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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences

May 2023

S.M., Environmental Science and Engineering

March 2022

Thesis: Expanding the Capabilities of Atmospheric Chemistry Models and Datasets Using Machine Learning and Data-Driven Methods

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 and exposures.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant with Prof. Daniel Jacob and Dr. Loretta Mickley **Sep 2018-Present**
Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

- With Dr. Christoph Keller at NASA GSFC: Chemical data assimilation in GEOS-CF model
- Developed a machine learning chemical solver for GEOS-Chem chemical transport model
- Created method to identify the optimal and equitable placement of air pollution sensors
- Investigated the potential for prescribed fires to abate wildfire smoke exposures in the western US
- Machine learning and data science subgroup co-leader within the [Atmos. Chem. Modeling Group](#)

Jr. Research Scientist with Prof. 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 Prof. Timothy Larson: analysis of area-wide, vehicle emission factors in Los Angeles

Undergraduate Senior Research Thesis with Prof. 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. Havalala Pye (EPA) and Prof. Emily Fischer (CSU)

Undergraduate Research Assistant with Prof. 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 Prof. 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 Prof. 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: 8, total citations: 160 (as of April 2023, [Google Scholar](#)); as first author (7), as co-author (4)

[10] **Kelp, M.**, M. Carroll, T. Liu, R.M. Yantosca, H.E. Hockenberry, and L.J. Mickley. Prescribed burns as a tool to mitigate future wildfire smoke exposure: Lessons for states and environmental justice communities. Accepted at *Earth's Future*

[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. C. Fargiano**, S. Lin**, T. Liu, J.R. Turner, 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, (Submitted to *GeoHealth*)

- **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) using satellite data for ozone vertical profiles (MLS), total ozone columns (OMI), and thermal infrared radiances (AIRS, IASI), (Submitted to *Environ. Res. Lett.*)
- Balasus, N., D. J. Jacob, A. Lorente, J. D. Maasakkers, R. J. Parker, H. Boesch, Z. Chen, **M., Kelp**, H. Nesser, and D. J. Varon. A blended TROPOMI+GOSAT satellite data product for atmospheric methane using machine learning to correct retrieval biases, (Submitted to *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*):

- INVITED TALKS**
- [14] Meteorology and Climate - Modeling for Air Quality Conference, UC Davis, Sep 13-15, 2023
 - [13] Science in the News, Harvard University, April 2023
 - [12] AGU/AMS GeoHealth Showcase, March 2023
 - [11] MIT Atmospheric Chemistry Colloquium, Feb 2023
 - [10] Stanford University, Jan 2023
 - [9] Royal Meteorological Society Atmospheric Chemistry Special Interest Conference, Dec 2022
 - [8] Atmospheric Chemical Mechanisms Conference, UC Davis, Dec 2022
 - [7] Pennsylvania Dept. of Env. Protection Air Monitoring Committee Workshop, Dec 2022
 - [6] Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Nov 2022
 - [5] University of Washington, July 2022
 - [4] ECMWF Machine Learning Workshop, Mar 2022
 - [3] University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Advanced Env. Engineering Seminar, Feb 2022
 - [2] EPA Model Applications Team Meeting, Jan 2022
 - [1] AGU Virtual Fall Meeting, Dec 2020

**SELECT
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

- [12] **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*
- [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*
- [10] **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*
- [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**, 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*
- [6] **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*

[5] **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

[4] **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

[3] **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

[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

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| NOAA Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship | 2023-2025 |
| Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching Fall 2019, Harvard University | April 2020 |
| 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 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Teaching Certificate , Harvard University, Derek Bok Center for Education & Learning, 2023 | |
| Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences | |
| <i>Teaching Fellow</i> | Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022 |
| <i>Guest Lecturer</i> | Fall 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPS 200: Graduate-level Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics | |
| Reed College Department of Chemistry | |
| <i>Laboratory Teaching Assistant</i> | 2015-2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chem 101: Molecular Structure and Properties • Chem 102: Chemical Reactivity | |
| <i>Tutor, Grader</i> | 2013-2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chem 101: Molecular Structure and Properties • Chem 102: Chemical Reactivity • Chem 230: Environmental Chemistry | |

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| MENTORING | <hr/> | |
| | <i>Timothy Fargiano</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2022 - Fall 2022 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | |
| | <i>Margaret Schultz</i> , Harvard University, January 2022 - December 2022 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | |
| | <i>Sanjna Kedia</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2022 | |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | |
| | <i>Samuel Lin</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2021-Fall 2021 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: Optimal air quality sensor placement in the United States • HUCE Summer Undergraduate Research Program (co-mentor with Dr. Loretta Mickley) | |
| | <i>Marie Panday</i> , University of Maryland, Summer 2021 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | |
| | <i>Kent Toshima</i> , Harvard University, Summer 2020 - Summer 2021 | |
| COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | |
| | <i>Miah Caine</i> , 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) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair for Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report, Phase II (TOAR-II) Machine Learning for Tropospheric Ozone (ML4O3) Working Group (<i>March 2023 -</i>) • Proposal review panelist for NASA Earth Science ROSES Program (<i>Nov 2022</i>) • Co-leader of Statistical Learning in Atmos. Chem. (SLAC) group (Oct 2022 – Present) • Peer reviewer for <i>Atmos. Chem. and Phys., Env. Res. Comm., Atmospheric Pollution Research, Geoscientific Model Development, Env. Res. Letters, JAMES, GeoHealth, Environ. Sci. Technol.</i> • Memberships: AGU, AAAR, AMS • 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 | |
| | Harvard University Jazz Band | |
| | Dudley Graduate Student Jazz Band | |
| TECHNICAL SKILLS | NPR Philosophy Talk Guest Jazz Musician | |
| | Reed College Jazz Ensemble and Conference Musician | |

2019-Present
2018-2019
Aired Nov 29 2015
2012-2016