

Neil Lareau

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Education

Ph.D. (expected) Atmospheric Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 2010-(2013)

Thesis Topics: Dynamic Mechanism of Cold-Air Pools Break-up

Awards: Best peer-reviewed publication (2012), Outstanding Service Leading Persistent Cold-Air Pool Study (2011)

Advisor: Dr. John D. Horel

M.S. Atmospheric Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 2008-2010

Thesis: Climatology of Synoptic Scale Ascent over Western North America: A Perspective on Storm Tracks

High-Pass Qualifying Exam: PhD Level

Advisor: Dr. John D. Horel

B.F.A. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 1998-2002

Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Atmospheric Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 2007-(2013)

Break-up of cold-air pools in mountain valleys, Northern Hemisphere storm tracks, and mountain meteorology. Work involves boundary layer meteorological observations, WRF LES and mesoscale model simulations, and large gridded data sets.

Weather Observer, Mount Washington Observatory, North Conway, New Hampshire 2005-2007

Weather observations, forecasts, and instrumentation. Public outreach, radio broadcasts, facility tours, and educational presentations. Search and Rescue.

Hut Crew/Caretaker, Appalachian Mountain Club, North Conway, New Hampshire 2004

Public outreach, facility management, supply packing, cooking.

Summit Intern, Mount Washington Observatory, North Conway, New Hampshire 2003-2004

Weather observations, forecasts, and instrumentation. Public outreach, tours, and education.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Synoptic Meteorology II, University of Utah 2012

Prepared and presented lectures, homework, and exams on modern synoptic meteorology at the senior/ graduate level. Grading and office hours. Received exceptional course evaluations.

Teaching Assistant (informal), Meteorological Instrumentation, University of Utah 2011

Prepared course material and laboratory experiments. Set up meteorological instrumentation.

Forecast Group Leader, University of Utah Chapter, American Meteorological Society 2009-2011

Forecast tutoring and guidance for undergraduate meteorology students.

Research Projects and Professional Development

- DOMEX: The DOMinica EXperiment: Orographic Precipitation in the Tropics** 2011
Data-analysis, flight scientist, and operations support. Coauthor on AMS BAMS publication.
- PCAPS: Persistent Cold-Air Pool Study, Salt Lake City, Utah** 2010-2011
Developed scientific goals and experiment design for NSF funded experiment. Directed daily operations, organized and deployed resources and personnel. Maintained a detailed web log of observations and insights during the project. Installed surface weather stations, deployed radiosondes, crafted forecasts, interacted with local media. Lead author on project summary for AMS BAMS publication.
- SOLPEX: Sounding Observations of Lake-Effect Precipitation EXperiment** 2011
Lead radiosonde deployments during lake effect snowstorms.
- Campbell Scientific CR1000 Data Logger Training Course** 2010
Completed a two-day course detailing the use of the CR1000 data logger for interfacing with meteorological instruments and coding data acquisition programs.
- NCAR ASP: Observing the Atmosphere: Observational Instruments and Techniques** 2009
Completed an Advanced Study Program (ASP) Colloquium featuring 2-week intensive study of modern observational instruments and techniques including aircraft, remote sensors, and surface instrumentation. Course concluded with the design and implementation of a two-day field campaign and the presentation of initial research findings.
- NCAR: WAS*IS: Weather and Society Integrate Studies** 2006
Participated in a weeklong workshop on communicating weather information and forecast uncertainty to the public and stakeholders. Presented on forecasting for the Mount Washington Observatory.

Publications

- Lareau, N. P.**, E. Crosman, C. D. Whiteman, J. D. Horel, S. W. Hoch, W. O. J. Brown, T. W. Horst, 2013: The Persistent Cold Air Pool Study. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society* (IN PRESS).
- Lareau, N. P.**, and J. D. Horel, 2012: The Climatology of Synoptic-Scale Ascent over Western North America: A Perspective on Storm Tracks. *Monthly Weather Review*, 140, 1761–1778.
- Smith, R. B., J. Minder, A. Nugent, T. Storelvmo, D. J. Kirshbaum, Robert Warren, **N. Lareau**, P. Palany, A. James, and J. French, 2012: Orographic Precipitation in the Tropics: The Dominica Experiment, *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*,. (In Press).

Presentations

- Partial Removal of Stable Boundary Layers in an Urbanized Mountain Basin (July 2012), *AMS 20th Symposium on Boundary Layers and Turbulence*, Boston, MA (oral presentation)
- Northern Hemisphere Storm Tracks Diagnosed by Synoptic-Scale Ascent (August 2012), *AMS 15th conference on Mtn. Meteorology*, Steamboat Spring, CO. (poster presentation)

PCAPS: Observations and Analyses (2012), *Northern Utah Symposium*, Salt Lake City, UT (oral presentation)

Climatology of Synoptic-Scale Ascent for Western North America: A Perspective on Storm Tracks (2011), *15th Cyclone Workshop*, Pacific Grove, California. (oral presentation)

A Climatology of Synoptic Forcing for Vertical Motions over the Western United States (2010), *AMS 14th Conference on Mtn. Meteorology*, Squaw Valley, CA. (oral presentation)

Skills

MatLab: *Advanced scripting and analysis of large geophysical data sets.*

Statistical Analysis: *Standard climatological statistics, principal component analysis, harmonic analysis, and turbulence statistics.*

Weather Observation: *Formerly METAR certified and well versed in atmospheric phenomena and instrumentation.*

Forecasting: *Use of standard meteorological charts and data to construct detailed forecasts in mountainous regions. Forecaster for PCAPS (2010-2011), Forecaster for Utah Ski Weather (2008-2011), Forecaster for Mount Washington Observatory (2005-2007), including radio and television broadcasts.*

Additional computer programming: *WRF Modeling, Perl, C-Shell/Unix, FORTRAN and GRADS*