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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Candidate, Atmospheric Chemistry

May 2023 (expected)

S.M., Environmental Science and Engineering

March 2022

Thesis: Expanding the capabilities of atmospheric chemistry models using machine learning

Advisors: Daniel Jacob and Loretta Mickley

Reed College, Portland, OR

B.A., Chemistry

May 2016

Thesis: Tropospheric particle formation in forests: global modeling of secondary organic aerosol production from reaction of NO₃ radical with speciated monoterpenes

Advisor: Juliane Fry

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research blends the domains of atmospheric chemistry, air quality engineering, and machine learning/data science to lift barriers in atmospheric chemistry modeling and to address disparities in air pollution monitoring.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant with Professor Daniel Jacob

Sep 2018-Present

Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

- Characterizing chemical data assimilation system for NASA's GEOS-CF model
- Developed a machine learning chemical solver for GEOS-Chem chemical transport model
- With Dr. Loretta Mickley: Created method to identify the optimal placement of air pollution sensors
- Machine learning and data science subgroup co-leader within the [Atmos. Chem. Modeling Group](#)

Jr. Research Scientist with Professor Julian Marshall

June 2016-Aug 2018

University of Washington Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Developed a machine-learning neural network solver to emulate the CBM-Z chemical mechanism
- Analyzed household air pollution from field studies conducted in Koppal, India
- With Professor Timothy Larson: analysis of area-wide, vehicle emission factors in Los Angeles

Undergraduate Senior Research Thesis with Professor Juliane Fry

Sep 2015-May 2016

Reed College Department of Chemistry

- Employed GEOS-Chem to implement a speciated NO₃-Terpene VBS scheme to investigate the regional and global distribution of secondary organic aerosols; collaborated with Dr. Havala Pye (EPA) and Professor Emily Fischer (CSU)

Undergraduate Research Assistant with Professor Emily Fischer

Summer 2015

Colorado State University Department of Atmospheric Science

- Evaluated importance of monoterpene-derived acetone production in GEOS-Chem

Undergraduate Research Assistant with Professor Juliane Fry

Summer 2014-May 2015

Reed College Department of Chemistry

- Analyzed effects of black carbon from coal trains in the Columbia River Gorge; collaborated on field campaign with Professor Dan Jaffe (University of Washington)
- Maintained Reed College and Brooklyn Rail Yard monitoring sites; modeled ambient air pollution in SE Portland with data from field sites in conjunction with Oregon DEQ

PUBLICATIONS

h-index: 7, total citations: 136 (as of September 2022, [Google Scholar](#)); as first author (6), as co-author (4)

[9] **Kelp, M.**, D.J. Jacob, H. Lin, and M.P. Sulprizio (2022). An online-learned neural network chemical solver for stable long-term global simulations of atmospheric chemistry. *JAMES*, 14, e2021MS002926, DOI: 10.1029/2021MS002926

- [Editor’s Highlight in JAMES](#), Special Collection on “Machine learning application to Earth system modeling”

[8] Yang, L. H., D.H. Hagan, J.C. Rivera-Rios, **M. Kelp**, E.S. Cross, C.Y. Peng, J. Kaiser, L.R. Williams, P. L. Croteau, J.T. Jayne, N.L. Ng (2022). Investigating the sources of urban air pollution using low-cost air quality sensors at an urban Atlanta site. *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 56, 11, 7063–7073, DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.1c07005

- Special Issue on “Urban Air Pollution and Human Health”

[7] **Kelp, M.**, S. Lin**, J.N. Kutz, and L.J. Mickley (2022). A new approach for optimal placement of PM_{2.5} air quality sensors: case study for the contiguous United States. *Env. Res. Letters*, 17, 034034, DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/ac548f

[6] **Kelp, M.**, D.J. Jacob, J.N. Kutz, J.D. Marshall, and C. Tessum (2020). Toward stable, general machine-learned models of the atmospheric chemical system. *JGR: Atmospheres*, 125, e2020JD032759, DOI: 10.1029/2020JD032759

[5] **Kelp, M.**, T. Gould, E. Austin, J.D. Marshall, M. Yost, C. Simpson, and T. Larson (2020). Sensitivity analysis of area-wide, mobile source emission factors to high-emitter vehicles in Los Angeles. *Atmospheric Environment*, 223, 117212, DOI: 10.1016/j.atmosenv.2019.117212

[4] Wen, Y., H. Wang, T. Larson, **M. Kelp**, S. Zhang, Y. Wu, and J.D. Marshall (2019). On-highway vehicle emission factors, and spatial patterns, based on mobile monitoring and absolute principal component score. *Science of The Total Environment*, 676, 242–251, DOI: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.04.185

[3] **Kelp, M.**, A.P. Grieshop, C.O. Reynolds, J. Baumgartner, G. Jain, K. Sethuramanand, and J.D. Marshall (2018). Real-time indoor measurement of health and climate-relevant air pollution concentrations during a carbon-finance-approved cookstove intervention in rural India. *Development Engineering*, 3, 125–132, DOI: 10.1016/j.deveng.2018.05.001

