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Education

Ph.D., 2004 Atmospheric Sciences, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
M.S., 2001 Atmospheric Sciences, UCLA
B.S., 1995 Meteorology (with honors), San Jose State University (SJSU)

Experience

2011– Research Scientist, JPL
2009–2011 Scientist, JPL
2009–2019 Project Scientist, UCLA, Joint Institute for Regional Earth System Science and Engineering (JIFRESSE)
2008 Assistant Researcher IV, UCLA/JIFRESSE
2005–2008 NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Fellow
2003–2005 Academic Part-Time Researcher, JPL
2000–2004 Graduate Research Assistant, UCLA
1999–2002 Teaching Fellow, UCLA
1997–1999 Physics Lab Instructor, SJSU
1997–1999 Lecturer on Weather and Climate, SJSU
1996–1997 Exchange Student, Urals State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia
1994–1995 Summer Intern, National Weather Service Forecast Office, Anchorage, AK

Honors and Awards

NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Fellowship Award (2005–2008)
NASA Earth Systems Science (ESS) Fellowship (2001–2004)
Brian Bosart Award, UCLA (2001)
Neiburger Teaching Award, UCLA (2000)
Scholarship to attend Urals State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia (1996–1997)

Professional Activities (current)

Co-Investigator, Polar Radiant Energy in the Far InfraRed Experiment (PREFIRE) (2018–)
Associate Editor, Atmospheric Measurement Techniques (2013–)
Member, CALIPSO/CloudSat Science Team (2008–)
Lead cloud scientist for the NASA/JPL Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS) project (2005–)
Member, American Geophysical Union (AGU) and American Meteorological Society (AMS)

Professional Activities (previous)

Reviewer/panelist for NASA, Department of Energy (DOE), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) proposals
Member, AMS Committee on Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography, and Climatology (2015–2017)
Member, Atmospheric Sciences Data Center (ASDC) User's Working Group (UWG) for the Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) at the Langley Research Center (2010–2017)

Member, Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) Science Team (2014–2017) and Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS) Science Team (2014–2017)

Refereed Publications (H = 22)

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