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## Current position

*Associate Professor*, University of California, Santa Cruz

## Research Interests

Climate dynamics • Polar amplification • Large-scale atmospheric circulations • Climate feedbacks and climate sensitivity • Games for learning

## Employment

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| 2022-present | Associate Professor<br>Earth and Planetary Sciences<br>University of California, Santa Cruz  |
| 2016-2022    | Assistant Professor<br>Earth and Planetary Sciences<br>University of California, Santa Cruz  |
| 2015-2016    | National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow<br>Environmental Science and Engineering<br>California Institute of Technology              |
| 2013-2015    | Foster and Coco Stanback Postdoctoral Scholar<br>Environmental Science and Engineering<br>California Institute of Technology<br>HOST: Simona Bordoni |
| 2007-2013    | Graduate Research Assistant<br>Atmospheric Sciences<br>University of Washington  |
| 2005-2007    | Project Engineer<br>UNAVCO, a non-profit university-governed consortium,<br>facilitates geoscience research and education using geodesy              |
| 2002-2005    | Graduate Research Assistant<br>Geological Sciences<br>University of Colorado, Boulder  |

## Education

- 2013 PHD in Atmospheric Sciences  
University of Washington  
ADVISOR: Gerard Roe
- 2005 MS in Geological Sciences  
University of Colorado  
ADVISOR: Roger Bilham
- 2002 BS in Geological Sciences *summa cum laude*  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## Honors & Awards

- 2018 NSF CAREER Award.
- 2015 NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (PRF).
- 2013 Foster and Coco Stanback Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- 2012 Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship.
- 2011 Outstanding Poster Presentation, World Climate Research Programme Open Science Conference, Denver.
- 2007 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Fellowship, Seattle Chapter.
- 2005 Outstanding Geoscience Student Award, Association for Women Geoscientists, Denver Chapter.
- 2004 Longley, Warner, and Wahlstrom Award, University of Colorado.
- 2002 Op White Prize in Geology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Grants

- 2022-2025 PI, DOE, Extreme Moist Transport Events as a Driver of Arctic Amplification, DE-SC0023070. \$774,367
- 2018-2023 PI, NSF, CAREER: The Lapse Rate Feedback and Other Mechanisms of High-Latitude Climate Change, AGS-1753034. \$798,235
- 2019-2022 Co-PI, NSF, REU: The Lamat Summer Research Program on High Performance Computing in Astrophysics, AST-1852393. \$388,081
- 2018-2021 Co-PI, NSF, MRI: Acquisition of a High Performance Computer for Computational Science at UC Santa Cruz, AST-1828315. \$1,547,000
- 2015-2016 PI, NSF, PRF: Coupling Between Regional Climate Feedbacks and Large-scale Circulation in a Hierarchy of Models, AGS-1524569. \$86,000

## Publications

### Journal Articles

Advisees are underlined. H-index 16, cumulative citations 1250 (Google Scholar, June 2022).

- 27 Merlis, T. M., N. Feldl, and R. Caballero (2022), Changes in poleward atmospheric energy transport over a wide range of climates: Energetic and diffusive perspectives and a priori theories, *Journal*

of *Climate*, 35(20), 2933–2948, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-21-0682.1.

Santer, B. D., S. Po-Chedley, N. Feldl, J. C. Fyfe, Q. Fu, S. Solomon, M. England, K. B. Rodgers, M. F. Stuecker, C. Mears, C.-Z. Zou, C. J. W. Bonfils, G. Pallotta, M. D. Zelinka, N. Rosenbloom, J. Edwards (2022), Robust anthropogenic signal identified in the seasonal cycle of tropospheric temperature, *Journal of Climate*, 35(18), 6075–6100, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-21-0766.1.

Singh, H., N. Feldl, J. E. Kay, and A. L. Morrison (2022), Climate sensitivity is sensitive to changes in ocean heat transport, *Journal of Climate*, 35(9), 2653–2674, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-21-0674.1.

Kaufman, Z. S., and N. Feldl (2022), Causes of the Arctic’s lower-tropospheric warming structure, *Journal of Climate*, 35(6), 1983–2002, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-21-0298.1.

