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Curriculum Vitae

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1 Affiliation and Research Experience

Current Affiliations

Concordia University , Montreal, Canada	September 2020 – Present
Department of Geography, Planning and Environment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD Candidate in Geography, Planning and Environment• Member of Matthews Climate Lab: CSIM• Lecturer• Supervisor: Dr. Damon Matthews	

2 Educational History

- Concordia University**, Montreal, Canada
Department of Geography, Planning and Environment
 - Master of Science in Environmental Science
 - Date Awarded: Fast-tracked to PhD
 - Member of Matthews Climate Lab: CSIM
 - Supervisor: Dr Damon MatthewsSeptember 2019 – August 2020
- Concordia University**, Montreal, Canada
 - Bachelor of Arts Honours in Human Geography, Minor in Sociology
 - Date Awarded: May 2018
 - Honours Thesis Title: *Daily weather variability and ice conditions: How do weather and climate affect outdoor skating and hockey in Montréal?*
 - Supervisor: Dr. Damon MatthewsSeptember 2013 – May 2018

3 Scholarly and Professional Contributions

Publications in Refereed Journals

PUBLICATIONS AND CITATIONS SUMMARY

- **Number of refereed journal publications:** 5
- **Total citations:** 168
- **h-index:** 5

PUBLISHED / IN PRESS

1. Wynes, S., Davis, S.J., **Dickau, M.** et al. Perceptions of carbon dioxide emission reductions and future warming among climate experts. *Communications Earth Environment*. 5, 498 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-024-01661-8>
2. Wynes, S., **Dickau, M.**, Kotcher, J. E., Thaker, J., Goldberg, M. H., Matthews, H. D., & Donner, S. D. (2022). Frequent pro-climate messaging does not predict pro-climate voting by United States legislators. *Environmental Research: Climate*, 1(2), 025011. <https://doi.org/10.1088/2752-5295/aca8c4>
3. **Dickau, M.**, Matthews, H. D., & Tokarska, K. B. (2022). The Role of Remaining Carbon Budgets and Net-Zero CO2 Targets in Climate Mitigation Policy. *Current Climate Change Reports*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40641-022-00184-8>
4. Matthews, H. D., Zickfeld, K., **Dickau, M.**, MacIsaac, A. J., Mathesius, S., Nzotungicimpaye, C.-M., & Luers, A. (2022). Temporary nature-based carbon removal can lower peak warming in a well-below 2 °C scenario. *Communications Earth & Environment*, 3(1), 65. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-022-00391-z>
5. **Dickau, M.**, Matthews, D., Guertin, É., & Seto, D. (2020). Projections of declining outdoor skating availability in Montreal due to global warming. *Environmental Research Communications*, 2(5), 051001. <https://doi.org/10.1088/2515-7620/ab8ca8>

Non-Refereed Publications

1. Matthews, H. D. and Dickau, M. (2024) Réchauffement planétaire : l'hiver canadien n'est plus ce qu'il était. *The Conversation*. February 2024.
2. Matthews, H. D. and Dickau, M. (2024) How global warming is reshaping winter life in Canada. *The Conversation*. February 2024.

Presentations, Seminars and Workshops

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- **Climate change: An introduction and a look ahead**
 - Invited speaker at for seminar series, Dawson College, Enriched Science Program, September 2023.
- **Implications of the remaining carbon budget or SDG13- Climate Action**
 - Guest lecturer, Concordia University undergraduate level course, *LOYC 398: Perspectives on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*, October 2021.
- **Introduction to Climate Modelling and Carbon Budgets**
 - Guest lecturer, Bishop's University undergraduate level course, *ESG 100: Introduction to Environmental Science*, September 2020.
- **Climate Science Workshop for Climate Activists**

- Panel member, Concordia University, September 2021.
- **Introduction to Climate Data Visualization Using R**
 - Guest lecturer, Concordia University Masters level course, *HENV 660: Climate change*, September 2020.
- **Climate Science Workshop for Climate Activists**
 - Panel member, Concordia University, September 2020.
- **Climate Change Workshop for FACE high school**
 - Co-organizer & presenter, Concordia University, November 2019.
- **Successful strategies for conducting research**
 - Invited presenter, Concordia University Undergraduate class, November 2018 & October 2020.
- **Climate Change Debate Event**
 - Co-organizer & presenter, Concordia University, April 2018.

ORAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **The proportionality between tonne-years of temporary carbon storage and inertial climate variables**
 - European Geophysical Union General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, May 2025
2. **Projections of declining outdoor skating availability in Montreal due to global warming**
 - 27th International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics General Assembly, Montreal, Canada, 2019.
3. **Projections of declining outdoor skating availability in Montreal due to global warming**
 - Sustainability in the City and Beyond, Montreal, Canada, 2019

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. **The proportionality between tonne-years of temporary carbon storage and inertial climate variables**
 - Authors: **Mitchell Dickau** and H. Damon Matthews
 - European Geophysical Union General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, May 2025
2. **Application of tonne-year accounting to track the durability and climate impact of temporary land carbon storage**
 - Authors: H. Damon Matthews, Amy Luers, and **Mitchell Dickau**
 - American Geophysical Union, Washington DC, USA, December 2024
3. **Investigating the path dependence of climate changes in a 200-member ensemble of overshoot scenarios**
 - Authors: **Mitchell Dickau** and H. Damon Matthews
 - European Geophysical Union General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, May 2024

4. **Temporary nature-based carbon removal can lower peak warming in a well-below 2°C scenario**
 - Authors: H. Damon Matthews, Kirsten Zickfeld, **Mitchell Dickau**, Alexander MacIsaac, Sabine Mathesius, Claude-Michel Nzotungicimpaye, Amy Luers
 - European Geophysical Union General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, May 2022
5. **Are the planned rates of CO₂ sequestration in the IPCCs aggressive mitigation scenarios achievable and sustainable?**
 - Authors: Mitchell Dickau
 - Sustainability and the Climate Crisis, Montreal, Canada, March 2020

4 Grants, Scholarships, Awards, and Honours Received

Research Grants Awarded

1. **NSERC PGS-D Doctoral Scholarship**
 - *Granting Agency:* Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
 - *Title:* The Effect of Aggressive Mitigation of non-CO₂ Emissions on the Effective Transient Climate Response to Cumulative CO₂ Emissions
 - *Principle Investigator:* Mitchell Dickau
 - *Value:* \$63,000 *Period Held:* 2021-2024.
2. **NSERC CGS Master's Scholarship**
 - *Granting Agency:* Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
 - *Title:* The Effect of Aggressive Mitigation of non-CO₂ Emissions on the Effective Transient Climate Response to Cumulative CO₂ Emissions
 - *Principle Investigator:* Mitchell Dickau
 - *Value:* \$17,500 *Period Held:* 2020-2021.
3. **FRQNT - Master's program of Scholarship for 2nd cycle (B1X)**
 - *Granting Agency:* Fonds de recherche Nature et technologies Quebec
 - *Title:* L'effet de la mitigation des émissions de gaz autres que le CO₂ sur les budgets carbone globaux
 - *Principle Investigator:* Mitchell Dickau
 - *Value:* \$23,334 *Period Held:* 2021-2022.
4. **Project Grant**
 - *Granting Agency:* Peter Gilgan Foundation
 - *Title:* #PledgeToLead: a new website to support ambitious individual climate pledges
 - *Principle Investigator:* H. Damon Matthews
 - *Value:* \$25,000 *Period Held:* 2019.
5. **Sustainability Action Fund Grant**
 - *Granting Agency:* Sustainability Action Fund, Concordia University
 - *Title:* Mobilizing individual climate action
 - *Principle Investigator:* Alexander MacIsaac
 - *Value:* \$8,000 *Period Held:* 2018-2019.

Awards and Honours Received

1. Graduate Research Communicator of the Year award for 2024
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University as a part of President's Media Outreach Awards
 - *Date Awarded:* June 2025
2. **Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Fellowship Scholarship (Doctoral)**
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University
 - *Date Awarded:* August 2020
 - *Value:* \$56000 *Period Held:* 2020-2024
3. **Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Fellowship Scholarship (Masters)**
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University
 - *Date Awarded:* September 2019
 - *Value:* \$7000 *Period Held:* 2019-2020
4. **Hydro-Quebec Master's Scholarship**
 - *Awarded By:* Hydro Quebec
 - *Date Awarded:* January 2020
 - *Value:* \$5000 *Period Held:* 2020
5. **Second Prize in Undergraduate Oral Presentation for the Sustainability in the City and Beyond Conference**
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University
 - *Date Awarded:* March 2019
6. **Top 1% Scholar - Faculty of Arts and Science**
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University
 - *Date Awarded:* October 2017
7. **Dean's List**
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University
 - *Date Awarded:* May 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018
8. **Concordia University Shuffle ICB Grant**
 - *Awarded By:* Concordia University
 - *Date Awarded:* September 2017

5 Teaching

a. Courses Taught

1. Geography 272 – The Natural Environment: Air and Water
 - Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University.
 - Introductory level course (first-year) undergraduate course (125 students). Winter 2023.

b. Lab Instruction as Teaching Assistant

1. GEOG 264 – Intro to Scientific Programming in R. Winter 2020.

- Undergraduate class. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University
2. HENV 660 – Climate change. Fall 2019.
 - Graduate class. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University
 3. GEOG 498 – Geospatial Programming in Python. Winter 2021.
 - Undergraduate class. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University

