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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

large-scale climate dynamics • climate variability • atmospheric teleconnections • stratospheric dynamics • sea ice • science communication

EDUCATION

The University of California, Irvine, CA (GPA: 3.99/4.00)

Ph.D. Candidate in Earth System Science (expected May 2020) Advisor: Dr. Gudrun Magnusdottir

The University of California, Irvine, CA (GPA: 3.98/4.00)

M.Sc. in Earth System Science, Sep 2017

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

B.Sc. in Atmospheric Science, May 2015, *Distinction in Research*Thesis: Anomalously Early Onset of Spring in the CESM Large Ensemble
Project

Minor: Dyson Business Minor for Life Sciences

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015-Present Graduate Research Assistant

Assessing influences of Arctic amplification and sea ice variability on the stratosphere and extreme weather in the midlatitudes through global climate model experiments and historical observations

Advisor: Dr. Gudrun Magnusdottir, Earth System Science, University of California Irvine

Su. 2015 Research Assistant

Evaluated the magnitude, frequency, and dynamics of spring onset in the CESM Large Ensemble Project (LENS) through the implementation of the Extended Spring Indices Model

Advisor: Dr. Toby Ault, Earth and Atmospheric Science, Cornell University

2014-2015 Undergraduate Research Assistant

Analyzed Extended Spring Indices model forced by Berkley Earth System Temperature (BEST) reanalysis to understand early spring onset

Advisor: Dr. Toby Ault, Earth and Atmospheric Science, Cornell University

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed/Peer-Reviewed

- [4] Labe, Z.M., Y. Peings, and G. Magnusdottir (2019), The effect of QBO phase on the atmospheric response to projected Arctic sea ice loss in early winter, Geophysical Research Letters, DOI:10.1029/2019GL083095. [Article]
- [3] **Labe, Z.M.**, Y. Peings, and G. Magnusdottir (2018), Contributions of ice thickness to the atmospheric response from projected Arctic sea ice loss, Geophysical Research Letters, DOI:10.1029/2018GL078158. [Article]
- [2] **Labe, Z.M.**, G. Magnusdottir, and H.S. Stern (2018), Variability of Arctic sea ice thickness using PIOMAS and the CESM Large Ensemble, Journal of Climate, DOI:10.1175/JCLI-D-17-0436.1. [Article]
- [1] **Labe, Z.M.**, T.R. Ault, and R. Zurita-Milla (2016), Identifying Anomalously Early Spring Onsets in the CESM Large Ensemble Project, Climate Dynamics, DOI:10.10 07/s00382-016-3313-2. [Article]

Publications Submitted/in Preparation

[1] Thoman, R.L., U. Bhatt, P. Bieniek, B. Brettschneider, M. Brubaker, S. Danielson, **Z.M. Labe**, R. Lader, W. Meier, G. Sheffield, and J. Walsh, 2019: The record low Bering Sea ice extent in 2018: Context, impacts and an assessment of the role of anthropogenic climate change lin "Explaining Extreme Events of 2018 from a Climate Perspective"]. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc. (*in review*)

Non-refereed/Other

[1] **Labe, Z.M.**, April 2015: Anomalously Early Onset of Spring in the CESM Large Ensemble. Cornell University. Undergraduate Honors Thesis. [PDF]

