

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Education

1987 PhD: Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
1981 BA (Phi Beta Kappa): Physics, Reed College, Portland, OR

Experience

2011-present Senior principal oceanographer, Polar Science Center, Seattle, WA
1997-2010 Senior oceanographer, Polar Science Center, Seattle, WA
1996-1999 Chairman, Polar Science Center
1987-1997 Oceanographer, Polar Science Center
1982-1987 Assistant in Research, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab, Princeton, NJ
1980 Research Assistant, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York, NY

Community Service

Committees, Panels, Chairs:

2009-ongoing Lead organizer: FAMOS/AOMIP School for arctic marine modeling
2016-ongoing Review board member: EU project "Blue Action"
2016 Organizer: 2 SF AGU sessions: (i) sea ice and (ii) sea surface temperature
2015 Organizer: SF AGU sea ice session in coupled climate systems
2013 Review board member: Multi-institutional Danish project "NAACOS"
2006-2012 Member, SEARCH Science Steering Committee
2002-2012 Member, Polar Advisory Group, PoDAG (NASA)
2002-2011 Member, ARCSS Hydrology Science Steering Comm., CHAMP (NSF)
2010 Member, SEARCH Understanding Change Task Force (NSF)
2007-2010 Ocean/Ice Section Leader, USARC Scaling Study
2006-2009 Member, ARCSS Committee (NSF)
2008 Co-organizer, Arctic Ocean Circulation Workshop, JPL, Oct'08
2007 Co-chair, Freshwater in the Arctic session (AGU mt., SF, CA)
2006 Member, SEARCH Data Management Working Group (NSF)
2005-2006 Member, SEARCH Observing Change panel (NSF)
2004-2007 Member, ARCUS Advisory Board
2006 Co-chair, Arctic shelf processes session (AGU Ocean Sci. mtg., Honolulu)
2004 Co-chair, Freshwater in the Arctic session (AGU mtg., S.F., CA)
2000-2004 Member, ARCSS OAI Science Steering Committee (NSF)
2002 Co-chair, Arctic model-data comparison workshop (ACSYS/IARC)
2002 Co-chair, High latitude ocean processes Chapman conference (AGU)
1999-2000 Member, Committee on NASA's Polar Geophysical Data Sets (NRC)

Other:

1999-ongoing	Developer of the ocean database PHC (last major update spring, 2005): (http://psc.apl.washington.edu/Climatology.html)
ongoing	Reviewer for JGR, GRL (<i>excellence in reviewing</i> , 2012), Polar Research, DSR, ARCUS student research award, NSF, NASA and other agencies.
ongoing	Lectures and demonstrations in K-12 schools, colleges, and museums.
2012-2013	Lead science consultant, Arctic buoy exhibit at Pacific Science Center
2007-2010	Leader, “Dylan the Arctic Diatom” educational cartoon development team
2004-2011	Quarterly lecture in General Environmental Science 215 at the Art Institute of Seattle; material provided for student term papers
2005-2006	Leader, Art Institute of Seattle – Polar Science Center student internship program. Pilot project: “The Life of Sea Ice” video

Observational Program Experience

2012-ongoing	SIZRS: Air-deployed buoy observations of upper ocean temperature
2010-ongoing	UpTempO: Upper ocean temperature measurement by drifting buoys
2010-2013	Arctic bio-optical ARGO floats deployed in the Greenland Sea
2012-2013	MIZOPEX: UAV and buoy observations of upper ocean and sea ice
2007	Baffin Bay hydrographic sampling in collaboration with narwhal studies
2003-2013	Switchyard Project
2000-2014	North Pole Environmental Observatory (NPEO)
1995	Scientific Ice Expeditions (SCICEX’95)
1991	Lead Experiment (LEADEX) Pilot Study
1988	Coordinated Eastern Arctic Experiment (CEAREX)

Employees (as of 2017)

W. Ermold (*part time*): field scientist, scientific programmer
K. Colburn (*part time*): project coordinator, initial data processing
S. Dickinson (*part time*): scientific programmer

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- (88) Zhang, J., A. Schweiger, M. Steele, and H. Stern, Sea ice floe distribution in the marginal ice zone: Theory and numerical experiments, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 120, doi:[10.1002/2015JC010770](https://doi.org/10.1002/2015JC010770), **2015**.
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