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Academic Appointments

2019 - present **Assistant Professor** Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD
2019 - present **Visiting Fellow** Global Systems Institute, University of Exeter
2017 - 2019 **Postdoctoral Associate** Department of Earth, Atmosphere and
Planetary Sciences, MIT

Education

2017 **Ph.D.** Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Princeton University.
2012 **Msci.** Geophysics, Imperial College London.

Publications

2021	<p>Seeley, J. T., Lutsko, N. J., and Keith, D. W. (2021). Designing a radiative antidote to co2. <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i>, 48(1). e2020GL090876</p> <p>Lutsko, N. J. (2021). The relative contributions of temperature and moisture to heat stress changes under warming. <i>Journal of Climate</i>, 34(3):901 – 917</p> <p>Henry, M., Merlis, T. M., Lutsko, N. J., and Rose, B. E. J. (2021). Decomposing the drivers of polar amplification with a single column model. <i>Journal of Climate</i>, 34(6):2355–2365</p> <p>Lutsko, N. J., Popp, M., Nazarian, R. H., and Albright, A. L. (2021). Emergent constraints on regional cloud feedbacks. <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i>, 48(1). e2021GL092934</p> <p>Hell, M. C., Cornuelle, B. D., Gille, S. T., and Lutsko, N. J. (2021). Time-varying empirical probability densities of southern ocean surface winds: Linking the leading mode to sam and quantifying wind product differences. <i>Journal of Climate</i>, 34(13):5497 – 5522</p> <p>Jeevanjee, N., Koll, D. D. B., and Lutsko, N. J. (2021). Simpson’s law and the spectral cancellation of climate feedbacks. <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i>, 48(1). e2021GL093699</p>
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- England, M. R., Eisenman, I., Lutsko, N. J., and Wagner, T. J. W. (2021). The recent emergence of arctic amplification. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 48(1). e2021GL094086
- 2020 Popp, M., Lutsko, N. J., and Bony, S. (2020b). Weaker links between zonal convective clustering and itcz width in climate models than in observations. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47. e2020GL090479
- Popp, M., Lutsko, N. J., and Bony, S. (2020a). The relationship between convective clustering and mean tropical climate in aquaplanet simulations. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 12. e2020MS002070
- Lutsko, N. J., Seeley, J. T., and Keith, D. W. (2020). Estimating impacts and trade-offs in solar geoengineering scenarios with a moist energy balance model. *Geophysical Research Letters*. e2020GL087290
- Lutsko, N. J. (2020). Testing the limits and breakdown of the nonacceleration theorem for orographic stationary waves. *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, 77(5):1513 – 1529
- 2019 Lutsko, N. J. and Popp, M. (2019). Probing the sources of uncertainty in transient warming on different timescales. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 46
- Lutsko, N. J., Baldwin, J. W., and Cronin, T. W. (2019a). The impact of large-scale orography on northern hemisphere winter synoptic temperature variability. *Journal of Climate*, 32(18):5799–5814
- Lutsko, N. J., Marshall, J., and Green, B. (2019b). Modulation of monsoon circulations by cross-equatorial ocean heat transport. *Journal of Climate*, 32:3471–3485
- 2018 Lutsko, N. J. and Cronin, T. W. (2018). Increase in precipitation efficiency with surface warming in radiative-convective equilibrium. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 10:2992 – 3010
- Lutsko, N. J. (2018a). The relationship between cloud radiative effect and surface temperature variability at enso frequencies in cmip5 models. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 45:10599 – 10608
- Lutsko, N. J. and Popp, M. (2018). The influence of meridional gradients in insolation and long-wave optical depth on the climate of a gray radiation gcm. *Journal of Climate*, 31:7803–7822
- Lutsko, N. J. and Takahashi, K. (2018). What can the internal variability of cmip5 models tell us about their climate sensitivity? *Journal of Climate*, 31:5051 – 5069
- Lutsko, N. J. (2018b). The response of an idealized atmosphere to enso-like heating: Superrotation and the breakdown of linear theory. *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, 75:3–20