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- [10] **Labe, Z.M.** Melting Ice: Context, Causes, and Consequences of Polar Amplification. *Kavli Frontiers of Science, National Academy of Science*, Jerusalem, Israel (Sep 2019). (**Invited**)
- [9] **Labe, Z.M.** Projections of a future Arctic climate. Geography Department, Irvine Valley College, CA (May 2019). (**Invited**)
- [8] **Labe, Z.M.**, G. Magnusdottir, and Y. Peings. Linking the Quasi-Biennial Oscillation and projected Arctic sea-ice loss to stratospheric variability in early winter. *20th Conference on Middle Atmosphere*, Phoenix, AZ (Jan 2019). [Abstract]
- [7] Magnusdottir, G., **Z.M. Labe**, and Y. Peings. The role of the stratosphere, including the QBO, in Arctic to mid-latitude teleconnections associated with sea-ice forcing. *2018 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC (Dec 2018). [Abstract]
- [6] Labe, Z.M., Y. Peings, H.S. Stern, and G. Magnusdottir. Arctic sea ice thickness variability and its influence on the atmospheric response to projected sea ice loss. *Machine Learning and Physical Sciences (MAPS) Symposium*, University of California, Irvine (May 2018).
- [5] **Labe, Z.M.** Disentangling Arctic climate change and variability. Geography Department, Irvine Valley College, CA (Apr 2018). (**Invited**)
- [4] Thoman, R. and **Z.M. Labe**. 2017-18 Sea Ice in Western Alaska during the 2017-18 Season: Historical Context and Possible Drivers. *Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Conference and Forum*, Nome, AK (Mar 2018).
- [3] **Labe, Z.M.,** G. Magnusdottir, and H.S. Stern. Variability and future projections of Arctic sea ice thickness. *Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Polar Amplification Workshop*, Aspen Global Change Institute, Aspen, CO (Jun 2017). [Recording]

- [2] **Labe, Z.M.** Communicating the future of Arctic climate change. Natural Sciences Division, Fullerton College, CA (Nov 2016). (**Invited**)
- [1] **Labe, Z.M.** Anomalously early onset of spring in the CESM Large Ensemble Project. *Earth and Atmospheric Science Undergraduate Research Symposium*, Cornell University, NY (May 2015).

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- [4] Holman, A., R. Thoman, **Z.M. Labe**, and J.E. Walsh. Not Just Chance: Ocean and Atmospheric Factors in the Record Low Bering Sea Ice Winter of 2017-2018 and effects on health and safety, *2018 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC (Dec 2018). [Abstract]
- [3] Labe, Z.M., G. Magnusdottir, and H.S. Stern. Arctic Sea Ice Thickness Variability and the Large-scale Atmospheric Circulation Using Satellite Observations, PIOMAS, and the CESM Large Ensemble, 14th Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography. Seattle, WA (Jan 2017). [Abstract] [Poster]
- [2] **Labe, Z.M.,** G. Magnusdottir, and H.S. Stern. Making the most of Arctic sea ice thickness observations, *Symposium on Recent Advances in Data Science*, University of California, Irvine (Oct 2016). [Poster]
- [1] **Labe, Z.M.** and T.R. Ault. Anomalously Early Onset of Spring in the CESM Large Ensemble Project, *14th Annual AMS Student Conference*, Phoenix, AZ (Jan 2015). [Poster]

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Jan. 2019	Outstanding Student Presentation Award - AMS Conference on Middle Atmosphere
Nov. 2018	Travel Award - AMS Conference on Middle Atmosphere
2016-2018	NSF NRT-DESE in Data Science and Physical Science Fellowship
Su. 2016	Data Science Initiative Fellowship, Department of Statistics,
	University of California, Irvine
Wi. 2016	Jenkins Family Graduate Fellowship in Earth System Science,
	Department of Earth System Science, University of California, Irvine
2014-2015	Fuerst Outstanding Library Student Employee Award Finalist,
	Cornell University

TEACHING AND OUTREACH

University of California, Irvine

Sp. 2019	Teaching Assistant, Earth System Physics
Wi. 2019	Teaching Assistant, Weather Analysis
Fa. 2016	Teaching Assistant, Fundamental Processes in Earth and Environmental Studies

Cornell University

Su. 2015	Guest Lecturer, Severe Weather Phenomena
Sp. 2015	Teaching Assistant, Programming and Meteorology Software (Python)
Fa. 2014	Teaching Assistant, Basic Principles of Meteorology Lab

