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BACKGROUND

- Interested in climate attribution, risk/impact assessments, & linkages to policy
- Published 35 peer-reviewed scientific articles (journal/technical reports)
- Presented more than **75 talks** for technical & non-specialist audiences
- Conducted over 100 interviews with local-to-international news media
- Visualize & communicate climate data on social media (100,000+ followers)
- Coordinated **6 sessions** at local workshops & international climate meetings
- Participated on 3 grant proposal panels & reviewed over 50 journal studies
- Honored as a Kavli Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences in 2019

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

Climate Scientist

Climate Central, Inc.

May 2025 - Present

Princeton, NJ

 Understanding, quantifying, and communicating high-impact climate risks at local and regional scales using observations, climate models, and data-driven statistics

Research Physical Scientist (Federal)

NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL)

Princeton, NJ

- Led innovative original research on climate impacts & Al/machine learning
- Collaborated with civil engineers to use climate data for infrastructure resiliency
- Contributed to international global climate & weather assessments annually
- Assessed & developed high-resolution global climate models for improving prediction, projection, and risk assessment of natural hazards

Postdoc to Associate Research Scholar

Princeton University & NOAA GFDL

May 2022 - June 2024

Princeton, NJ

- Designed a framework to attribute high-impact climate extremes in near real-time using observations, models, and other data-driven statistical methods
- Collaborated with local/federal stakeholders & educational science nonprofits

Postdoc

Colorado State University

🛗 June 2020 - April 2022

♀ Fort Collins, CO

- Leveraged explainable machine learning techniques for identifying new patterns of anthropogenic climate change relative to those from natural variability
- Awarded a Sustainability Leadership Fellowship at Colorado State University with formal training in science communication, policy, and educational outreach

Graduate Research Assistant

University of California, Irvine

September 2015 - June 2020

♀ Irvine, CA

- Implemented new modeling experiments to understand Arctic climate extremes
- Awarded National Science Foundation NRT Fellowship for data science

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Earth System Science

University of California, Irvine (CA)

B.Sc in Atmospheric Science

Cornell University (NY)

- ## August 2011 May 2015
- Distinction in Research
- Dyson Business Minor for Life Sciences

INTERESTS

Climate Change &
Extreme Weather
Climate Risk
High Resolution
Models

Data Visualization& CommunicationExplainable AI/ML

Climate Prediction

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python AI/ML Shell Scripting Matlab R



STRENGTHS

• Python Tools

Cartopy Keras Matplotlib Numpy
Pandas Seaborn Scikit-learn SciPy
Statsmodels Tensorflow Xarray

Other Programming & Software

Git HTML NCL NCO/CDO LaTeX

High-Performance Computing

NCAR's Cheyenne/Yellowstone Linux
NOAA's RDHPCS CMIP5/6 ESGF

BROADER SKILL SET

Critical Problem-Solving Team Science
Interdisciplinary Blog/Technical Writing
Leadership Machine Learning