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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Investigating the direct and indirect societal and environmental impacts of our changing climate with an emphasis on applicable results and science communication.

EDUCATION

PhD 2020

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (ATOC)

Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)

University of Colorado Boulder (CU)

Advisor: Dr. Kristopher Karnauskas

Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Policy

MS 2018

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences University of Colorado Boulder

BS 2012

Double Major in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (AOS) and Psychology University of Wisconsin – Madison (UW)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2020 to Present

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Horton

Examining the predictability of climate variability on temperature and precipitation in Mozambique to facilitate greater lead-time of a malaria early warning system.

Graduate Research Assistant - CU ATOC

2016 to 2020

Advisor: Dr. Kristopher Karnauskas

Examined historical crime and climate data to determine a significant relationship between wintertime seasonal temperatures and violent crime rate that was then projected onto future climate states. Explored relationships between malaria incidence rates in Mozambique and modes of climate variability.

Literature Review Assistant—National Center for Atmospheric Research

2016

Assisted Dr. Brian O'Neill and Ms. Emily Laidlaw by reviewing over 1,500 references from the IPCC AR4 for project relevance.

Undergraduate Research Assistant – UW AOS

2011 to 2012

Advisor: Dr. Grant Petty

Cross-referenced satellite, radar, and snow and ice coverage data to differentiate satellite signatures of precipitation in progress from snow cover.

Undergraduate Research Assistant - UW AOS

2011

Advisor: Dr. Ankur Desai

Examined relationship between soil moisture levels and forest carbon uptake through data analysis and on-site support of the field campaign.

Undergraduate Research Assistant – UW Chemistry

2008 to 2009

Advisor: Dr. Frank Keutsch

Performed titration on field samples of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- **Harp, R. D.**, Karnauskas, K. B., Colborn, K. L., and Colborn, J. M. (in preparation): Interannual Climate Variability and Malaria in Mozambique.
- **Harp, R. D.**, and Karnauskas, K. B. (2020): Global Warming to Increase Violent Crime in the United States. *Environmental Research Letters*.
- Laidlaw, E., O'Neill, B., **Harp, R. D.** (2019): The Use of the Community Earth System Model in Human Dimensions Climate Research and Applications. *WIREs Climate Change*. https://doi.org/10.1002/wcc.582
- **Harp, R. D.**, and Karnauskas, K. B. (2018). The Influence of Interannual Climate Variability on Regional Violent Crime Rates in the United States. *GeoHealth*. https://doi.org/10.1029/2018GH000152

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentation: Projections of Future Changes in United States Violent Crime Under Global Warming

American Meteorological Society (AMS) Annual Meeting 2020

Flash Talk and Poster: Projecting Future Temperature-Driven Changes in Crime

Earth Lab/North Central Climate Adaptation Science Center Open House 2019

Oral Presentation: Projecting Future Temperature-Driven Changes in Crime

ATOC Colloquium 2019

Poster: Application of Seasonal Climate Forecasts to Predictions of Regional Crime Anomalies in the US

American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting

2019

Oral Presentation: The Influence of Interannual Climate Variability on Regional Violent Crime Rates in the US

Colorado State University Young Scientist Symposium on Atmospheric Research 2018

e-Poster: How We Createa Our Own SciComm Class	
National ComSciCon	2018
Poster: Influence of Climate Variability on US Regional Assault Rates	
CIRES Rendezvous	2018
University of Colorado Climate Change and Health Symposium	2018
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting	2017
Poster: Implications of Changing Temperatures on US Crime Rates	
CIRES Rendezvous	2017
ATOC Earth System and Space Science Student Poster Conference	2016
Invited Presentations	
NCAR—Integrated Assessment Modeling Group	2018
The Influence of Interannual Climate Variability on Regional Violent Crime Rates	
in the United States	
Significant Awards	
Ubben Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (\$XX,XXX)	2020
Fellowship awarded to building a better understating of the linkages, interactions, a	and
impacts of existing and future human systems with the greater Earth system.	
CIRES Graduate Student Research Award (\$70,000)	2019
Fellowship awarded to recognize the scholarship and merit of outstanding CIRES	
graduate students.	
Earth Lab Graduate Research Associate (\$34,000)	2019
Collaborative research associate position in global environmental change with CU	
Boulder's Earth Lab designed to use advanced computing techniques to examine th	e
boundaries of coupled Earth and social system science.	
Carol B. Lynch Graduate Fellowship (\$2,000)	2018
Fellowship awarded to one CU Boulder student in the sciences conducting outstand	ling
interdisciplinary research.	
University of Colorado Graduate School Summer Fellowship (\$6,000)	2018
Fellowship awarded to facilitate dissertation research over a summer.	
Funded Participant in AMS Summer Policy Colloquium (~\$11,000)	2017
National Science Foundation grant-funded participant in intensive 10-day science policy colloquium.	
OTHER RECOGNITION AND HONORS	