Related Educational Activities

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May. 2019	College and Career Day Experience, MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School, Santa Ana, CA (Presenter)	
Apr. 2019	<i>Vista Verde School</i> , Weather and climate booth at an Earth Science Day fair, Irvine, CA (Presenter)	
Mar. 2019	Climate, Literacy, Empowerment And iNquiry (CLEAN), Weather and Climate Outreach event, MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School, Santa Ana, CA (Presenter)	
Feb. 2019	Orange County Regional Science Olympiad, Climate Science- Meteorology exam writer and proctor, Irvine, CA (Event Super-visor)	
Feb. 2019	Climate, Literacy, Empowerment And iNquiry (CLEAN), The Cryosphere Outreach event, MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School, Santa Ana, CA (Presenter)	
Dec. 2018	NOAA, Arctic Report Card - Update for 2018. [Contributed Graphics]	
Oct. 2018	Brews and Brains: TED-Style Talk, Our Changing Arctic, Fireside Tavern, Costa Mesa, CA. (Invited Presenter). [Recording]	
Oct. 2018	Unified Irvine School District, "Ask-A-Scientist/Engineer Night" at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, Orange County, CA (Volunteer)	
Sep 2018	UC Irvine Graduate Orientation, Session Title – Student Panel –Embracing Your New Graduate Life, Irvine, CA (Panelist)	
May 2018	<i>Vista Verde School</i> , Weather and climate booth at an Earth Day fair, Irvine, CA (Presenter)	
Feb. 2018	Irvine Unified School District's 37 th Annual Science Fair, Physical science project judge, Irvine, CA (Volunteer)	
Feb. 2018	Climate, Literacy, Empowerment And iNquiry (CLEAN), Weather and Climate Outreach event, MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School, Santa Ana, CA (Presenter)	
Feb. 2018	Orange County Regional Science Olympiad, Climate Science- Meteorology exam writer and proctor, Irvine, CA (Event Super-visor)	
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Sep. 2017	Unified Irvine School District, "Ask-A-Scientist/Engineer Night" at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, Orange County, CA (Volunteer)	
Aug. 2017	Unified Irvine School District, "Ask-A-Scientist/Engineer Night" at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, Orange County, CA (Volunteer)	
Aug. 2017	NASA DIRECT-STEM Program, Assessing a changing Arctic (Invited Presenter).	
Apr. 2017	Climate Data Hackathon, Looking for clues to changes in Arctic sea ice, University of California, Irvine. (Invited Presenter). [Syllabus/GitHub]	
Feb. 2017	<i>Irvine Unified School District's 36th Annual Science Fair</i> , Physical science project judge, Irvine, CA (Volunteer)	
Feb. 2017	Orange County Regional Science Olympiad, Severe Storms- Meteorology exam writer and proctor, Irvine, CA (Event Super-visor)	

Wi. 2017	Seminar Course - Teaching Topics in Earth System Science (Training)
Oct. 2016	Unified Irvine School District, "Ask-A-Scientist/Engineer Night" at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, Orange County, CA (Volunteer)
Aug. 2016	NASA DIRECT-STEM Workshop, Data and Analysis of Arctic Climate Change in CMIP5 using Python (Instructor). [Syllabus/GitHub]

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019-Present	Student Board Member, American Meteorological Society's Board on Societal Impacts
2018-Present	Journal Manuscript Referee [Publons] - Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Climate, Journal of Geophysical Research: At- mospheres, Journal of Glaciology, Polar Geography,
2017-Present	Vice President & Communications Chair, Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society at the University of California, Irvine [Website]
2017-Present	Student Board Member, American Meteorological Society's Committee on Climate Variability and Change
2017-2018	Member, Student Communications Working Group, University of California, Irvine
Aug. 2017	Expert Contributor to the UCAR Climate Data Guide: "Sea Ice Thickness Data Sets: Overview & Comparison Table" [Website]
2014-2015	President, American Meteorological Society Student Chapter, Cornell University

Affiliations/Memberships

2016-Present	Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, Member
2015-Present	American Geophysical Union, Member
2014-Present	National Weather Association, Member
2009-Present	American Meteorological Society, Member
2009-Present	American Meteorological Society, Member

PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL

Field Work

May 2017	INTPART Arctic Field Summer Schools: Norway-Canada-
	USA collaboration, University of Tromsø, Norway (Workshops);
	Longvearbyen, Syalbard (R/V <i>Lance</i> - sea ice)

