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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

09/2019–06/2024

Ph.D. in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (Jun 2024)

M.S. in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (Jun 2021)

Advisor: Prof. Gang Chen

Lanzhou University

09/2015–06/2019

B.S. in Atmospheric Sciences

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Los Angeles

02/2026–Present

Postdoctoral Scholar working on stratosphere-troposphere coupling

Princeton University & Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory

09/2024–02/2026

Postdoctoral Research Associate working on the role of the stratosphere in S2S prediction

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

06/2024–09/2024

Summer Intern working on wildfire plumes in a regionally refined storm-resolving model

PUBLICATIONS

Xiang, B., Harris, L., Zhang, G., & **Ding, X.** (2025). Dual Pathways Governing S2S Predictability of North American Summer Heat. *Submitted*.

Ding, X., Xiang, B., et al. (2025). Stratospheric Wave Predictability Enhances S2S Surface Forecasts over North America. *Under review at Sci. Adv.*

Ding, X., Tang, Q., Chen, G., Ke, Z., Zhang, J., & Shi, Y. (2025). Mechanisms for Stratospheric Aerosol Injection by Wildfires: Roles of Circulation. *In revision*.

Peer-reviewed:

6. Chen, G. & **Ding, X.** (2026). Benchmarking the dynamic modes of stratosphere-troposphere coupling in Northern Annular Modes (NAM) in CMIP6 Models. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 53, e2025GL121278. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2025GL121278>

5. **Ding, X.**, Chen, G., Wang, Y., & Sun, L. (2025). Demystifying the drivers of the spring warming asymmetry between Eurasia and North America. *Science Advances*, 11(22), eadu2364. <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adu2364>
4. **Ding, X.**, Chen, G., & Magnusdottir, G. (2024). North American cooling signature of strong stratospheric wave events depends on the QBO phase. *Environmental Research: Climate*, 3, 031006. <https://doi.org/10.1088/2752-5295/ad53f6>
3. **Ding, X.**, Chen, G., & Ma, W. (2023). Stratosphere-Troposphere Coupling of Extreme Stratospheric Wave Activity in CMIP6 Models. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 128, e2023JD038811. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2023JD038811> [Editor's Highlight]
2. **Ding, X.**, Chen, G., Zhang, P., Domeisen, D. I. V., & Orbe, C. (2023). Extreme stratospheric wave activity as harbingers of cold events over North America. *Communications Earth & Environment*, 4, 187. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-023-00845-y>
1. **Ding, X.**, Chen, G., Sun, L., & Zhang, P. (2022). Distinct North American Cooling Signatures Following the Zonally Symmetric and Asymmetric Modes of Winter Stratospheric Variability. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 49(6), e2021GL096076. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021GL096076>

SEMINARS

Climate Program CWSS Seminar, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. (Aug 2024)

AOS Department Seminar, University of California, Los Angeles. (Apr 2024)

UNIL Atmospheric Processes Group Seminar, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. (Feb 2024)

SELECTED CONFERENCES

AGU 2025 Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA: Stratospheric Predictability and Its Surface Linkages in S2S Forecasting. (Dec 2025, Oral)

AGU 2025 Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA: Demystifying the Drivers of the Spring Warming Asymmetry between Eurasia and North America. (Dec 2025, Oral)

AGU 2024 Fall Meeting, Washington, DC: The Masked Effect of Anthropogenic Aerosols in Driving Zonally Asymmetric Warming Trends in Boreal Spring. (Dec 2024, Poster)

AMS Annual Meeting 2024, Baltimore, MD: Strong Stratospheric Wave Events Precede North American Cold Extremes. (Jan 2024, **Invited oral**)

AGU 2023 Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA: The Impact of QBO on the Surface Signature of Strong Stratospheric Wave Events. (Dec 2023, Poster)

DynVar/SNAP Workshop, Munich, Germany: Stratospheric Wave Precursor of Cold Events over North America. (Oct 2023, Oral)

S2S Summit 2023, Reading, UK: Causality between Extreme Stratospheric Wave Activity and Cold Extremes over North America. (Jul 2023, Poster)

EGU General Assembly 2023, Online: Assessing Stratosphere-troposphere Coupling of Extreme Stratospheric Wave Activity in CMIP6 Models. (Apr 2023, Oral)

AGU 2022 Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL: Examining the Causality between Stratospheric Planetary Wave Activity and North American Cold Extremes. (Dec 2022, Oral)

4th Annual California Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (CalGFD) Meeting 2022, Pasadena, CA: Disentangling the Causality between Stratospheric Planetary Wave Activity and North American Cold Events. (Aug 2022, Oral)

2022 NCAR ASP Colloquium Workshop, Boulder, CO. (Jul 2022, Poster)

AMS Annual Meeting 2022, Online: Distinct North American Cooling Signatures Following the Zonally Symmetric and Asymmetric Modes of Stratospheric Variability in the Northern Hemisphere Winter. (Jan 2022, Oral)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Jacob A. Bjerknes Award, Dept. of AOS, UCLA	01/2025
For outstanding research achievements by graduate students (dissertation award)	
Travel Support for DynVar/SNAP Workshop	07/2023
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA	06/2023
Paul M. Furukawa Memorial Fellowship, Dept. of AOS, UCLA	09/2022
NCAR ASP Colloquium Travel Award	06/2022
Outstanding Bachelor's Thesis, Lanzhou University	05/2019
Outstanding Student Scholarship, Lanzhou University	06/2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant of AOS 3 – Meteorology and Extreme Weather, 2023 Spring

Special Reader of AOS C170/C227 – Advanced Dynamics and Synoptic Meteorology, 2023 Winter

Teaching Assistant of AOS 51 – Fundamentals of Climate Science, 2022 Spring

SERVICE

Reviewer for: *Nature Communications*, *npj Climate and Atmospheric Science*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, *Journal of Climate*, *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*, *Climate Dynamics*, *Weather and Climate Dynamics*, *Journal of Meteorological Research*

Outstanding Student Presentation Awards reviewer, AGU Fall Meeting, 2024

Poster contest judge, AMS Student Conference, 2024

Session chair, DynVar/SNAP Workshop in Munich, 2023

Volunteer, S2S Summit at University of Reading, 2023

Volunteer, Exploring Your Universe at UCLA, 2021, 2022

Student representative, AOS 270 seminar committee, UCLA, 2022–2023

MENTORING

Graduate mentees: Rui Zhang (2024, co-supervised with Gang Chen), Jacob Chen (2022–2023, co-supervised with Gang Chen), He Huang (2022, co-supervised with Gang Chen)

Undergraduate mentees: Claire Fu (2021, co-supervised with Gang Chen)