

# Una Kim Miller

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## Education

<b>Ph.D.</b> Columbia University, Earth and Environmental Sciences	2023
<i>Advisor: Christopher J. Zappa</i>	
<b>B.S.</b> University of Washington, Oceanography	2015
<i>Advisor: H. Paul Johnson</i>	

## Interests

- Air-sea interaction
- Upper-ocean turbulence
- Regions of ocean ventilation
- Antarctic polynya dynamics
- Ocean oxygen uptake and transport

## Appointments

<b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> University of Rhode Island	2023 - present
<b>Research Assistant</b> University of Washington	2012 - 2016

## Awards and Grants

<b>Early Career Poster Award</b> , International Symposium on Polar Sciences	2021
<b>Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) grant</b>	2019

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. High Salinity Shelf Water production rates in Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea from high-resolution salinity observations  
**Miller, U.K.**, C.J. Zappa, A.L. Gordon, Seung-Tae Yoon, Craig Stevens, Won Sang Lee  
*Nat. Commun.*, [doi:10.1038/s41467-023-43880-1](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-023-43880-1)
2. Scaling of moored surface ocean turbulence measurements in the Southeast Pacific Ocean  
**Miller, U.K.**, C. J. Zappa, S. Zippel, J. T. Farrar, R. A. Weller (2023)  
*J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, [doi:10.1029/2022JC018901](https://doi.org/10.1029/2022JC018901)
3. TKE Dissipation Rate Estimates from Pulse-Coherent ADCPs on Moorings  
Zippel, S., J. T. Farrar, C. J. Zappa; **U. K. Miller**, L. St. Laurent, T. Ijichi, R. A. Weller, L. McRaven, D. Le Bel (2021)  
*J. of Atmos. Ocean. Technol.*, [doi:10.1175/JTECH-D-21-0005.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-21-0005.1)
4. Warming and inhibition of salinization at the ocean's surface by cyanobacteria  
Wurl, O., K. Bird, M. Cunliffe, W.M. Landing, **U. K. Miller**, N. I. H. Mustaffa, et al. (2018)  
*Geophys. Res. Lett.*, [doi:10.1029/2018GL077946](https://doi.org/10.1029/2018GL077946)

5. Analysis of bubble plume distributions to evaluate methane hydrate decomposition on the continental slope  
Johnson, H. P., **U. K. Miller**, M. S. Salmi, and E. A. Solomon (2015)  
*Geochem. Geophys. Geosyst.*, doi:[10.1002/2015GC005955](https://doi.org/10.1002/2015GC005955).
6. Dissociation of Cascadia margin gas hydrates in response to contemporary ocean warming  
Hautala, S. L., E. A. Solomon, H. P. Johnson, R. N. Harris, **U. K. Miller** (2014)  
*Geophys. Res. Lett.*, doi:[10.1002/2014GL061606](https://doi.org/10.1002/2014GL061606).

## Presentations

### 2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting

American Geophysical Union, New Orleans, LA, 19 February – 23 February 2024  
TALK: (Abstract - PL13A-05): Oxygen transport and variability in the Labrador Sea: First insights from the new sensors on the OSNAP array

### University of Rhode Island Physical Oceanography Seminar Series

University of Rhode Island, 2 February 2024  
TALK: *High Salinity Shelf Water production and turbulent mixing in an Antarctic polynya*

### Antarctic Sea Ice and Southern Ocean Discussions Seminar

University of Texas at San Antonio, Online, 7 December 2022  
TALK: *High Salinity Shelf Water production in Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea from high-resolution near-surface salinity observations*

### 2022 Ocean Sciences Meeting

American Geophysical Union, Online, 24 February – 4 March 2022  
TALK (Abstract - 2181-A): *High Salinity Shelf Water production rates from near-surface mooring data*

### 26<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Polar Sciences

Korea Polar Research Institute, Online, 27-29 September 2021  
POSTER: *A high-resolution process study of High Salinity Shelf Water formation in the Terra Nova Bay Polynya, Ross Sea, Antarctica*

### University of Rhode Island Physical Oceanography Seminar Series

University of Rhode Island, Online, 30 April 2021  
TALK: *A high-resolution process study of High Salinity Shelf Water formation in the Terra Nova Bay Polynya, Ross Sea, Antarctica*