Workshops

Apr. 2018	Arctic System Change Workshop, Mesa Lab, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, CO
Jun. 2017	Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Polar Amplification, Aspen Global Change Institute, Aspen, CO

Conferences 97th American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, Jan. 2017 WA 95th American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Jan. 2015 ΑZ 94th American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Feb. 2014 93rd American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Austin, Jan. 2013 TΧ

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, R, Fortran, Unix, HTML, TEX, LATEX, BIBTEX

Software/Tools: NCL, PyNGL/PyNIO, NCO, CDO, GrADS, Git

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GRADUATE Coursework

- Atmospheric Chemistry ☐ Geoscience Modeling and Data Analysis ☐ Global Physical Climatology **Physics** ☐ Climate Dynamics ☐ Geophysical Fluid Dynamics
- ☐ Global Biogeochemical Cycles ☐ Climate Change ☐ Land Surface Processes
 - ☐ Quantitative Methods in Ecology

UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK

- ☐ Remote Sensing and GIS ■ Atmospheric Dynamics ☐ Statistics in Meteorology and Climatology ■ Synoptic Meteorology II ☐ Programming and Meteorology Software ■ Physical Meteorology ☐ Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations ☐ Climate Dynamics
- ☐ Thermodynamics and Hydrostatics

□ Ocean Processes

NEWS AND MEDIA

Jul. 2019	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "Europe's heat wave is about to bake the Arctic" (Quoted). [Article]
Jun. 2019	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "The Arctic Ocean and Greenland ice sheet have seen record June ice loss" (Quoted), [Article]
Jun. 2019	Axios, "Arctic melt goes into overdrive" (Quoted). [Article]
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Jun. 2019	Mashable, "There's some really intense melting in the Arctic right now" (Quoted). [Article]
May 2019	Earther, "The Last of the Arctic's Old Sea Ice Is on the Verge of Vanishing" (Quoted). [Article]
Mar. 2019	Carbon Brief, "Arctic sea ice winter peak in 2019 is seventh lowest on record" (Quoted). [Article]
Mar. 2019	Axios, "Vanishing ice in the Bering Sea drops to lowest level since 1850" (Quoted). [Article]
Mar. 2019	Mashable, "The Bering Strait should be covered in ice, but it's nearly all gone" (Quoted). [Article]

Feb. 2019	CBS News, "Week of remarkable weather extremes: Is this the
Fab. 2010	new normal?" (Quoted). [Article]
Feb. 2019	Mashable, "It's damn cold, but heat records in the U.S. still dominate" (Quoted). [Article]
Jan. 2019	Popular Science, "Record cold temperatures don't mean the
5a 2010	planet isn't warming" (Quoted). [Article]
Oct. 2018	Mashable, "Things in the middle of the Arctic are getting really
0.1.2010	strange" (Quoted). [Article]
Oct. 2018	KUCI Radio, "Arctic Sea Ice and Meteorology with Zack Labe" (Interview). [Article]
Sep. 2018	Euronews, "Arctic heatwave could result in summer-like warmth
0.010	for Alaska" (Quoted). [Article]
Sep. 2018	Carbon Brief, "Arctic sea ice summer minimum in 2018 is sixth
Aug. 2010	lowest on record" (Quoted). [Article]
Aug. 2018	Val 202 - Slovene radio station "The Arctic is rapidly melting" (Interview). [Article]
Jun. 2018	Earther, "There's Way Too Little Ice Around Svalbard Right Now"
Juli. 2010	(Quoted). [Article]
May 2018	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "'Fallen off a cliff':
May 2010	Scientists have never observed so little ice in the Bering Sea in
	spring" (Quoted). [Article]
Mar. 2018	Earther, "Both Poles Are Having a Weird, Bad Year For Sea Ice
. iai. 2010	So Far" (Quoted). [Article]
Mar. 2018	United States Senate – Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D–RI), "Time
	to wake up: Climate Progress" (Supplied Graphic). [Speech]
Feb. 2018	PennLive, "Harrisburg-area grad, scientist fuels buzz behind
	news that North Pole temps surged past freezing" (Interview). [Article]
Feb. 2018	Mashable, "Drastic Arctic warm event stuns scientists, as record-
100.2010	breaking temperatures reach the North Pole" (Quoted). [Article]
Feb. 2018	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "North Pole surges
	above freezing in the dead of winter, stunning scientists"
	(Quoted). [Article]
Feb. 2018	Earther, "Bering Sea Ice Is Disappearing When it Should Still Be
	Growing" (Quoted). [Article]
Feb. 2018	USA Today, "Arctic sea ice at record low January levels" (Quoted). [Article]
Feb. 2018	UT Austin Geosciences, "Social media: changing the science
	communication landscape" (Interview). [Article]
Dec. 2017	USA Today, "It's cold outside, but that doesn't mean climate
	change isn't real" (Quoted). [Article]
Sep. 2017	The Sydney Morning Herald, "Attacked from two sides: Antarctic
•	sea ice hits another record low" (Quoted). [Article]
Aug. 2017	The Verge, "This Artist's New Landscape Studies are of Melting
	Glaciers" (Quoted). [Article]
Jul. 2017	Climate Central, "Here's How Much Arctic Sea Ice Has Melted
	Since the '80s" (Quoted). [Article]
Jun. 2017	Climate Central, "We Couldn't Monitor Larsen C Without These
Apr 2017	Satellites" (Quoted). [Article]
Apr. 2017	Mashable, "Arctic ice in retreat: NASA's airborne survey shows how global warming is transforming the Arctic" (Quoted). [Arti-
	cle]