[2] Brewer, J. F., M. Bishop, **M. Kelp**, C. Keller, A.R. Ravishankara, and E.V. Fischer (2017). A sensitivity analysis of key factors in the modeled global acetone budget. *J. Geophys. Res.*, 122, DOI: 10.1002/2016JD025935

[1] Jaffe, D., J. Putz, G. Hof, G. Hof, J. Hee, D.A. Lommers-Johnson, F. Gabela, J. Fry, B. Ayres, **M. Kelp**, and M. Minsk (2015). Diesel particulate matter and coal dust from trains in the Columbia River Gorge, Washington state, USA. *Atmospheric Pollution Research*, 6, 946–952, DOI: 10.1016/j.apr.2015.04.004

** Note: authors who are students I mentored are double starred

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[2] **Kelp, M.**, C. Tessum, and J.D. Marshall (2018). Orders-of-magnitude speedup in atmospheric chemistry modeling through neural network-based emulation. arXiv:1808.03874

[1] **Kelp, M.**, 2016. “Tropospheric particle formation in forests: global modeling of secondary organic aerosol production from reaction of NO₃ radical with speciated monoterpenes”, Reed College.

PUBLICATIONS IN-PREP, IN-REVIEW

- **Kelp, M.**, T. Liu, and L.J. Mickley. Prescribed burns as a tool to mitigate future smoke exposure: Lessons for states and environmental justice communities, (In-prep)
- **Kelp, M.**, T. C. Fargiano**, S. Lin**, T. Liu, J. N. Kutz, and L.J. Mickley. Data-driven placement of PM_{2.5} air quality sensors in the United States: an approach to target urban environmental injustice, (In-prep)
- **Kelp, M.**, C. A. Keller, K. Wargan, B.M. Karpowicz, and D. J. Jacob. Tropospheric ozone data

assimilation in the NASA GEOS Composition Forecast Modeling System GEOS-CF v2.0 including direct assimilation of thermal infra-red radiances, (In-prep)

- INVITED TALKS**
- [6] Royal Meteorological Society Atmospheric Chemistry Special Interest Conference, Dec 8, 2022
 - [5] Atmospheric Chemical Mechanisms Conference, Dec 8, 2022
 - [4] ECMWF Machine Learning Workshop, Mar 29, 2022
 - [3] University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Advanced Env. Engineering Seminar, Feb 11, 2022
 - [2] EPA Model Applications Team Meeting, Jan 12, 2022
 - [1] AGU Virtual Fall Meeting, Dec 7, 2020

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CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**
- [13] **M. Kelp**, C. A. Keller, K. Wargan, B.M. Karpowicz, and D. J. Jacob. Tropospheric ozone data assimilation in the NASA GEOS Composition Forecast Modeling System GEOS-CF v2.0 including direct assimilation of thermal infra-red radiances. *AMS Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, January 12, 2023 (*Talk, upcoming*)
 - [12] **M. Kelp**, T. C. Fargiano, S. Lin, T. Liu, J. N. Kutz, and L.J. Mickley. Data-driven placement of PM_{2.5} air quality sensors in the United States: an approach to target urban environmental injustice. *AGU Fall Meeting*, Chicago, IL, December 12, 2022 (*Talk, upcoming*)
 - [11] **M. Kelp**, T. Liu, and L.J. Mickley. Sensitivity of population-weighted smoke exposure to wildfires in the western United States: implications for prescribed burning at the state level and in rural environmental justice communities. *AGU Fall Meeting*, Chicago, IL, December 14, 2022 (*Talk, upcoming*)
 - [10] **M. Kelp**, D.J. Jacob, and H. Lin. An Online-Learned Neural Network Chemical Solver for Stable and Long-Term Global Simulations of Atmospheric Chemistry in S2S Applications. *AMS Annual Meeting*, January 26, 2022 *Talk*
 - [9] **M. Kelp** and D.J. Jacob. A recursive neural network chemical solver for fast long-term global simulations of atmospheric composition. *AMS Annual Meeting*, Virtual, January 13, 2021 *Talk*
 - [8] **M. Kelp**, J. N. Kutz, J.D. Marshall, and C.W. Tessum. Toward stable, general machine-learned models of the atmospheric chemical system. *AGU Virtual Fall Meeting*, Virtual, December 7, 2020 *Invited Talk*
 - [7] **M. Kelp** and D.J. Jacob. A recursive neural network chemical solver for fast long-term global simulations of atmospheric composition. *Atmospheric Chemical Mechanisms Conference*, Virtual, November 18, 2020 *Lightning talk*
 - [6] **M. Kelp**, J. N. Kutz, J.D. Marshall, and C. Tessum. Deep Learning Emulation and Compression of an Atmospheric Chemical System using a Chained Training Regime. *AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2019
 - [5] **M. Kelp**, C.W. Tessum, and J.D. Marshall. Orders-of-Magnitude Speedup in Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling through Neural Network-Based Emulation. *AGU Fall Meeting*, Washington D.C, December 12, 2018
 - [4] **M. Kelp**, A.P. Grieshop, C.O. Reynolds, J. Baumgartner, G. Jain, K. Sethuramanand, and J.D. Marshall. Investigating Health-Relevant Air Pollution Concentration Linkages Across Multiple Seasons During Indoor Cookstove Campaign in Rural India. *ISES-ISEE Joint Annual Meeting*, Ottawa, CA, August 25, 2018