6 Service and Professional Activities

a. Media and Public Relations

MEDIA COVERAGE

1. General Media Activities

- Interviewed by Agence France Presse (AFP) article on outdoor skating in Canada January 24th, 2024
 - *Warming world dampening winter sports in Canada* by Geneviève Normand
 - Published by Barron's, Phys.org, Yahoo News Singapore, Sportstar, KPC News, Manila Times, Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal
 - <https://www.barrons.com/news/warming-world-dampening-winter-sports-in-canada-ee810e0d>
- Live radio interview to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating
 - CBC Radio 1 Montreal, Radio Noon Quebec with Shawn Apel, January 4th, 2024
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-102/clip/16033145>
- Live radio interview to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating
 - CBC Radio Montreal, Daybreak Montreal with Sean Henry, December 22nd, 2023
- Live radio interview to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating
 - CBC Radio 1 Montreal, Let's Go with Sabrina Marandola, January 5th, 2023
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-383-lets-go/clip/15958168-outdoor-skating-season-drastically-shorter-reduce-carbon-emissions>
- Interviewed to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating in Montreal
 - CBC Montreal evening news, January 4th, 2023
- Interviewed to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating in Montreal
 - *No snow, warm temperatures mean only rinks fit for skating in Montreal are refrigerated* by Kwabena Oduro and Isaac Olson
 - CBC News, January 4th, 2023
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/montreal-ice-skating-1.6702667>
- Interviewed to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating
 - *For the love of the ice rink, let's fight climate change* by Patricia Lane

- National Observer, May 17th, 2021
 - <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2021/05/17/news/love-ice-rink-fight-climate-change-emissions-global-warming-Montreal>
 - Interviewed to discuss the effects of climate change on outdoor skating
 - *Outdoor hockey traditions under shadow of climate change* by Stephen Whyno
 - CBC News, January 8th, 2021
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/outdoor-hockey-traditions-under-shadow-of-climate-change-1.5866126>
 - Interviewed to discuss the LEADS research project
 - *Concordia takes on global sustainability in the digital: The LEADS program is funded by a \$1.65-million Collaborative Research and Training Experience grant* by Amy Sharaf
 - Concordia University News, May 13th, 2021 8th
 - <https://www.concordia.ca/news/stories/2021/05/13/concordia-takes-on-global-sustainability-in-the-digital-age.html?c=/news/authors/amy-sharaf>
2. **Research coverage:** *Projections of declining outdoor skating availability in Montreal due to global warming* (Dickau et al., 2020)
- *Patiner... à l'intérieur*, L'actualité, November 2020.
<https://lactualite.com/environnement/un-point-cinq/patiner-a-linterieur/>
 - *Outdoor hockey is the sport's great equalizer — but it's slowly melting away* by Dave Levitan, Grid News, February 17th, 2022.
<https://www.grid.news/story/climate/2022/02/17/climate-change-threatening-hockey-nhl-olympics/>

b. University and Departmental Service and Committees

1. Member, Dept. Hiring Committee (Environmental Science) January 2020
 - Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University

c. Peer-Review Activities

1. Peer reviewer for *Climatic Change*
 - 2024
 - Visser, H., van Prooije, H., de Vries, H. et al. The likelihood of holding outdoor skating marathons: the past, present and future of a climate-change indicator, and a way to adapt. *Climatic Change* 178, 83 (2025).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-025-03920-9>
2. Peer reviewer for *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*
 - 2024
 - Sato, H., & Kohyama, T. (2024). Warm Air Temperatures Generate Home Runs. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 105(12), E2300-E2304.
<https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-24-0139.1>
 - 2022

- Callahan, C. W., N. J. Dominy, J. M. DeSilva, and J. S. Mankin, 2023: Global Warming, Home Runs, and the Future of America's Pastime. *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, 104, E1006–E1016, <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-22-0235.1>.
- 3. Peer reviewer for *Environmental Research Letters*
 - 2021
 - Oda, T., Haga, C., Hosomi, K., Matsui, T., & Bun, R. (2021). Errors and uncertainties associated with the use of unconventional activity data for estimating CO₂ emissions: the case for traffic emissions in Japan. *Environmental Research Letters*, 16(8). <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ac109d>
 - 2020
 - Froemelt, A., Geschke, A., & Wiedmann, T. (2021). Quantifying carbon flows in Switzerland: top-down meets bottom-up modelling. *Environmental Research Letters*, 16(1), 014018. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/abcd5>

d. Professional Training

1. **Leadership Training by Margaret Krebs (coordinator of the Leopold Leadership Program)**
 - Concordia University. April 2022.
2. **The 5th Training Course on Advances in Land Carbon Modelling**
 - Center for Ecosystem Science and Society at Northern Arizona University. May 2022
3. **35 Hour Graduate Seminar in University Teaching**
 - Centre for Teaching and Learning at Concordia University. January 2022.

7 Non-Academic Work Experience

1. **Environment and Climate Change Canada – Canadian Centre for Climate Services, Data Products Office**
 - *Student researcher*: October 2023 – April 2025
 - Project: Working on projections of fire weather in Canada
2. **Reimagine AI**
 - *Consulting on climate change education*: June 2021 – July 2022
3. **Terram Vero Consulting**
 - *Data Analyst*: December 2018 – September 2019
 - *Mineral Analyst*: August 2017
 - *Archivist*: May 2016 – September 2016
4. **Concordia University**
 - *GIS Lab Monitor*: September 2017 – May 2018