Apr. 2017	UCI News, "UCI Doctoral student is helping people visualize climate change and its impact on the entire planet" (Interview). [Article]
Mar. 2017	Carbon Brief, "Sea ice falls to record lows in both the Arctic and Antarctic" (Quoted). [Article]
Mar. 2017	Climate Central, "Arctic Sea Ice Continues Its Astonishing Streak of Lows" (Quoted). [Article]
Feb. 2017	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "'Beyond the extreme': Scientists marvel at 'increasingly non-natural' Arctic warmth" (Quoted). [Article]
Jan. 2017	UCI News, "Climate change champions" (Interview). [Article]
Dec. 2016	NPR, "North Pole Temperatures Expected To Rise 50 Degrees Above Normal" (Interview). [Recording]
Dec. 2016	Yahoo News, "Bizarre North Pole temperatures cap off year of record-setting warmth" (Quoted). [Article]
Dec. 2016	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "Forecast: North Pole to warm 50 degrees above normal Thursday, near melting point" (Quoted). [Article]
Nov. 2016	American Geophysical Union Blogs, "A conversation with Zack Labe" (Interview). [Article]
Nov. 2016	The Washington Post, "The North Pole is an insane 36 degrees warmer than normal as winter descends" (Quoted). [Article]
Oct. 2016	The Sydney Morning Herald, "Polar heatwaves have ice in retreat at both ends of the planet" (Quoted). [Article]
Oct. 2016	The Washington Post, Capital Weather Gang, "Arctic sea ice is at a record low and could, in spurts, disappear within our lifetimes" (Quoted). [Article]
Oct. 2016	Climate Central, "This is What It's Like To Be a Young Climate Scientist" (Interview). [Article]
Sep. 2016	New York Times, Dot Earth, "Arctic Summer Sea Ice - Going Down, Down," (Contributed). [Article]
Sep. 2016	Mashable, "Sailboat nears goal of circumnavigating the Arctic as sea ice plummets" (Quoted). [Article]
Aug. 2016	Cornell University, "Early-onset spring models may indicate 'nightmare' for ag" (Press Release). [Article]
Jul. 2016	The Weather Junkies Podcast, "The Science of Modeling Climate & Weather" (Interview). [Recording]

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PERSONAL INTERESTS

Vegetable gardening, travel, cooking, hiking, fishing, winter synoptic storms, long-range and seasonal weather forecasting