

# Walter W. Shen

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## EDUCATION

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### Harvard University

*Ph.D. Student, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS)*

*Advisor: Prof. Zhiming Kuang*

Aug. 2022 – present  
Cambridge, M.A., U.S.A.

### Imperial College London

*BSc Mathematics with Applied Mathematics/Mathematical Physics, First Class Honours*

Sept. 2019 – July 2022  
London, U.K.

### Harvard Extension and Summer Schools

*Non-Degree Candidate*

Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2019  
Cambridge, M.A., U.S.A.

## RESEARCH

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### Graduate Research Assistant

*Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences*

- Study of mixing in oceanic shallow cumuli using in situ and simulated data
- Improvement of sub-grid scale parameterization in large eddy simulations using machine learning

Sept. 2022 – Present

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

*Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences*

*Supervised by Prof. Zhiming Kuang*

- Simulated turbulent atmospheric flows using the System for Atmospheric Modeling (SAM) on the Harvard FAS Research Computing supercomputer; analyzed simulation output and reviewed literature on atmosphere turbulent flow

June 2021 – Sept. 2021

### Second Year Group Research Project

*Imperial College London Department of Mathematics*

*Supervised by Dr. Henrique Helfer Hoeltgebaum*

- Identified, analyzed, and forecasted time series and time series models; investigated applications in applied sciences, finance and statistics

May 2021 – June 2021

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

*Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences*

*Supervised by Prof. Zhiming Kuang*

- Analyzed field study aircraft datasets including the EUREC4A field campaign; created and analyzed Paluch mixing diagrams to understand cloud processes

June 2020 – Sept. 2020

### First Year Research Poster Project

*Imperial College London Department of Mathematics*

*Supervised by Dr. David Whitney & Dr. Takoua Jendoubi*

- Investigated statistical relationship between income inequality and COVID-19 mortality in the United States

May 2020 – June 2020

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

*Harvard University Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences*

*Supervised by Prof. Zhiming Kuang*

- Explored the application of machine learning in weather forecasting using Harvard supercomputer; investigated the potential of Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) satellite soil moisture data as a weather predictor variable

June 2019 – Sept. 2019

## TEACHING

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Teaching Fellow | *Harvard College*

- **GENED 1094: Confronting Climate Change**

Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant | *Harvard Summer School*

- **CSCI S-5A: Programming in R** | *Student Evaluation: 4.56/5.0*

Summer 2021

- **ISMT S-161: Computational Bayesian Inference** | *Student Evaluation: 4.73/5.0*

Summer 2020

Education Coordinator | *Imperial College Robotics Society*

- **3D Printing 101 Workshop**

Oct. 2020

Instructor | *Mathnasium, LLC. Fresh Pond Center, M.A.*

Sept. 2018 – June 2019

## POSTERS

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- Dec. 2023      American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, *San Francisco, C.A.*  
*[In Prep] Study of mixing in oceanic shallow cumuli using in situ and simulated data of the EUREC4A field campaign*
- June 2020      Imperial College London Department of Mathematics Research Poster Project, *London, U.K. (Virtual)*  
*COVID-19: Influence of Income Inequality on Mortality in the United States*

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

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- 2022 Harvard EPS Merit Award  
2022 Imperial Award  
2019 U.S.A. National Merit Scholarship Finalist  
2018-19, 2017-18 Harvard Extension School Lowell Student Scholarship  
2018 American Statistical Association Project Competition Honorable Mention

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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| Social Fellow   <i>Student Center at Harvard Griffin GSAS</i>                    | Aug. 2023 – Present    |
| Resident Dean   <i>Harvard Summer School</i>                                     | June 2023 – Aug. 2023  |
| President's Award   <i>Royal College of Science Union</i>                        | 2022                   |
| Union Colours Award   <i>Imperial College Union</i>                              | 2022                   |
| Half Colours Award   <i>Royal College of Science Union</i>                       | 2020                   |
| Deputy <i>Broadsheet</i> Magazine Editor   <i>Royal College of Science Union</i> | Aug. 2020 – July 2021  |
| Hall Senior   <i>Imperial College London Halls of Residence</i>                  | Sept. 2020 – July 2022 |
| Horizons Representative   <i>Imperial College Academic Network</i>               | Nov. 2019 – July 2020  |

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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| Environmental Awareness Officer   <i>Harvard GSAS Graduate Residence Halls Council</i> | Aug. 2023 – Present    |
| Violinist   <i>Harvard GSAS Student Center Orchestra</i>                               | Sept. 2022 – Present   |
| International Partner Program Liaison   <i>Harvard Summer School</i>                   | June 2023 – Aug. 2023  |
| Events Committee Member   <i>Harvard GSAS Student Council</i>                          | Jan. 2023 – May 2023   |
| Librarian   <i>Imperial College Choir</i>  | Aug. 2021 – July 2022  |
| Publicity Officer   <i>Royal College of Science Union</i>                              | Aug. 2021 – July 2022  |
| Publicity Officer   <i>Imperial College Choir</i>                                      | Sept. 2020 – July 2021 |
| Treasurer   <i>Imperial College Pembroke Hall Committee</i>                            | Sept. 2020 – July 2021 |
| Bronze Medal   <i>U.S.A. President's Volunteer Service Awards</i>                      | 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 |

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Experienced with Python, MATLAB, R, Java, Mathematica programming; LaTeX, Fusion 360, Excel, InDesign tools.  
Foreign Languages: Mandarin (fluent), Latin (proficient)