Taylor, P. C., R. C. Boeke, L. N. Boisvert, N. Feldl, M. Henry, Y. Huang, P. L. Langen, W. Liu, F. Pithan, S. A. Sejas, and I. Tan (2022), Process drivers, inter-model spread, and the path forward: A review of amplified Arctic warming, *Frontiers in Earth Science*, 9:758361, doi:10.3389/feart.2021.758361.

Feldl, N., and T. M. Merlis (2021), Polar amplification in idealized climates: The role of ice, moisture, and seasons, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 48, e2021GL094130, doi:10.1029/2021GL094130.

Feldl, N., S. Po-Chedley, H. K. A. Singh, S. Hay, and P. J. Kushner (2020), Sea ice and atmospheric circulation shape the high-latitude lapse rate feedback, *npj Climate and Atmospheric Science*, 3, 41 doi:10.1038/s41612-020-00146-7.

Kaufman, Z. S., N. Feldl, W. Weijer, and M. Veneziani (2020), Causal interactions between Southern Ocean polynyas and high-latitude atmosphere-ocean variability, *Journal of Climate*, 33, 4891–4905, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-19-0525.1.

Siler, N., G. H. Roe, K. C. Armour, and N. Feldl (2019), Revisiting the surface-energy-flux perspective on the sensitivity of global precipitation to climate change, *Climate Dynamics*, 52, doi:10.1007/s00382-018-4359-0.

Bonan, D. B., K. C. Armour, G. H. Roe, N. Siler, and N. Feldl (2018), Sources of uncertainty in the meridional pattern of climate change, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 45, doi:10.1029/2018GL079429.

Kim, D., S. M. Kang, Y. Shin, and N. Feldl (2018), Sensitivity of polar amplification to varying insolation conditions, *Journal of Climate*, 31, 4933–4947, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-17-0627.1.

Anderson, B. T., N. Feldl, and B. R. Lintner (2018), Emergent behavior of Arctic precipitation in response to enhanced Arctic warming, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 123, doi:10.1002/2017JD026799.

Feldl, N., B. T. Anderson, and S. Bordoni (2017), Atmospheric eddies mediate lapse rate feedback and Arctic amplification, *Journal of Climate*, 30, 9213–9224, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0706.1.

Feldl, N., S. Bordoni, and T. M. Merlis (2017), Coupled high-latitude climate feedbacks and their impact on atmospheric heat transport, *Journal of Climate*, 30, 189–201, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0324.1.

Yang, J., J. Leconte, E. T. Wolf, C. Goldblatt, N. Feldl, T. Merlis, Y. Wang, D. D. B. Koll, F. Ding, F. Forget, and D. S. Abbot (2016), Differences in water vapor radiative transfer among 1D models can significantly affect the inner edge of the habitable zone, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 826, doi:10.3847/0004-637X/826/2/222.

Feldl, N., and S. Bordoni (2016), Characterizing the Hadley Circulation response through regional climate feedbacks, *Journal of Climate*, 29, 613–622, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-15-0424.1.

Roe, G. H., N. Feldl, K. C. Armour, Y.-T. Hwang, and D. M. W. Frierson (2015), The remote impacts of climate feedbacks on regional climate predictability, *Nature Geoscience*, 8, 135–139, doi:10.1038/ngeo2346.

Feldl, N., D. M. W. Frierson, and G. H. Roe (2014), The influence of regional feedbacks on circulation sensitivity, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 41, 2212–2220.

