

Annual Science Symposium • May 21

## Celebrate outstanding science with your CIRES colleagues!

The CIRES Members' Council is pleased to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> annual CIRES Rendezvous. This institute-wide symposium spotlights the depth, breadth, and quality of the pacesetting science being done at CIRES. We hope to encourage collaborations that might result in new interdisciplinary research, and to facilitate connections among our many innovative scientists, science support staff, and administrative staff. The event includes an entire afternoon devoted to science and poster presentations by CIRES members.

#### **AGENDA**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM STATE OF THE INSTITUTE/AWARDS (via YouTube Link/Live Stream)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM BREAK/GRAB SOME LUNCH (on your own)

12:30 PM -1:00 PM GETTING TO KNOW TOPIA/PHASING IN (via Topia Link)

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM POSTER SESSIONS/CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH COLLEAGUES

(The entire Poster Session will be in Topia. Use the Topia Link to participate.)

Find the list of poster abstracts and the schedule of poster talks here: https://ciresevents.colorado.edu/rendezvous/posters

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# From the Director

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the annual CIRES Rendezvous! It is hard to believe that we have been working in a largely remote capacity for over a year now. Clearly, this challenge hasn't slowed us down: FY20 funding was \$105.9M, an all-time high for CIRES, and our research productivity remained high. You will hear about an incredible diversity of research accomplishments during Rendezvous

this year: CIRES scientists are presenting on ocean-sea ice-atmospheric forecasting improvements in the Arctic; tense water management issues in the Dolores River watershed; subsidence in Lagos, Nigeria; and innovations in understanding aerosol formation and various air pollutants.

You'll also see updates from MOSAiC, which provided new knowledge on Arctic sea ice, and impressive investigations into the atmosphere during COVID. CIRES scientists and colleagues sought to understand more about the atmosphere during the pandemic's shutdowns, and learned a great deal.

I'm grateful for your efforts. You've shown that CIRES is nimble and able to respond quickly to the urgent environmental science questions of the day.

While we are a research institute full of world-class scientists and many leaders in our fields, I am very proud of our students, as well. CIRES just recognized seven graduate students with research awards to support their impressive work. These and other early-career researchers will no doubt ensure our legacy continues and that CIRES will remain a world leader in environmental research.

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to and respect for each of you for your unique, shared, and critical contributions to the success of CIRES. This year has presented challenges unlike any we have seen before. But once again, the quality of our research, its importance to society, and the commitment and talent of our people who conduct and support that research make CIRES stand out. So thank you all for your efforts. Thank you for all we have collectively achieved in the past year, and most importantly: Thank you for all for your commitments to the successful execution of our mission. The world is a better place because of CIRES and because of you!

Sincerely,

Waleed Abdalati

**CIRES Director** 

# SERVICE through April 30, 2021

#### **5 Years of Service**

Eric Adamson

Seth Arens

Athanasios Boudouridis

Mary Ellen Byers

Susan Cobb

Matthew Coggon

Finn Dahl

Candida Dewes

Hui Ding

Michael Erickson

Matthew Fisher

Dominic Fuller-Rowell

Audrey Gaudel

Guoging Ge

Benjamin Green

Anne Handschy

Gaelle Hervieux

Kristopher Karnauskas

Michael Laxer

Erin LeFevre

Wen Wei Liao

Kathryn McKain

Julia McMillen

Paul Moth

John Mund

Matthew Price

Erin Reeves

Richard Saltus

Kenneth Schuldt

**Daniel Seaton** 

Sang-Ik Shin

Laura Slivinski

Lawrence Spencer

Diana Stovern

Kristy Tiampo

Daniel Wilkinson

Christina Williamson

Li Zhang

Mistia Zuckerman

#### 10 Years

Pedro Campuzano-Jost

**Daniel Crumly** 

Patrick Cullis

Douglas Day

Raina Gough

Shilpi Gupta

**Emiel Hall** 

Jessica Henley

Eric James

Larisza Krista

Matthew Love

George Millward

William Moninger

**Donald Murray** 

Timothy Newberger

Dusan Odstrcil

Gopakumar Padmanabhan

**Iocelvn Turnbull** 

Adam Woods

Takanobu Yamaguchi

#### 15 Years

Rainer Bleck

Xinzhao Chu

Marc Cloninger

Molly Crotwell

Curt de Koning

Irina Dialalova

Ratina Dodani

**Barry Eakins** 

Mariangel Fedrizzi

Fred Fehsenfeld

Noah Fierer

Andrew Jacobson

Justin Mabie

Carrie Morrill

Jeffrey Peischl

Gabrielle Petron

Naomi Rempel

Sonja Wolter

#### 20 Years

Elizabeth Cassano

John Cassano

Richard Grubb

Peter Molnar

**Robert Pincus** 

Betsy Sheffield

William R. Travis

#### 25 Years

Florence Fetterer

Fred Moore

Christoph Senff

#### 30 Years

Paul Johnston

Tim Fuller-Rowell

#### 35 Years

Don "Hoop" Hooper Duane Kitzis

#### 40 Years

Robert E. Sievers

# **PROMOTIONS**

#### Associate Scientist II

Matthew Gentry Christian Herrera

#### Research Scientist II

Adam Ahern Christopher Amante Alison Banwell Ilann Bourgeois Kai-Lan Chang Yaosheng Chen Jake Gristey Meng Li Courtney Peck Matthew Rossi Hannah Vagasky Isaac Vimont

