

---

## Makoto M. Kelp

---

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Pierce Hall G3G  
29 Oxford St.  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138

mkelp@g.harvard.edu  
makotokelp.com

### EDUCATION

**Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

**May 2023 (expected)**

*Ph.D. Candidate, Atmospheric Chemistry*

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

Advisor: Daniel Jacob

**Reed College, Portland, OR**

**May 2016**

*B.A., Chemistry*

Thesis: Tropospheric particle formation in forests: global modeling of secondary organic aerosol production from reaction of NO<sub>3</sub> 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 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 on mobile campaign 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 NO<sub>3</sub>-Terpene VBS scheme to investigate the regional and global distribution of secondary organic aerosols; collaborated with Dr. Havalala 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: 102 (as of Feb 2022, [Google Scholar](#)); as first author (5), as co-author (3)

- [7] **Kelp, M.**, S. Lin\*\*, J.N. Kutz, and L.J. Mickley (2022). A new approach for optimal placement of PM<sub>2.5</sub> air quality sensors: case study for the contiguous United States. *Env. Res. Letters*  
doi: 10.1088/1748-9326/ac548f \*\*undergraduate advisee
- [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

## 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 NO<sub>3</sub> radical with speciated monoterpenes", Reed College

## PUBLICATIONS IN-PREP, IN-REVIEW

- **Kelp, M.**, D.J. Jacob, H. Lin, and M.P. Sulprizio. An online-learned neural network chemical solver for stable long-term global simulations of atmospheric chemistry. *in review at JAMES*
- 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. Investigating the sources of urban air pollution using low-cost air quality sensors at an urban Atlanta site. *in review at ES&T*

## INVITED TALKS

- [3] **M. Kelp**, D.J. Jacob, H. Lin., and M.P. Sulprizio. An online-learned neural network chemical solver for stable long-term global simulations of atmospheric chemistry. *ECMWF Machine Learning Workshop*, Virtual, March 29, 2022
- [2] **M. Kelp**, S. Lin, J.N. Kutz, and L.J. Mickley. A new approach for determining optimal placement of PM<sub>2.5</sub> air quality sensors,
  - *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Advanced Environmental Engineering Seminar*, Virtual, February 11, 2022
  - *EPA Model Applications Team Meeting*, Virtual, January 12, 2022
- [1] **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*, December 7, 2020

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

- [9] **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*
- [8] **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*
- [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 NO<sub>3</sub> 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**

- 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

<b>MENTORING</b>	<hr/>	
	<i>Margaret Schultz</i> , Harvard University, January 2022 - present	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project: Real-time high-resolution downscaling of fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) air quality in the United States using machine learning</li> <li>• Harvard ESE senior research thesis (co-mentor with Drew Pendergrass and Dr. Loretta Mickley)</li> </ul>	
	<i>Samuel Lin</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2021-Fall 2021	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project: Optimal air quality sensor placement in the United States</li> <li>• HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Dr. Loretta Mickley)</li> </ul>	
	<i>Marie Panday</i> , University of Maryland, Summer 2021	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project: Trends in and Reconstruction of Smoke Days across the United States</li> <li>• OEB REU (co-mentor with Tina Liu, Drew Pendergrass, and Dr. Loretta Mickley)</li> </ul>	
	<i>Kent Toshima</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2020 - Summer 2021	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project: Application of Deep Learning to Detection of Wildfire Smoke in HMS over North America</li> <li>• HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Tina Liu, Drew Pendergrass, and Dr. Loretta Mickley)</li> </ul>	
	<i>Miah Caine</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2020 - Spring 2021	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project: Agreement between the HMS Product and Ground-Level Smoke in the Pacific Northwest</li> <li>• HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Tina Liu, Drew Pendergrass, and Dr. Loretta Mickley)</li> </ul>	
<b>HONORS AND AWARDS</b>	Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching Fall 2019, Harvard University	<b>April 2020</b>
	AGU Outstanding Student Presentation Award	<b>January 2020</b>
	Deep Learning for Science School Travel Grant	<b>July 2019</b>
	National Science Foundation STEM Scholar, Reed College	<b>2013-2016</b>
	Commendation for Academic Excellence, Reed College	<b>2012-2013, 2015-2016</b>
	F. W. Erickson Scholarship, Reed College	<b>2014-2016</b>
	Department of Chemistry Summer Research Grant, Reed College	<b>Summer 2014</b>
	Ann W. Shepard Memorial Scholarship, Reed College	<b>2013-2014</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Peer reviewer</b> 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></li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Memberships:</b> American Geophysical Union, American Association for Aerosol Research, American Meteorological Society</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality Sample Assistant (Fall 2015) at Oregon DEQ: installed and collected BGI filters and maintained an <a href="#">EPA validated method sampling site</a> and helped create <a href="#">statewide attention</a> towards arsenic and cadmium concentrations in SE Portland, which resulted in the Bullseye Glass Co. <a href="#">suspending its use of chromium</a></li> </ul>	
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>	Harvard University Monday Jazz Band	<b>2019-Present</b>
	Dudley Graduate Student Jazz Band	<b>2018-2019</b>
	NPR Philosophy Talk Guest Jazz Musician	<b>Aired Nov 29 2015</b>
	Reed College Jazz Ensemble and Conference Musician	<b>2012-2016</b>
	Jazz Band and Music Department Assistant	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>TECHNICAL SKILLS</b>		
	Languages: Fortran 90, IDL, R, Go, Python, Matlab, Unix environments	
	Software: GEOS-Chem, TensorFlow, LaTeX, RStudio	
	Operating Systems: Linux, Mac OS X	