Shaun Eisner

Research INTERESTS

Polar Oceanography, Ice-Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions, Biological-physical Interactions, Ocean Climate, Remote Sensing, Ocean Data Assimilation

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Maryland, USA University of Maryland at College Park 2026 (expected) • Advisor: Prof. James Carton

M.S., Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences

Maryland, USA University of Maryland at College Park 2025 • Advisor: Prof. James Carton

B.S., Physics Georgia, USA Georgia Institute of Technology 2021

Research EXPERIENCE

Effects of Atlantification on Arctic Nutrients and Phytoplankton Stocks

University of Maryland at College Park

2025 - Present

• I am combining ocean reanalyses, in situ observations, and remotely sensed chlorophyll from PACE and MODIS-AQUA to assess the impacts of increased Atlantic Water transport into the Amerasian Basin on nutrient inventories and chlorophyll concentrations.

Trends and Variability in Arctic Atlantic Water

University of Maryland at College Park

2024 - Present

• I am assessing long-term trends and dominant modes of interannual and decadal variability in the structure and transport of Atlantic Water through the Arctic using mesoscale-permitting ocean reanalyses (predominantly SODA4).

Impact of Late Summer Storms on Subpolar Phytoplankton Productivity

Dalhousie University & University of Maryland at College Park

2024 - Present

 I am using a regional ROMS model and in situ observations to investigate how intermittent vertical mixing by late summer storms contributes to fall phytoplankton production in the Northwest Atlantic and Bering Sea.

Blended Ocean Surface Currents

University of Maryland at College Park

2021 - 2025

• I synthesized remotely sensed fields (including altimetry, sea surface temperature, scatterometry, and ice motion) to produce a near-realtime, global surface current product, with emphasis on improving estimates in the tropics and high latitudes.

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Shaun Eisner, James Carton, Léon Chafik. Atlantic Water Heat Transport Variability and Trends into the Amerasian Basin: A first look using SODA4. Journal of Geophysical Research - Oceans, 2025. Under Review.
- 2. Shaun Eisner, James Carton, Léon Chafik. Increases in Heat Transport to the Central Arctic have been Mitigated by a Barents Sea Cooling Machine. *In prep.*

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SELECTED PRE-SENTATIONS

- 1. **Shaun Eisner**, James Carton. The Impacts of Thermal Fronts and Sea Ice Motion on the Variability of Arctic Near-Surface Currents. *104th Annual AMS Meeting*, 2024.
- 2. **Shaun Eisner**, Lee Cooper, jacqueline Grebmeier, James Carton. Evaluating the Impact of Summer and Fall Storms on Seasonal and Subseasonal Chlorophyll Dynamics in the Bering and Chukchi Seas. *AGU Fall Meeting*, 2024.
- 3. **Shaun Eisner**, James Carton, Deirdre Byrne, Semyon Grodsky, Eric Leuliette. The Development of a New Daily Global Mesoscale Blended Ocean Surface Currents (BOSC) Product *EGU General Assembly*, 2023.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

University of Maryland at College Park

Fall 2022 - Present

• Course: "AOSC 375 - Introduction to the Blue Ocean". Co-taught (including lecturing, preparing assignments, grading, and hosting office hours) an undegraduate course covering introductory topics in physical, biological, and geological oceanography.

Relevant Outreach

Nature Camp Volunteer

Irvine Nature Center

2022 - Present

• Ongoing volunteer at the Irvine Nature Center teaching earth sciences, environmental sciences, land stewardship, sustainability, and environmental education to children. Activities often involve hands-on experience in natural environments.

New Student Mentor

University of Maryland at College Park

2024

• Mentored an incoming graduate student in the Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences department.

STEM Talk Keynote Speaker

Georgia Science Teacher's Association

2017

• Was invited as a keynote speaker to the Georgia Science Teacher's Association to discuss the impact that student-led STEM educational programs have on high schoolers and young adults.

Awards and Honors

| • Visiting Scholar - LOREX Travel Award, Dalhousie University | 2024 |
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| • Undergraduate Research Award, Georgia Tech College of Sciences | 2020 |
| • Excellence in Research Award, Annual Research Symposium, | 2022.12 |
| Academic Scholarship, Tsinghua University | 2022.09 |