Top 10 finisher in the University of Colorado-wide competition for PhD candidates

3 Minute Thesis Finalist (non-monetary)

describe their research in under three minutes.

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2020

ATOC Teaching Assistant Award (\$250)

2019

For outstanding performance as a lecture TA for ATOC 1060 – Our Changing Environment in Fall 2018.

Outstanding Service to ATOC Award (\$100)

2019

For work as a member of the Department Action Team in developing an ATOC Industry Night, and other community building efforts.

ATOC University Fellowship Award (\$1,250)

2018

Travel grant awarded to assist in participation in the 2019 American Meteorological Society (AMS) Fall Meeting.

Outstanding Service to ATOC Award (\$250)

2018

Departmental service award for designing and hosting a one-credit seminar on communicating science effectively.

Funded Participant in National ComSciCon (\$400)

2018

Engaged in three-day national science communication workshop as one of 50 selected participants among 900 applicants.

United Government of Graduate Students Travel Grant (\$300)

2017

Travel grant awarded to assist in participation in the 2017 American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting.

ATOC University Fellowship Award (\$500)

2017

Travel grant awarded to assist in participation in the 2017 American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting.

Selected Participant in ComSciCon—Rocky Mountain West (non-monetary)

2017

Engaged in two-day regional science communication workshop.

Selected Participant in Climate Science Congressional Visit Day (non-monetary)

Outstanding Service to ATOC Award (\$250)

2017

Departmental service award for improving graduate student opportunities to participate in ATOC activities.

2016

Met with Colorado representatives in the United States Senate and House as one of 30 participants at the 2016 Climate Science Congressional Visit Day.

ATOC University Fellowship Award (\$300)

2016

Travel grant awarded to assist in participation in the 2016 Climate Science Congressional Visit Day.

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member—AGU GeoHealth Early Career Researchers Subcommittee

2020 to Present

Contribute to tasks designed to facilitate the success of early career researchers interested in the nexus of climate and health.

Guest Speaker – Rocky Top Middle School (Thornton, CO)

2020

Presented high-level climate topics and career guidance to 400 8th grade science students.

Volunteer—Skype a Scientist

2019

Met virtually with around 60 elementary school students to answer climate and weather questions and put a human face on the role of scientist.

Volunteer – Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library (Broomfield, CO)

2016 to 2019

Produce and present science modules to 9-14 year-olds through the Science Task Force.

Writer - Science Buffs

2016 to 2019

Write climate change and science policy articles for a graduate student-led STEM blog.

Student Lead – ATOC Awards Committee

2017 to 2020

Improve opportunities for student recognition, including the creation of a new award to honor outstanding teaching assistants.

Member-ATOC Departmental Action Team (DAT)

2017 to 2020

Contribute to small group of ATOC faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students focused on sustainable change within the ATOC department.

Member – ATOC Mentorship Committee

2017 to 2019

Assist in the creation of a new committee dedicated to a variety of mentor-mentee partnerships.

Student Lead - ATOC Social Committee

2015 to 2019

Coordinate department functions to increase the cohesion and social capital of students, staff, and faculty. Personally organized more than ten functions with an average attendance of approximately twenty ATOC students and faculty.

New Student Mentor - ATOC

2016 to 2019

Assist incoming ATOC graduate students as they begin graduate school. Mentored four incoming students over five semesters.

Council Member – ATOC

2018 to 20

Facilitate communication and coordinate between department committees to enhance their connectedness and overall effectiveness.

Member – ATOC Club

2017 to 2019

Fundraise for various extraneous department purposes. Facilitate for other department committees.