### Antarctic Sea Ice and Southern Ocean Discussions Seminar

University of Texas at San Antonio, Online, 17 February 2021  
TALK: *The Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Mooring*

### 2020 AGU Fall Meeting

American Geophysical Union, Online, 1-17 December 2021  
POSTER (Abstract GC116-0001): *A high-resolution process study of High Salinity Shelf Water formation in the Terra Nova Bay Polynya, Ross Sea, Antarctica*

### Land-Ice-Ocean Network Exploration with Semiautonomous Systems (LIONESS) Workshop

Korea Polar Research Institute, Online, 13-15 May 2020  
TALK: *Investigation of High Salinity Shelf Water in the Terra Nova Bay Polynya, Ross Sea*

### 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting AGU, San Diego, CA, 16-20 February 2020

TALK (Abstract PS11A-03): *Scaling turbulence in the ocean boundary layer of the Southeast Pacific Ocean stratus region*

**2015 AGU Fall Meeting** American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA, 14-18 December 2015

POSTER (Abstract OS23B-1990): *Analysis of Bubble Plume Distributions to Evaluate Methane Hydrate Decomposition on the Continental Slope.*

## Outreach and Mentoring Activities

**PyClub** 2020-2021

*Co-developed and co-taught 8-lesson course to introduce oceanography and python coding to NYC high school students*

**Girls Who Code at Columbia University** 2016 – 2019, 2021

*Managed and participated in weekly coding classes for NYC high school girls, participated in weekly organizational meetings, supervised field trips. Developed a lesson on the NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib packages to be taught in a new data analysis course.*

**Girls' Science Day at Columbia University** 2016 – 2018

*Assisted with science demonstrations in an annual science fair that engages NYC middle and high school girls in scientific research occurring at Columbia University*

**Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Open House** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020

*Assisted annually in development and demonstration of various oceanography-related exhibits for the general public*

## Professional Service

**Peer Reviewer** Nature Communications, Journal of Remote Sensing, 2020 - present

**Seminar Coordinator** Ocean and Climate Physics Seminar Series, 2019 - 2020

*Invited speakers and managed logistics for the weekly Ocean and Climate Physics seminar series at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory*

**Seminar Coordinator** Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Earth Science Colloquium, 2018 – 2020

*Invited speakers and managed logistics for institution-wide seminar series*

**Student Representative** Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Executive Committee, 2019 - 2020

*Advocated for graduate student matters in monthly meetings with the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory directorate*

## Teaching Experience

**Physical Oceanography** Fall 2023, University of Rhode Island

*Guest lecturer; created and taught two 80-minute lectures on gravity and internal waves to a graduate-level introductory physical oceanography class.*

**PyClub** Spring 2021, Online

*Teacher; Created and led a lesson introducing the use of the Pandas package in Python to a group of high school students.*

**Introduction to Physical Oceanography\*** Fall 2018, Columbia University

*Teaching Assistant; led weekly office hour sessions, graded homework*  
**Dynamics of Climate Variability and Change** Fall 2017, Columbia University  
*Teaching Assistant; led weekly office hour sessions, graded homework*  
**Oceanography of the Pacific Northwest\*** Fall 2015, University of Washington  
*Teaching Assistant; assisted in lab demonstrations, graded homework*

\*Student evaluation available upon request

## Professional Membership

Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention (MPOWIR)

## Research Cruise Experience

**Southwest Pacific Ocean** 6 weeks, 2019, R/V Falkor

*Observation of biological and physical processes occurring at the sea surface microlayer*

**Ross Sea, Antarctica** 6 weeks, 2018, R/V Araon

*Retrieval and deployment of various physical oceanographic moorings*

**Nootka Sound, British Columbia** 10 days, 2014, R/V Thompson

*Thesis data collection for senior undergraduates in the University of Washington Department of Oceanography*

**Washington and Oregon coasts** 10 days, 2014, R/V Thompson

*Geochemical and geophysical observation of methane plumes on the continental margin*

**Washington and Oregon coasts** 2 weeks, 2014, R/V Thompson

*Retrieval of Ocean Bottom Seismometers monitoring seismic activity on the Cascadia Subduction Zone*

**Washington and Oregon coasts** 4 weeks, 2013, R/V Atlantis

*Investigation of the thermal and fluid environment of the Cascadia Subduction Zone*