#### **Associate Scientist III**

Michael Brandt Ratina Dodani William Diment Thomas Falkowski Matthew Fisher Jessica Henley Gaelle Hervieux Zhuxiao Li Laura Melling Paul Moth Jay Patel Erin Reeves Molly Smith Adam Woods Mistia Zuckerman

#### **Research Scientist III**

Hazel Bain Laura Bianco Matthew Druckenmiller Benet Duncan Jason English Mariusz Pagowski

#### **Senior Associate** Scientist

**Andrew Barrett** Kimberly Baugh Nathan Campbell Kelly Carignan Finn Dahl Kathryn Heightley Erin LeFevre Evan McQuinn Elizabeth Ossowski William Rowland Aaron Sweenev Ken Tanaka

#### Senior Research Scientist

**Barry Eakins** Maria Capotondi Michael Hobbins Siri Jodha Singh Khalsa Manoj Nair

#### **Adminstrative** Associate III

Anna Fudale LuAnn Line Rebecca Stossmeister

#### **Senior Adminstrative Associate**

Kathleen Bogan Lone Hansen Karin Vergoth

# AWARDS







CIRES scientists are often integral to NOAA award-winning science and engineering teams but cannot be given certain federal awards, such as the prestigious Department of Commerce Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals. The CIRES Director recognizes the extraordinary achievements of CIRES scientists working in partnership with federal colleagues.

### **CIRES Gold Medals**

#### **Philip Pegion**

For development and accelerated implementation of NOAA's flagship Global Forecast System GFSv15.1, a foundation for FV3 based Unified Forecast System.

Geoff Dutton, Lei Hu, J. David Nance, Debra Mondeel, Fred Moore, Ben R. Miller, Eric Ray, Carolina Siso

For discovering the recent production and release of CFC-11, indicating a major violation of the Montreal Protocol.

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### **CIRES Gold Medals (continued)**

# Finn Dahl, Barry Eakins, Erin LeFevre, Elliot Lim, Brian Meyer, Rick Saltus

For successful orchestration of seafloor mapping & data science initiatives imperative to fulfill U.S. Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) project goals.

# Juan V. Rodriguez, William Rowland, Margaret Tilton

For innovative engineering and science approach that avoided \$28M in repair cost to deliver NOAA instruments to Metop-C to improve weather forecast.

# CIRES Gold Medal SWPC Group Plaque

The CIRES SWPC Team including Hazel Bain, Ratina Dodani, Mariangel Fedrizzi, Dominic Fuller-Rowell, Kiley Gray, Jeffrey Johnson, Ben Rowells

For the planning, development, and implementation of a brand new space weather forecast service to support international aviation requirements.

### **CIRES Silver Medal**

Gilbert P. Compo, Don "Hoop" Hooper, Chesley McColl, Prashant D. Sardeshmukh, Laura C. Slivinski, Catherine Smith, Lawrence J. Spencer

For creating a 200-year Historic Reanalysis dataset of global weather and extremes from only surface pressure and sea surface temperature observations.

### **CIRES Bronze Medals**

#### **Matthew Martinsen**

For eliminating any potential Mauna Loa Observatory sources of CFC-11 and other trace gases to ensure integrity of long-term data records.

Adam Ahern, Ravan Ahmadov,
Kenneth Aikin, Ilann Bourgeois, Wyatt Brown,
Pedro Campuzano-Jost, Matthew Coggon,
Douglas A. Day, Zachary Decker, Hongyu Guo,
Jose-Luis Jimenez, Joseph Katich,
Aaron Lamplugh, Macy Morgan, Benjamin Nault,
J. Andrew Neuman, Demetrios Pagonis,
Jeff Peischl, Derek Price, Pamela Rickly,
Michael A. Robinson, Mindy Schueneman,
Donna Sueper, Carsten Warneke,
Ann Weickmann, Caroline Womack,
Michael Zucker

For outstanding execution of the FIREX-AQ mission, a joint venture with NASA to improve understanding of air quality and climate impacts of fires.

#### Terence Bullett, Justin Mabie, Brian Meyer

For securely relocating environmental records from Colorado to North Carolina, preserving and ensuring accessibility to the data and reducing costs.

### **CIRES Adminstrator Plagues**

#### Dave Allured, Irina Djalalova

For implementing and upgrading NOAA's Air Quality Forecasting Capability for improving the lives of Americans and saving billions of dollars per year.

