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EDUCATION ◇ **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. March, 1980 (Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics)
◇ **University of Cambridge** Cambridge, England
Knox Fellow, 1976-1977 (Dept. of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics)
◇ **Harvard College**, Cambridge, MA
A.B. Magna cum Laude in Physics June, 1975

POSITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS ◇ **Louis Block Professor** University of Chicago, 2005-present
◇ **Professor in Geophysical Sciences** University of Chicago, 1989-present
◇ **Directeur de Recherche** Ecole Polytechnique, France (2003-2004, visiting position)
◇ **John Simon Guggenheim Fellow** Laboratoire de Meteorologie Dynamique, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris. 1996/1997 (sabbatical visit)
◇ **Professor of Geology and Geophysics** Princeton University 1988-1989
◇ **Guest Investigator** Stockholms Universitet, Meteorologiska Institutionen 1987/1988 (sabbatical visit)
◇ **Research Scientist** Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory/NOAA. 1982-1988.
Concurrent appointments at Princeton University: Visiting Lecturer with Rank of Associate Professor (Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences Program), Affiliated Faculty Member, Applied & Computational Mathematics Program.
◇ **Assistant Professor of Meteorology** Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1980-1982

AWARDS ◇ **John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship**
◇ **Fellow, American Geophysical Union**
◇ **Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques**

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES ◇ **Director and P.I.**, *Climate Systems Center* (National Science Foundation Information Technology Research Program).
◇ **Member**, City of Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Climate Change.
◇ **Co-organizer**, 2008 Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics Program on Physics of Climate.
◇ **Lead Author**, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Assessment Report (1997-2001)

- ◇ Member, National Research Council Panel on Abrupt Climate Change and its Societal Impacts (2000-2001).
- ◇ Member, NOAA (later Comer) Panel on Abrupt Change (2000-2007)
- ◇ Co-organizer and principal lecturer GEOMIX Summer School on Mixing Problems in Geophysics. (Cargese, 2001).
- ◇ Principal Lecturer Woods Hole GFD program 2001, and NORDITA 2001 Summer School on Physics of Climate.
- ◇ Vice President, European Geophysical Union Commission on Mathematical Geophysics
- ◇ Editor, Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences (1988-1991)

PHD
STUDENTS

- ◇ **B. Reinhold** (PhD, MIT 1981) Dynamics of Weather Regimes: Quasi-Stationary Waves & Blocking
- ◇ **D. Dritschel** (PhD, Princeton 1984) The Stability of Certain two dimensional and three dimensional Vortical Motions
- ◇ **J. Bacmeister** (Princeton GFD program, PhD 1987) Nonlinearity in Transient two dimensional flow over topography.
- ◇ **B. Carissimo** (Princeton GFD program, PhD Aug. 1987) Observation and modelling of drag during transient airflow over mountains
- ◇ **F. Parham** (Princeton Appl. Math. PhD. June 1988) Rossby wave critical levels in a baroclinic atmosphere.
- ◇ **S. Lin** (Princeton GFD program, PhD. July 1988) The instability mechanism of synoptic scale eddies
- ◇ **K. Lamb** (Princeton Appl. Math, PhD. July 1988) Nonlinear gravity wave critical levels
- ◇ **M. Dahleh** (Princeton Appl. Math 1989) Subject: Discrete vortex methods on the beta plane
- ◇ **J. Anderson** (Princeton GFD program 1989, jointly advised with Isaac Held) Subject: Numerical methods for large non Hermitian eigenvalue problems
- ◇ **Kyle Swanson** (U. of C. Geophysical Sciences, Ph.D 1995) Subject: Storm tracks and low frequency variability
- ◇ **Stefanella Boatto** (U. of C. Physics, Ph.D 1995) Subject: Chaotic mixing by aperiodic flows.
- ◇ **Yongyun Hu** (U. of C. Geophysical Sciences PhD 2001) Subject: Atmospheric stirring and mixing.
- ◇ **Hui Zhang** (U. of C. Geophysical Sciences PhD 2002) Tropical upper tropospheric water vapor distribution.
- ◇ **Jai Sukhatme** (U. of C. Geophysical Sciences PhD 2003) Subject: Multifractal and stochastic models in geophysics
- ◇ **Jude Sabado** (U. of C. Geophysical Sciences PhD 2006) Subject: Baroclinic instability on Early Mars
- ◇ **Jonathan Mitchell** (U. of C. Astrophysics PhD 2007) Subject: Climate Dynamics of Titan

RECENT
POSTDOCS

- ◇ **Huijun Yang**
- ◇ **Keith Ngan**
- ◇ **Chris Poulsen**
- ◇ **Gilles DeLaygue**
- ◇ **Jason Goodman**

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- ◇ **Yannick Donnadieu**
- ◇ **Helene Brogniez**
- ◇ **Dargan Frierson**
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