- 9 Rose, B. E. J., K. C. Armour, D. S. Battisti, N. Feldl, and D. D. B. Koll (2014), The dependence of  
transient climate sensitivity and radiative feedbacks on the spatial pattern of ocean heat uptake,  
*Geophysical Research Letters*, 41, doi:10.1002/2013GL058955.
- 8 Feldl, N., and G. H. Roe (2013), Four perspectives on climate feedbacks, *Geophysical Research Let-*  
*ters*, 40, doi:10.1002/grl.50711.
- 7 Feldl, N., and G. H. Roe (2013), The nonlinear and nonlocal nature of climate feedbacks, *Journal of*  
*Climate*, 26, 8289–8304, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-12-00631.1.
- 6 Feldl, N., and G. H. Roe (2011), Climate variability and the shape of daily precipitation: A case  
study of ENSO and the American West, *Journal of Climate*, 24, 2483–2499.
- 5 Feldl, N., and G. H. Roe (2010), Synoptic weather patterns associated with intense ENSO rainfall  
in the southwest United States, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 37.
- 4 Feldl, N., and R. Bilham (2006), Great Himalayan earthquakes and the Tibetan Plateau, *Nature*, 444,  
165–170.
- 3 Bilham, R., E. R. Engdahl, N. Feldl, and S. P. Satyabala (2005), Partial and complete rupture of the  
Indo-Andaman plate boundary 1847–2004, *Seismological Research Letters*, 76, 299–311.
- 2 Hough, S. E., R. Bilham, N. Ambraseys, and N. Feldl (2005), The 1905 Kangra and Dehra Dun earth-  
quakes, *Geological Survey of India Special Publications*, 85, 15–22.
- 1 Hough, S. E., R. Bilham, N. Ambraseys, and N. Feldl (2005), Revisiting the 1897 Shillong and 1905  
Kangra earthquakes in northern India: Site response, Moho reflections and a triggered earthquake,  
*Current Science*, 88, 1632–1638.

## Professional Activities

### Activities and Memberships in Professional Associations

- 2022 Session Chair, Idealized Model Approaches to the Atmosphere and Ocean Circulation, AMS Con-  
ference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics, Breckenridge, CO, June 2022.
- 2004-present American Geophysical Union
- 2014-present American Meteorological Society

### Editor

Guest Co-Editor, Focus on Arctic Amplification collection, *Environmental Research: Climate*.

### Reviewer

#### JOURNALS

*Nature Geoscience*, *Nature Communications*, *npj Climate and Atmospheric Science*, *Earth's Future*,  
*Geophysical Research Letters*, *Journal of Climate*, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*,  
*Climate Dynamics*.

#### FUNDING AGENCIES

National Science Foundation (ad hoc and panel), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-  
tion.

## Invited Presentations

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| 2022 | Princeton Center for Theoretical Science, From Spectroscopy to Climate Workshop, August 2022.   |
| 2022 | Stormtracks 2022 Workshop, Oléron Island, France, June 2022.  |
| 2022 | University of California, Los Angeles, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Seminar, April 2022.  |
| 2022 | Stanford University, Earth System Science Seminar, March 2022.  |
| 2022 | University of Trento (Italy), Weather and Climate: From Fundamentals to Applications Seminar, March 2022.   |
| 2021 | American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, December 2021.  |
| 2021 | PAMIP (Polar Amplification Model Intercomparison Project) Webinar, December 2021.   |
| 2021 | ECS and Cloud Feedback Virtual Symposium, July 2021.  |
| 2021 | DOE RGMA Program, High-Latitude Processes and Feedbacks Webinar, June 2021.   |
| 2021 | University of California, Irvine, Earth System Science Seminar, May 2021.   |
| 2021 | University of Chicago, Geophysical Sciences Seminar, May 2021.  |
| 2021 | George Mason University, Climate Dynamics Seminar, April 2021.  |
| 2021 | Leipzig University (Germany), Graduate School for Clouds, Aerosols and Radiation Advanced Training Module: The Lapse-rate feedback in the Arctic, March 2021. |
| 2021 | McGill University (Canada), Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Seminar, February 2021.  |
| 2021 | University of California, Riverside, Hewett Club Lecture, February 2021.  |
| 2021 | University of California, Los Angeles, Atmospheric Dynamics Seminar, January 2021.  |
| 2020 | Stanford University, Atmosphere, Ocean, and Climate Dynamics Seminar, November 2020.  |
| 2020 | Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Climate Journal Club, October 2020.  |
| 2020 | National Taiwan University (Taiwan), postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.  |
| 2020 | University of Toronto (Canada), Noble Seminar in Atmospheric Physics, March 2020.   |
| 2018 | American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2018.   |
| 2018 | DOE RGMA Program, High-Latitude Processes and Feedbacks Webinar, February 2018.   |
| 2018 | AMS Annual Meeting, Conference on Climate Variability and Change, Austin, January 2018.   |
| 2017 | Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Climate and Weather Seminar, November 2017.   |
| 2017 | San Jose State University, Geology Club Seminar, October 2017.  |
| 2017 | University of California, Santa Cruz, Geophysical and Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics Seminar, May 2017.   |
| 2015 | MIT, Atmospheric Science Seminar, Cambridge, November 2015.   |
| 2015 | University of Rochester, Earth and Environmental Sciences Seminar, April 2015.  |
| 2015 | University of California, Santa Cruz, Earth and Planetary Sciences Seminar, March 2015.   |
| 2015 | Boston University, Earth and Environment Department Seminar, February 2015.   |
| 2015 | Colorado College, Environmental Program Seminar, January 2015.  |
| 2014 | American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, December 2014.  |
| 2014 | Portland State University, Geography Seminar, November 2014.  |
| 2014 | University of California, Berkeley, Earth and Planetary Science Seminar, March 2014.  |
| 2014 | Caltech, Environmental Science and Engineering Seminar, February 2014.  |
| 2013 | University of Washington, Atmospheric Sciences Colloquium, June 2013.   |
| 2013 | NCAR, CESM Climate Variability and Change Working Group Meeting, March 2013.  |
| 2010 | University of Washington, Atmospheric and Climate Dynamics Seminar, January 2010.   |

