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Education:

B.A.; 1978; University of California, Santa Barbara, Geography

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Ph.D.; 1989; University of California, Santa Barbara, Interdisciplinary-Physical Oceanography
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Research Positions:

2000-present – Senior Research Scientist, Colorado Research Associates, Boulder, Colorado, a division
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2003-2008 – Adjunct Faculty, Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, University of
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2000- 2003 – FSXOutlook Author/Editorial Team, Foresight Weather Inc., Boulder, Colorado
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1995- 2001 – Scientist II, Climate and Global Dynamics Division, National Center for Atmospheric
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1992-1995–Scientist I, Climate and Global Dynamics Division, National Center for Atmospheric
Research, Boulder, Colorado

1989-1991–UCAR Postdoctoral Fellow in Ocean Modeling at National Center for Atmospheric
Research, Boulder, Colorado (J.C. McWilliams, advisor)

1989 – Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Applied Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge,
Massachusetts (A.R. Robinson, advisor)

1985 - 1989 – Visiting Fellow, Division of Applied Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge,
Massachusetts

1984 - 1985 – Research Assistant, Computer Systems Laboratory, University of California, Santa
Barbara, California

1983 – Consultant, Computer Systems Laboratory, University of California, Santa Barbara, California

1980 -1981 – Postgraduate Researcher, Geography Remote Sensing Unit, University of California, Santa
Barbara, California

Professional Service, Societies and Awards:

University of California Community Service Award at graduation, 1978

University of California, Santa Barbara Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program, 1983

University of California Regents Fellowship, 1984

Harvard University, Visiting Fellow/Special Student Program, 1985 -1988

UCAR Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ocean Modeling, 1989 -1991

UCAR Council on Family and Work, 1993 - 1997

NCAR Geophysical Turbulence Program member, 1994 - present

NASA Group Achievement Award, 1998

National Academy of Sciences:

- Committee on Earth Studies, 1999 - 2002;
- Ensuring the Climate Data Record from NPOESS, 2007;
- Uncertainty Management in Remote Sensing of Climate Data, 2008.

Member, NASA Ocean Vector Winds Science Team, 1991 - present

Member, American Geophysical Union

Member, American Meteorological Society

Member, The Oceanography Society

CoRA Overhead Oversight Committee, 2001 - 2006

CoRA Management Council 2009-2010

Refereed Publications:

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Doctoral and Postdoctoral Supervision:

- Dr. Toshio M. Chin, postdoc 1995-1997 (NCAR/ASP, now at NASA/JPL)
- Prof. Christopher K. Wikle, postdoc 1997-1999 (NCAR/GSP, now at U. Missouri)
- Dr. Enrique Curchitser, doctoral committee 1999 (Rutgers, now at LDEO)
- Dr. Javier Zavala-Garay, doctoral committee 2002 (CU/PAOS, now at U. Miami/RSMAS)
- Dr. Neil Burrell, doctoral committee 2003 (CU/Applied Math, now at U. North Carolina)
- Dr. Kettyah Chhak, doctoral committee 2003 (CU/PAOS, now at Georgia Tech.)
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Recent Collaborators:

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