Member – ATOC Outreach Committee

2018 to 2019

Coordinate department activities with a public outreach component.

Volunteer – Colorado Weatherfest (Fort Collins, CO)

2017, 2018

Helped create and support a booth of weather-related activities at the Colorado Weatherfest at Colorado State University (CSU) for CU ATOC.

Planning Committee Member - ComSciCon Rocky Mountain West

2018

Organized panel and accompanying workshop on science policy and advocacy for 50 participants of a multi-state regional science communication conference.

Member – ATOC Academic Review and Planning Advisory Committee

2016 to 2017

Provided graduate student perspective and input during the compilation of the periodic CU departmental self-review report.

Member – ATOC Technology Committee

2015 to 2016

Assisted the department with various technology-related questions and issues.

Member – University of Wisconsin Marching Band

2007 to 2011

Eagle Scout - Boy Scouts of America, Troop 88 (Eau Claire, WI)

2007

Instructor – CU Boulder 2018

Co-organized the creation of a new graduate student-led seminar course on science communication with two ATOC graduate students. Created syllabus and course schedule, arranged guest speakers, distributed and graded student homework.

Teaching Assistant - CU Boulder

2015 to 2018

Assisted professors with class preparations and grading of student exams and assignments. Produced and presented several mini-lectures on relevant material. Classes taught include one semester of ATOC 3600 – Principles of Climate, and four semesters of ATOC 1060 – Our Changing Environment.

Private Tutor 2011 to 2012

Provided one-on-one assistance to students taking UW AOS 100.

Greater University Tutorial Services Volunteer Biology Tutor – UW Madison

2009

Provided one-on-one assistance to students taking introductory biology courses.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member – American Meteorological Society (AMS)

2010 to 2012, 2016 to Present

Member - American Geophysical Union (AGU)

2016 to Present

Member – American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

2016 to Present

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Department Manager – Menards (Baraboo, WI)

2014 to 2015

Directly oversaw eight employees in daily operations and served as the primary department contact for customer orders, questions, and issue resolution. Promoted from part-time employee to assistant department manager in five months.

Professional Billing Technical Services – Epic Systems (Verona, WI)

2012 to 2014

Performed issue resolution for three hospital systems using Caché, an M-based database language. Wrote and developed code routines to be added to the Epic software.

Data Collection and Customer/Phone Support – Weather Central (Madison, WI) 2011 to 2012

Gathered and documented meteorological data from around the United States.

Developed training materials outlining day-to-day operations and processes.

Professional Development

3 Minute Thesis Workshops

2019

Participated in scientific communication workshops on scientific storytelling, producing effective slides, and improv techniques as part of the 3 Minute Thesis competition.

Introduction to Python Short Course	2019
Nine-week long short course offered by the University of Colorado Research Compu	ating
team which covered the fundamentals of Python.	
National ComSciCon (Boston, MA)	2018
Three-day national science communication workshop attended as one of 50 selected	
participants among 900 applicants.	
Climate Change and Health Symposium (Denver, CO)	2018
Full day symposium and poster session discussing the connections between climate and health.	
ComSciCon—Rocky Mountain West (Boulder, CO)	2017
Two-day science communication conference attended as a selected participant.	
Colorado Climate Retreat (Boulder, CO)	2017
Full day symposium on connections between the social sciences and climate change	
hosted by the CU Department of Psychology	
NCAR/CDC Workshop on Weather, Climate, and Health (Boulder, CO)	2017
Four-day conference focused on the relationships between climate and health.	
American Meteorological Society Summer Policy Colloquium (Washington, DC)	2017
Ten-day intensive science policy colloquium attended as an NSF grant-funded	
participant.	
CU Boulder Climate and Health Workshop: Engaging Our Future (Boulder, CO)	2017
Full day symposium discussing the links between climate and health.	
American Geophysical Union Sharing Science Workshop (Fort Collins, CO)	2016
Full day workshop focused on how to effectively communicate science.	
CIRES Engaged Scientist Workshops I and III (Boulder, CO)	2016
Two parts of a three-part series on how to properly engage with communities when	
conducting research.	
Climate Science Congressional Visit Day (Washington, DC)	2016
Two-day event consisting of a workshop on how to craft and effectively deliver a	
message to policymakers and one day of meeting with Colorado representatives in t	:he
United States Senate and House.	