## University Service

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2019–present

Member, Thesis Committee: Mason Leandro, Carver Bierson (PhD 2020), John O’Brien (PhD 2019)

Member, Faculty Search Committee for Astronomy and Astrophysics, 2017–2018

Coordinator, Whole Earth Seminar Series, Fall 2017

Member, Faculty Search Committee for Fresh Water, 2016–2017

## Advising

### POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR (1)

2021-present Mark England

### PHD STUDENTS (3)

2021-present Hayes Devaney (Cota-Robles Fellow)

2020-present Po-Chun Chung

2017-present Zachary Kaufman (NSF Graduate Research Fellow)

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS (4)

Emiliia Dyrenkova (2020–2021; Lamat Fellow), Omar Rosales Cortez (2019), Ricky Calzada (2018–2019), Flor Vanessa Maciel (2018–2019; Koret Scholar)

### GRADUATE GAME DESIGNERS (1)

co-advised with Elizabeth Swensen

Devi Acharya (2021)

### UNDERGRADUATE GAME DESIGNERS (9)

co-advised with Elizabeth Swensen

Dallas Truong (2020), Janel Catajoy (2019–2020), Xueer Zhu (2019–2020), Amber Sargeant (2019–2020), Sean Song (2018–2020), Tiffany Phan (2018–2020), Joshua Husting (2018–2019), Alexandria McGill (2018–2019), Emily Rodriguez (2018–2019)

## Teaching

### University of California, Santa Cruz

*Introduction to Weather and Climate* (EART 12; lower division)

Winter 2022, Winter 2021, Fall 2019, Winter 2019, Winter 2018, Fall 2016

*The Atmosphere* (EART 121; upper division)

Fall 2020, Fall 2018

*Modeling Earth’s Climate* (EART 124; upper division)

Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2018

*Hydroclimatology* (EART 252; graduate), with Margaret Zimmer

Fall 2021, Winter 2020

*Atmospheric Rivers* (EART 290M; graduate), with Noah Finnegan, Fall 2017

*Atmospheric Dynamics* (EART 290M; graduate), Spring 2017

## University of Washington

*Introduction to Weather* (ATMS 101; lower division), Summer 2011

## Teaching Assistantships

Climate and Climate Change (ATMS 211), University of Washington, Spring 2010

Earth System and Climate (ESS 201), University of Washington, Winter 2009

Introduction to Geology (GEOL 1030), University of Colorado, Spring 2003

Introduction to Geology (GEOL 1030), University of Colorado, Fall 2002