pollution Modeling Pipelines for Increased Usability.” Direct contributions to the modeling pipeline currently in use by California state agencies.
- Amy Yao (2024): “Developing Automated Techniques for Processing Complex Population Data.” Direct contributions to the modeling pipeline currently in use by California state agencies.
- Clara Rong (2023–2024): “Decomposing California’s Agricultural Sector for Insights Towards Equitable Air Quality.” Poster presented at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2023, San Francisco, CA. December 11–15, 2023. *Manuscript under review*.
- Thomas Le (2022–2023): “Increasing Accessibility for Modeling Point Source Emissions.” Emissions processing pipeline developed is currently in use by state agencies.

### Other Mentorship

- MIT Terrascope Alumni Mentor (2022–present): provide technical support for undergraduate program that challenges freshmen to develop socio-politically informed engineering solutions to global environmental problems.
- Berkeley Graduate Women in Engineering & Society of Women Engineering Mentor (2022–present): provide research and career advice to undergraduate women and non-binary engineers.

### Advisory Roles

- UCLA Environmental Science Senior Practicum (2024 & 2025): provide introductory training resources and ongoing support for air pollution modeling efforts by undergraduate student research teams advised by Prof. Pablo Saide.
- Community Health and Environmental Impacts Section of the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (2022–present): provide ongoing technical support and code development for open-access model developed.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Featured presenter and panelist at American Geophysical Union GeoHealth Outstanding Student Presentation Award-Winning Research: Exploring Equity and Emission Impacts in GeoHealth. Virtual. July 19, 2024.</li></ul> |
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- “For Exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from California’s On-Road Mobile Sources, Relative Disparities by Race-Ethnicity Remain Even After Decades of Emissions Controls.” Oral presentation at the 2024 Joint American Geophysical Union/American Meteorological Society Showcase. Virtual. April 3, 2024.
- 2023
- EJ-AIR Workshop: Using Air Pollution Data and Models for Environmental Justice, Berkeley, CA. December 7–9, 2023.
  - “Racial-Ethnic Disparities in Exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from California’s On-Road Mobile Sources Remain After Decades of Emissions Controls.” Featured talk in the Jane Warren Award Plenary at the Health Effects Institute Annual Conference, Boston, MA. April 28–May 3, 2023.
  - PAVITRA Project Launch and Capacity Building Workshop, Bengaluru, India. March 2–6, 2023.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025
- “Inverting Environmental Policy: A Bayesian Framework for Achieving Triple Wins in Air Quality, Climate, and Equity.” Poster presentation at the Health Effects Institute Annual Conference, Austin, TX. May 4–6, 2025.
- 2024
- “A Conceptual Framework Towards Equity-Oriented Decision-Making in Air Pollution.” Poster presentation at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, Washington D.C. December 9–13, 2024.
  - “For Exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from California’s On-Road Mobile Sources, Relative Disparities by Race-Ethnicity Remain Even After Decades of Emissions Controls.” Oral presentation at International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Annual Conference, Santiago, Chile. August 25–28, 2024.
  - “A Conceptual Framework Towards Equity-Oriented Decision-Making in Air Pollution.” Poster presentation at Health Effects Institute Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. April 28–30, 2024.
- 2023
- “For Exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from California’s On-Road Mobile Sources, Relative Disparities by Race-Ethnicity Remain Even After Decades of Emissions Controls.” Oral presentation at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA. December 11–15, 2024. **Winner of the 2023 Outstanding Student Presentation Award** ([link](#)).
  - “Racial-Ethnic Disparities in Exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from California’s On-Road Mobile Sources Remain After Decades of Emissions Controls.” Poster presentation at the Health Effects Institute Annual Conference, Boston, MA. April 28–May 3, 2023. **Winner of the 2023 Jane Warren Award** ([link](#)).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025
- Discipline Cluster Leader for UC Berkeley Fall Teaching Conference for First-Time Student Instructors.
- 2022
- Graduate Student Instructor for Berkeley School of Public Health graduate-level course on Exposure Assessments and Controls.
- 2017, 2018
- Teaching Assistant for MIT’s Discover Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences Extreme Weather Freshman Program.
- 2015
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade chemistry instructor for MIT’s Office of Engineering Outreach Program’s middle school STEM program.

- Volunteer and guest teacher as part of MIT and Teach for America's Four Weeks for America teaching program.

- 2014
- Undergraduate Teaching Fellow for the Solving Complex Problems course through MIT's "Mission 2018" cohort of the Terrascope program.

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

### Academic and Professional Service

- American Geophysical Union GeoHealth Early Career Committee.
- Early career convener for session on "Innovative Models and Tools to Precisely Quantify and Identify Solutions for Air Pollution Exposure Inequality" at the American Geophysical Union Fall 2024 meeting.
- Peer Review for *Environmental Science & Technology* and *GeoHealth*.
- 2023 Environmental Engineering Seminar Organization Committee.

### Community Service and Outreach

- Lead coordinator for a series of air filtration workshops for La Clinica de la Raza, Community Resources for Science, and Stockton Unified School District (2023–present).
- Panelist for the NSF-funded CARE panel to share my career pathway to underrepresented students in the Chicago area (April 7, 2022).

### Open-Source Software and Resource Development

- Estimating Concentrations and Health Outcomes: Automated ISRM Resource (ECHO-AIR): Lead engineer of a fully open-source model designed to increase accessibility in high-resolution air pollution modeling. See more at: <https://echo-air-model.github.io/>
- Collection of research graphics and slide templates available on my personal website: <https://lkoolik.github.io/>