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## Research summary

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I use in-situ observations and simple theory to understand the dynamic links between sea ice and the upper ocean, with a specific focus on atmosphere-ice-ocean momentum transfer in the changing Arctic.

## Education

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### University of Washington

Seattle, WA, USA

PhD in Oceanography

expected: Summer 2022

- Advisors: Luc Rainville and Jim Thomson

- Dissertation topic: *The role of sea ice in mediating atmosphere-ice-ocean momentum transfer*

Estuarine & Coastal Fluid Dynamics Summer School

Jul. – Aug. 2019

Masters of Science in Oceanography

May 2019

### University of British Columbia

Vancouver, BC, Canada

Masters of Applied Science in Civil Engineering

Aug. 2017

- Advisor: Bernard Laval

- Thesis: *The free oscillatory response of fjord-type multi-armed lakes.* [doi:10.14288/1.0353196](https://doi.org/10.14288/1.0353196)

Bachelors of Applied Science in Civil Engineering

Jun. 2015

### Camosun College

Victoria, BC, Canada

Advanced Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology Bridge

Jun. 2013

Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology

Jun. 2010

## Publications

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MacKinnon, J., et. al, [including **Brenner, S.**], 2021. A warm jet in a cold ocean. Nat. Comm., 12(1) p. 12  
[doi:10.1038/s41467-021-22505-5](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-22505-5)

**Brenner, S.**, Rainville, L., Thomson, J., Cole, S. and Lee, C., 2021. Comparing observations and parameterizations of ice-ocean drag through an annual cycle across the Beaufort Sea. J. Geophys. Res. Oceans. 126(4), p. 29.  
[doi:10.1029/2020JC016977](https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JC016977)

**Brenner, S.**, Rainville, L., Thomson, J., and Lee, C., 2020. The evolution of a shallow front in the Arctic marginal ice zone. Elem. Sci. Anth., 8(1), p. 17. [doi:10.1525/elementa.413/](https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.413/)

**Brenner, S.**, and Laval, B. 2018. Seiche modes in multi-armed lakes. Limnol. Oceanogr., 63: 2717-2726  
[doi:10.1002/lno.11001](https://doi.org/10.1002/lno.11001)

## Conference presentations

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**Brenner S.**, L. Rainville, J. Thomson, C. Lee. In-situ observations to validate (and invalidate) model parameterizations of the ice-ocean drag coefficient. Presented at: 10th IICWG-DA Workshop 2021 Oct. 26-28; virtual.

Cooper, V., L. Roach, C. Bitz, **S. Brenner**, J. Thomson. Towards Validating Wave-Ice Interactions in Climate Models Using In Situ Observations. Poster presented at: AGU Fall Meeting 2020 Dec. 01-17; virtual. [doi:10.1002/essoar.10506174.1](https://doi.org/10.1002/essoar.10506174.1)

**Brenner S.**, L. Rainville, J. Thomson, C. Lee. Distributed and year-long observations of ice-ocean drag across a range of ice morphologies in the Beaufort Sea. Presented at: AGU Fall Meeting 2020 Dec. 01-17; virtual.

MacKinnon, J., et. al, [including **Brenner, S.**]. Subduction of Pacific Summer Water into sub-surface eddies; coordinated observations from late summer Presented at: Ocean Sciences Meeting; 2020 Feb. 17-21; San Diego, CA.

**Brenner S.**, L. Rainville, J. Thomson, J. MacKinnon, C. Lee. Momentum fluxes across the air-ice-ocean interface in the Beaufort Sea. Poster presented at: Ocean Sciences Meeting; 2020 Feb. 17-21; San Diego, CA. [doi:10.1002/essoar.10502273.2](https://doi.org/10.1002/essoar.10502273.2)

**Brenner S.**, L. Rainville, J. Thomson, C. Lee. The evolution of an Arctic meltwater front. Poster presented at: Liège Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics; 2019 May. 6-9; Liège, Belgium

**Brenner S.**, L. Rainville, J. Thomson, C. Lee. Small scale upper-ocean variability in the Arctic. Poster presented at: Ocean Sciences Meeting; 2018 Feb. 11-16; Portland, OR

**Brenner S.**, B. Laval, J. Shore, S. Vagle. Surface Seiche in Quesnel Lake, British Columbia. Poster presented at: Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Congress; 2017 June 4-8; Toronto, ON

## Fieldwork

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### Research cruises

Norwegian Sea: NORSE pilot/process cruise (R/V Neil Armstrong; 35 days at sea)	Sep. – Oct. 2021
Beaufort Sea: SODA recovery cruise (USCGC Healy; 42 days at sea)	Sep. – Oct. 2019
Beaufort Sea: SODA deployment cruise (USCGC Healy; 36 days at sea)	Sep. – Oct. 2018

### Other oceanography/limnology fieldwork

San Juan Channel, WA (mooring deployment/recovery and CTD sections)	Aug. 2019
Cultus Lake, BC (CTD sections)	various dates, 2015–2017
Deeks Lake, BC (mooring deployment and CTD sections)	various dates, 2015–2017
Quesnel Lake, BC (mooring recovery/servicing and CTD sections)	Sep. 26 – 30, 2016
Resolute Bay, NU (water sample collection and CTDs)	Aug. 2014

### Field camps

Milne ice shelf, NU (ice shelf GPR, CTDs, mooring service, glacier ablation stakes)	Jul. – Aug. 2014
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## Diversity, equity, and inclusion service

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- Mentor for Graduate Applications Mentorship Program 2021  
- Worked with a prospective graduate student to provide advice and help through the graduate school application
- DEI subcommittee: Graduate Applications Mentorship Program development 2020 – 2021  
- Assisted in the development and roll-out of the School of Oceanography Graduate Applications Mentorship Program, which pairs prospective students with current graduate students to help demystify the graduate application process  
- [https://www.ocean.washington.edu/story/Graduate\\_Application\\_Mentorship\\_Program](https://www.ocean.washington.edu/story/Graduate_Application_Mentorship_Program)
- Environmental Fluid Mechanics website expansion 2020  
- Developed a resource page on the Environmental Fluid Mechanics group website to explain the graduate school application process in order to make it more equitable  
- <https://depts.washington.edu/uwefm/wordpress/join-us/>

## Research experience

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### University of Washington, Applied Physics Lab

Graduate Research Assistant 2017–Present

### University of British Columbia, Environmental Fluid Mechanics

Graduate Research Assistant 2015–2017

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2013–2014

## Teaching experience

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### University of Washington

Teaching Assistant

- Coastal Engineering (CEE473/CEWA573) Spring 2021
- Foundations of Ocean Sensors (OCEAN351) Winter 2019

### University of British Columbia

Teaching Assistant

- Fluid Mechanics I (CIVL215) Spring 2016
- Environmental Hydraulics (CIVL416) Fall 2016
- Fluid Mechanics II (CIVL315) Fall 2015 & Fall 2016

## Non-academic work experience

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### AECOM

*Burnaby, BC, Canada*

Civil Engineering Student Intern

May – Sep. 2015

### Canadian Sewage Solutions Inc.

*Langford, BC, Canada*

Junior Engineering Technologist

Dec. 2011 – Nov. 2012

### Kiewit Construction

*Kearl Lake Oilsands, AB, Canada*

Purchasing Engineer (co-op student)

Aug. 2010 – Jan. 2011

Field Engineer (co-op student)

Aug. – Dec. 2009

### District of North Saanich

*North Saanich, BC, Canada*

Drafting Assistant (co-op student)

Dec. 2008 – Mar. 2009