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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Atmospheric Science**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO      defended March 2019  
Advisor: Elizabeth A. Barnes  
**M.S., Atmospheric Science**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO      defended October 2015  
Advisor: Elizabeth A. Barnes  
**B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering**, Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, Cambridge, MA      June 2012

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoctoral Research Associate**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA      June 2019 - Present

- Performed extensive numerical and statistical analysis of large geospatial data sets, including output from weather forecasting models, with a focus on predictability and extreme events
- Developed open-source Python code to be shared with the scientific community
- Attended scientific workshops, conferences, and hackathons to share scientific results and learn new analysis techniques

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO      June 2013 - May 2019

- Performed extensive numerical and statistical analysis of large geospatial datasets such as reanalysis and climate model output, and led 3 peer-reviewed publications with a large statistical and data analysis component
- Collaborated extensively with computer science researchers, including collaboratively-written publications applying causal discovery methods to climate science; a spotlight presentation at a climate informatics workshop, and publicly shared code
- Ran numerical experiments in simplified atmospheric models and received basic training on running fully-coupled climate models

## SKILLS AND TRAINING

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**Programming:** Python (including xarray, Pandas, scikit-learn, statsmodels, and Jupyter), MATLAB; familiarity with Fortran and NCAR Command Language

**Data Analysis:** Efficiently preprocessing, analyzing, and visualizing output from large geospatial datasets, including fully coupled climate models, weather forecasting models, and reanalysis products, and satellite observations; experience applying statistical analysis and data science techniques to earth science problems

**Atmospheric and climate models:** Extensive experience running simplified atmospheric models and some experience running the Community Earth System Model (CESM).

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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### IN PREPARATION

**McGraw, M.C.**, E. Blanchard-Wrigglesworth, R.P. Clancy, and C.M. Bitz: *Predictability of extreme sea ice loss events in S2S Forecast Models*, in preparation for submission in January 2021.

## PUBLISHED (8 total)

**McGraw, M.C.** and E.A. Barnes (2020): New Insights on Subseasonal Arctic-Midlatitude Causal Connections from a Regularized Regression Model. *Journal of Climate*, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-19-0142.1.

Samarasinghe, S., **M.C. McGraw**, E.A. Barnes, and I. Ebert-Uphoff (2019): A study of links between the Arctic and the midlatitude jet-streams using Granger and Pearl causality. *Environmetrics*, doi:10.1002/env.2540.

**McGraw, M.C.**, and E.A. Barnes (2018): Memory matters: A case for Granger causality in climate variability studies. *J. Climate*, **31**, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-17-0334.1.

**McGraw, M.C.**, and E.A. Barnes (2016): Seasonal sensitivity of the eddy-driven jet to tropospheric heating in an idealized AGCM. *J. Climate*, **29**, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-15-0723.1.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (5 OF 14)

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**McGraw, M.C.**, E Blanchard-Wrigglesworth, RP Clancy, CM Bitz: Extreme Sea Ice Loss on Subseasonal Timescales in S2S Forecast Models. Poster presentation: American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, 12/2020 (remote).

**McGraw, M.C.**, and E.A. Barnes: Using Causal Discovery to Explore Arctic-Midlatitude Dynamics. Oral presentation: American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (12/2018); NCAR Climate Variability and Change weekly seminar, Boulder, CO (11/2018); Atmospheric Dynamics seminar, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (11/2019).

Samarasinghe, S., **M. C. McGraw**, E. A. Barnes, and I. Ebert-Uphoff: A Study of Causal Links Between the Arctic and the Midlatitude Jet-Streams. **Spotlight presentation (with Savini Samarasinghe):** 7th International Workshop on Climate Informatics, Boulder, CO. 09/2017.

**McGraw, M. C.**, and E. A. Barnes: Comparing the Forced Response to Volcanic Eruptions Against Internal Variability in Climate Models. Oral presentation: SPARC DynVAR Workshop, Helsinki, Finland (06/2016); NCAR Climate Variability and Change Working Group Meeting, Boulder, CO (02/2016).

**McGraw, M. C.**, and E. A. Barnes: Seasonal sensitivity of the eddy-driven jet to tropospheric heating in an idealized AGCM. Poster: SPARC Storm Tracks Workshop, Grindelwald, Switzerland. 08/2015.

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant** for two graduate-level classes involving helping students complete theoretical and numerical analysis of weather and climate problems, and developing independent projects  
**Mentor** in summer 2014 to an undergraduate who is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at U. Wisconsin

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTREACH

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**Member**, American Geophysical Union (2014-present), American Meteorological Society (2014-present), Graduate Women in Science (2015-2019)

**Reviewer** for *Journal of Climate*, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Earth System Dynamics*, *Weather and Climate Dynamics*

**Member**, U. Washington Atmospheric Sciences Diversity and Inclusion working group; U. Washington Atmospheric Sciences Colloquium Committee (postdoc representative)