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| 2017 | Popp, M. and Lutsko, N. J. (2017). Quantifying the zonal-mean structure of tropical precipitation. <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i> , 44(18):9470–9478. 2017GL075235 |
| | Lutsko, N. J., Held, I. M., Zurita-Gotor, P., and O’Rourke, A. K. (2017). Lower tropospheric eddy momentum fluxes in idealized models and reanalysis data. <i>Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences</i> , 74:3787 – 3797 |
| 2016 | Lutsko, N. J. and Held, I. M. (2016). The response of an idealized atmosphere to orographic forcing: Zonal vs meridional propagation. <i>Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences</i> , 73(8):3701 – 3718 |
| 2015 | Lutsko, N. J., Held, I. M., and Zurita-Gotor, P. (2015). Applying the fluctuation–dissipation theorem to a two-layer model of quasi-geostrophic turbulence. <i>Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences</i> , 72(8):3161 – 3177 |

Mentoring

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| Ph.D. Students | David Vishny (2020-), Pengcheng Zhang (2020 -, co-advised with Shang-Ping Xie), Jack Bauchop (2021-) |
| Postdocs | Momme Hell (2020-2021), Casey Wall (2021, co-advised with Joel Norris) |
| Undergraduate researchers | Kylie Kinne (2020, through SURF), Nicole Neumann (2020-2021) |

Teaching

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| Spring 2021 | Instructor SIO 217C: Atmospheric and Climate Sciences III
Instructor SIO 87: The Need for Shade |
| Spring 2020 | Co-Instructor SIO 217C: Atmospheric and Climate Sciences III |
| Spring 2016 | Assistant Instructor Princeton GEO202: Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate |
| Fall 2015 | Assistant Instructor Princeton AOS576: Current Topics in Dynamic Meteorology Large-Scale Structure/Atmosphere. |
| Fall 2011 | Tutor Imperial College ESE101: Mathematics for Geoscientists. |

Department Seminars

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| 2021 | Yale, Fairfield |
| 2020 | UC-Irvine, Imperial College London, UC-Berkeley |
| 2019 | Stanford, McGill, Stockholm University, Caltech, UCLA |
| 2018 | Laboratoire de Meteorologie Dynamique (Paris), NYU, MIT, Cambridge (UK), Oxford, University of Exeter, University of Washington, Harvard University |
| 2017 | University of Chicago, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (dissertation defense), Columbia University |

Professional Activities

- Reviewer** Nature, Nature Climate Change, PNAS, Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences, Journal of Climate, Climate Dynamics, Geophysical Review Letters, Environmental Research Letters, Earth System Dynamics.
- 2020-Present **Organizing Committee Member** Equilibrium Climate Sensitivity Seminar Series
Committee Member NOAA Climate Sensitivity Task Force
Faculty Adviser Scripps Climate Journal Club
- 2021 **EGU Session Convener** *Theme:* Dynamics of the Atmospheric Circulation in Past, Present and Future Climates.
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- 2018 **AGU Session Convener** *Theme:* Relating the Internal Variability of Climate Systems and their Forced Responses.
- 2017 **AOFD Session Chair** *Theme:* Theoretical Advances in AOFD.
- 2015 **Organizer** Princeton AOS Workshop. *Theme:* Using Climate Models to Study Extreme Climates.
- 2013 – 2014 **Organizer** Princeton AOS student seminar series.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2018 Heldfest Travel Scholarship
- 2016 Rossbypalooza
- 2014 Cambridge FDSE Summer School
- 2013–16 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2012 Princeton University Centennial Fellowship
- 2012 Imperial College Governor's Prize
- 2009 EPSRC Summer Research Grant
- 2008 R. Stoddard Longcroft Prize at Imperial College

Outreach and Contributions to Diversity

- 2021 **Classroom Visits** Elementary Institute of Science (through SCOPE)
 Classroom Visits Colonia La Esperanza Elementary School (Tijuana)
- 2020 **Mentor** Scripps Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2020-present **Collaborator** sl-Collective architecture firm
- 2018-present **Team Member** with *Emerald Tutu* project
- 2020 **Invited Speaker** Cooper Union Climate Week event *Ways of Seeing Green*
- 2019 **Interview with Art and America magazine** on visualizing climate change
 Invited Critic UCLA Advanced Topics Architecture Studio *Deep Freeze* review
 Invited Speaker Climate Adaptation Forum, organized by Environmental Business
 Council of New England.
- 2018 **Lab Visit Host** with MIT Executive MBA Program.
 First Place Climate Changed: After Models? Competition. MIT Environmental
 Solutions Initiatives & Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning.
- 2017-2018 **Interpreter** Boston Housing Authority (French/Spanish).