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Education

- Ph.D.** Columbia University, Earth and Environmental Sciences 2023
Advisor: Christopher J. Zappa
- B.S.** University of Washington, Oceanography 2015
Advisor: H. Paul Johnson

Professional Appointments

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow** University of Rhode Island 2023 - present
- Research Assistant** University of Washington 2012 - 2016

Research Interests

- Air-sea interaction physics
- Upper ocean turbulence
- Polynya processes
- Moorings and uncrewed systems
- High-latitude environments
- Ocean ventilation and deoxygenation

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Miller, U.K.**, K. E. Fogaren, D. Atamanchuk, C. Johnson, J. Koelling, I. Le Bras, M. Lindeman, H. Nagao, D. P. Nicholson, H. Palevsky, E. Park, M. Yoder, J. Palter; Oxygen optodes on oceanographic moorings: recommendations for deployment and in-situ calibration. [Under review.](#)
- 2024
2. **Miller, U.K.**, C.J. Zappa, A.L. Gordon, S.T. Yoon, C. Stevens, L. Cornelissen, S.K. Yun, W.S. Lee, 2024; The coupling of winds, ocean turbulence, and High Salinity Shelf Water in the Terra Nova Bay Polynya. *Deep Sea Res. Part II.* [doi:10.1016/j.dsr2.2024.105412](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2024.105412)
 3. Stevens, C., S.T. Yoon, C.J. Zappa, **U.K. Miller**, X. Wang, F. Elliot, L. Cornelissen, C.K. Lee, S.K. Yun, W.S. Lee, 2024; Ocean processes south of the Drygalski Ice Tongue, western Ross Sea. *Deep Sea Res. Part II.* [doi:10.1016/j.dsr2.2024.105411](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2024.105411)
 4. **Miller, U.K.**, C.J. Zappa, A.L. Gordon, S.T. Yoon, C. Stevens, W.S. Lee; High Salinity Shelf Water production rates in Terra Nova Bay, Ross Sea from high-resolution salinity observations, 2024; *Nat. Commun.* [doi:10.1038/s41467-023-43880-1](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-023-43880-1)
- 2023
5. **Miller, U.K.**, C. J. Zappa, S. Zippel, J. T. Farrar, R. A. Weller; Scaling of moored surface ocean turbulence measurements in the Southeast Pacific Ocean, 2023; *J. Geophys. Res. Oceans*, [doi:10.1029/2022JC018901](https://doi.org/10.1029/2022JC018901)
- 2021
6. 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; TKE Dissipation Rate Estimates from Pulse-Coherent ADCPs on Moorings. *J. of*

Atmos. Ocean. Technol., [doi:10.1175/JTECH-D-21-0005.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JTECH-D-21-0005.1)

2014 - 2018

7. Wurl, O., K. Bird, M. Cunliffe, W.M. Landing, **U. K. Miller**, N. I. H. Mustaffa, et al., 2018. Warming and inhibition of salinization at the ocean's surface by cyanobacteria. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, [doi:10.1029/2018GL077946](https://doi.org/10.1029/2018GL077946)
8. Johnson, H. P., **U. K. Miller**, M. S. Salmi, and E. A. Solomon, 2015; Analysis of bubble plume distributions to evaluate methane hydrate decomposition on the continental slope. *Geochem. Geophys. Geosyst.*, [doi:10.1002/2015GC005955](https://doi.org/10.1002/2015GC005955).
9. Hautala, S. L., E. A. Solomon, H. P. Johnson, R. N. Harris, **U. K. Miller**, 2014; Dissociation of Cascadia margin gas hydrates in response to contemporary ocean warming. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, [doi:10.1002/2014GL061606](https://doi.org/10.1002/2014GL061606)

Awards and Grants

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

Professional Service

Early career member Ocean Carbon & Biogeochemistry (OCB) Ocean-Atmosphere Interaction Committee	2024 - present
Invited Reviewer Nature Communications, Journal of Remote Sensing	2021 - present
Seminar Coordinator Ocean and Climate Physics Seminar Series <i>Invited speakers and managed logistics for the weekly Ocean and Climate Physics seminar series at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory</i>	2019 - 2020
Seminar Coordinator Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Earth Science Colloquium <i>Invited speakers and managed logistics for institution-wide seminar series</i>	2018 – 2020
Student Representative Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Executive Committee <i>Advocated for graduate student matters in monthly meetings with the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory directorate</i>	2019 - 2020

Teaching Experience

Physical Oceanography University of Rhode Island <i>Guest lecturer; created and taught two 80-minute lectures on gravity and internal waves to a graduate-level introductory physical oceanography class</i>	Fall 2023
PyClub Online <i>Teacher; Created and led a lesson introducing the use of the Pandas package in Python to a group of high school students</i>	Spring 2021
Introduction to Physical Oceanography Columbia University <i>Teaching Assistant; led weekly office hour sessions, graded homework</i>	Fall 2018
Dynamics of Climate Variability and Change Columbia University <i>Teaching Assistant; led weekly office hour sessions, graded homework</i>	Fall 2017
Oceanography of the Pacific Northwest University of Washington <i>Teaching Assistant; assisted in lab demonstrations, graded homework</i>	Fall 2015

Mentoring

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Oceanography (SURFO) program Summer 2024
*Worked closely with undergraduate Nathaniel Nowel on his project entitled,
“Exploring the Role of the Gulf Stream in Wintertime Surface Wind Convergence
Using Saildrone Vehicles”*

Professional Membership

Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention (MPOWIR)
American Geophysical Union

Conference Presentations

2024 OCB Summer Workshop 10 – 13 June 2024
Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry, Woods Hole, MA
LIGHTNING TALK and POSTER: *Oxygen uptake and transport in the
Labrador Sea, as told by the OSNAP array*

2024 Gordon Research Seminar on Ocean Mixing 8 – 9 June 2024
Gordon Research Conferences, Mount Holyoke, MA
POSTER: *Upper ocean turbulence scaling: Year-long ϵ time series in two very different wind-
forced settings*

2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting 19 - 23 February 2024
American Geophysical Union, New Orleans, LA
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 2 February 2024
University of Rhode Island
TALK: *High Salinity Shelf Water production and turbulent mixing in an
Antarctic polynya*

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

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

26th International Symposium on Polar Sciences 27-29 September 2021
Korea Polar Research Institute, Online,
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 30 April 2021
University of Rhode Island, Online
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** 17 February 2021
University of Texas at San Antonio, Online
TALK: *The Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Mooring*
- 2020 AGU Fall Meeting** 1-17 December 2021
American Geophysical Union, Online
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** 13-15 May 2020
Korea Polar Research Institute, Online,
TALK: *Investigation of High Salinity Shelf Water in the Terra Nova Bay Polynya, Ross Sea*
- 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting** 16-20 February 2020
American Geophysical Union, San Diego, CA
TALK (Abstract PS11A-03): *Scaling turbulence in the ocean boundary layer of the Southeast Pacific Ocean stratus region*
- 2015 AGU Fall Meeting** 14-18 December 2015
American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA
POSTER (Abstract OS23B-1990): *Analysis of Bubble Plume Distributions to Evaluate Methane Hydrate Decomposition on the Continental Slope*

Outreach 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
- 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

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