[3] T.W. Aung, A.P. Grieshop, **M. Kelp**, and J.D. Marshall. Emission and Concentration Linkages from a Cookstove Intervention Trial in India. *International Society of Exposure Science (ISES) Annual Meeting*, Research Triangle Park, NC, October 15-19, 2017

[2] **M. Kelp**, H.O.T. Pye, E.V. Fischer, J. Brewer, and J. Fry. Global Modeling of Secondary Organic Aerosol Production from Reaction of NO₃ Radical with Speciated Monoterpenes. *AAAR Annual Conference*, Portland, OR, October 18, 2016

[1] **M. Kelp**, J. Brewer, C. Keller, and E.V. Fischer. Evaluating the Potential Importance of Monoterpene Degradation for Global Acetone Production. *AGU Fall Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, December 16, 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

Teaching Fellow

Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022

Guest Lecturer

Fall 2022

- EPS 200: Graduate-level Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics

Reed College Department of Chemistry

Laboratory Teaching Assistant

2015-2016

- Chem 101: Molecular Structure and Properties
- Chem 102: Chemical Reactivity

Tutor, Grader

2013-2016

- Chem 101: Molecular Structure and Properties
- Chem 102: Chemical Reactivity
- Chem 230: Environmental Chemistry

MENTORING

Timothy Fargiano, Harvard University, Summer 2022 - present

- Project: Optimal placement of PM_{2.5} air quality sensors in the US: An approach to target environmental injustice
- HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Dr. Loretta Mickley)

Margaret Schultz, Harvard University, January 2022 - present

- Project: Real-time high-resolution downscaling of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) air quality in the United States using machine learning
- Harvard ESE senior research thesis (co-mentor with Drew Pendergrass and Dr. Loretta Mickley)

Sanjna Kedia, Harvard University, Summer 2022

- Project: Machine learning for automated detection of wildfire smoke in the US
- HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Drew Pendergrass and Dr. Loretta Mickley)

Samuel Lin, Harvard University, Summer 2021-Fall 2021

- Project: Optimal air quality sensor placement in the United States
- HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Dr. Loretta Mickley)

Marie Panday, University of Maryland, Summer 2021

- Project: Trends in and Reconstruction of Smoke Days across the United States
- OEB REU (co-mentor with Tina Liu, Drew Pendergrass, and Dr. Loretta Mickley)

Kent Toshima, Harvard University, Summer 2020 - Summer 2021

- Project: Application of deep learning to detection of wildfire smoke in HMS over North America
- HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Tina Liu, Drew Pendergrass, and Dr. Loretta Mickley)

	Miah Caine, Harvard University, Summer 2020 - Spring 2021	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: Agreement between the HMS Product and Ground-Level Smoke in the Pacific Northwest • HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Tina Liu, Drew Pendergrass, and Dr. Loretta Mickley) 	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	Fall 2019, Harvard University
	AGU Outstanding Student Presentation Award	January 2020
	Deep Learning for Science School Travel Grant	July 2019
	National Science Foundation STEM Scholar, Reed College	2013-2016
	Commendation for Academic Excellence, Reed College	2012-2013, 2015-2016
	F. W. Erickson Scholarship, Reed College	2014-2016
	Department of Chemistry Summer Research Grant, Reed College	Summer 2014
	Ann W. Shepard Memorial Scholarship, Reed College	2013-2014
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer reviewer for <i>Atmos. Chem. and Phys.</i>, <i>Env. Res. Comm.</i>, <i>Atmospheric Pollution Research</i>, <i>Geoscientific Model Development</i>, <i>Env. Res. Letters</i>, <i>JAMES</i>, <i>GeoHealth</i>, <i>Environ. Sci. Technol.</i> 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memberships: American Geophysical Union, American Association for Aerosol Research, American Meteorological Society 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality Sample Assistant (Fall 2015) at Oregon DEQ: installed and collected BGI filters and maintained an EPA validated method sampling site and helped create statewide attention towards arsenic and cadmium concentrations in SE Portland, which resulted in the Bullseye Glass Co. suspending its use of chromium 	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Harvard University Jazz Band	2019-Present
	Dudley Graduate Student Jazz Band	2018-2019
	NPR Philosophy Talk Guest Jazz Musician	Aired Nov 29 2015
	Reed College Jazz Ensemble and Conference Musician	2012-2016
TECHNICAL SKILLS	Languages: Fortran 90, IDL, R, Go, Python, Matlab, Unix environments	
	Software: GEOS-Chem, TensorFlow, LaTeX, RStudio	
	Operating Systems: Linux, Mac OS X	