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Employment (post Ph.D.)

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 Thesis: Theory of Cross-Equatorial Propagation of Planetary Wave in Horizontally Non-Uniform Basic Flow and Its Applications in Atmospheric Teleconnections
- 2007.09 2011.07 B.S., College of Atmospheric Sciences, and LongJI Class in School of Mathematics and Statistics, Lanzhou University, China.

Thesis: Evaluation of WRF microphysics and cumulus schemes in simulating Hurricane Katrina

Publications

Journal Articles (Lead Author)

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- **Zhao**, S., F.-F. Jin, and H.-C. Chen (2019): *ENSO Periodicity and Predictibility*. in prepagation.
- **Zhao, S.**, J. Li, F.-F. Jin, J. Feng, and Y. Li (2019): Rossby Wave Ray and Phase Tracing on a Horizontally Non-Uniform Flow with Application to the Pacific-Japan Teleconnection. in prepagation.
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Presentations

- Improved Predictability of the Indian Ocean Dipole Using Seasonally Modulated ENSO Forcing, *AOGS 15th Annual Meeting*, Honolulu, USA, June 03–08, 2018 (oral)
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- Dynamics of an interhemispheric teleconnection across the critical latitude through a southerly duct during boreal winter, *LASG Annual Meeting*, Beijing, China, December 24–25, 2014 (poster)
- The Hemispheric Propagation of Stationary waves in Atmosphere, EGU General Assembly 2013, Vienna, Austria, April 7–12, 2013 (poster)
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Teaching

Co-Instructor 📕 "Dynamics of El Niño-Southern Oscillation Phenomenon" (ATMO 752), UH Mānoa spring semester 2019, USA, Instructor: Fei-Fei Jin

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