Adam Ahern, Kenneth Aikin, Megan Bela, Ilann Bourgeois, Matthew Coggon, Zachary Decker, Karl Froyd, Maxwell Holloway, Joseph Katich, Aaron Lamplugh, Brian McDonald, Stuart McKeen, Macy Morgan, J. Andrew Neuman, Jeff Peischl, Catherine Rasco, Pamela Rickly, Michael A. Robinson, Kyra Slovacek, Troy Thornberry, Richard Tisinai, Nicholas L. Wagner, Carsten Warneke, Laurel Watts, Ann Weickmann, Christina J. Williamson, Caroline Womack, Michael Zucker

For the planning and conduct of the largest interdisciplinary research project ever to study wildfire smoke composition, chemistry, and evolution.

#### MORE AWARDS ON NEXT PAGE

## **CIRES Adminstrator Plaques** (continued)

Christian Bethge, Athanasios Boudouridis, Samuel Califf, Stefan Codrescu, Jonathan Darnel, Kevin Hallock, J. Marcus Hughes, Fadil Inceoglu, Brian Kress, Larisza Krista, Anna Liao, Paul Loto'aniu, Janet Machol, Courtney Peck, Juan V. Rodriguez, William Rowland, Daniel Seaton, Jason Shapiro, Margaret Tilton, Pamela Wyatt, Erika Zetterlund

For achieving a fully operational GOES-R constellation, culminating a decades-long effort.

# **Technology Transfer Plaques**

Richard McLaughlin, Hagen Telg, **Troy Thornberry, Laurel Watts** 

For creating a unique instrument to measure atmospheric particles and helping a small company successfully commercialize it to yield \$1M+ in sales.

### **NCEI Awards**

#### NCEI-CO ARCHIVE STORAGE SOLUTION **PROJECT**

Charles Anderson, Veronica Martinez, William Rowland, Carrie Wall Bell, Pamela Wyatt

The security of NCEI archival storage is of critical importance to NOAA and our global network of external users. This group of individuals is being recognized for their outstanding service to ensure the NCEI archive remains reliable and accessible. The team

worked together under strict time constraints to secure additional archival storage space at NCEI-Colorado. This effort required determining current and future archive requirements, identifying and evaluating various alternatives, effectively communicating the group's findings to NCEI leadership, and implementing the preferred solution. The collaborative approach taken by these individuals serves as a model for other cross-office discussions and reflects the spirit of OneNCEI.

#### NCEI-CO STEWARDSHIP OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Dave Neufeld, Erin Reeves, Ken Tanaka, Carrie Wall Bell, Georgie Zelenak

This collaboration award is to recognize the joint ITSD-CCOG effort to address NCEI's CO stewardship operations and maintenance challenges. This group began an effort a year ago to address data archive and delivery issues with the NCEI-CO infrastructure, and since then they have made real and measurable improvements as evidenced by turning items in the NCEI Operations Report 'green'. To achieve these results, NCEI employees worked collaboratively and strengthened the working relationship between ITSD and CCOG. Everyone exhibited the deepest commitment to the NCEI mission and a OneNCEI approach that has resulted in success.

#### NCEI-NC PARALLELS MIGRATION **Ed Gille**

NCEI has been running a significant portion of its IT server hosting platform on an old virtualization technology called Parallels Virtuozzo, commonly called "Parallels". The platform stopped receiving security and maintenance upgrades from the provider several vears ago, and NCEI adopted at the time a replacement platform called Ovirt. In an effort that has spanned the past four years, NCEI personnel from all divisions and centers have worked together towards the migration of the platform from Parallels to Ovirt.

### **CIRES Outstanding Performance Awards: Science**

**CRITERIA 1:** Development of new scientific, engineering and/or software tools or models directly resulting in novel research valuable to CIRES and the wider scientific community.

**CRITERIA 2:** Uncommon initiative, resourcefulness, and/or scientific creativity conducting research with potential to expand or change the direction of a particular field or discipline.

**CRITERIA 3:** Participation in collaborative and/or multidisciplinary research that engages a broader cross-section than the nominee's typical scientific or engineering community.

The OPA committee has selected these winners in the Science category:

#### **Patrick Alken**

**NCEI** 

Recognized for successfully leading the development, validation and release of the 13th International Geomagnetic Reference Field, a widely used reference geomagnetic model developed by a collaboration of 15 teams representing over 30 international institutes, and for developing new methods to infer geomagnetic main field models from various datasets, including satellite platform magnetometer data. Patrick is a cochair of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy Working Group V-MOD: Geomagnetic Field Modeling. Patrick's nomination praised his scientific expertise, creativity, leadership skills and multidisciplinary collaborations.

#### Pedro Campuzano Jost, Douglas Day, Demetrios Pagonis, Hongyu Guo, Donna Sueper (with citations for past CIRES employees Benjamin Nault, Jason Schroder, and David Thomson)

CIRES/CU AEROSOL MASS SPECTROMETRY TEAM, JIMENEZ GROUP

Over the past ten years, the team has systematically developed and engineered the world's most comprehensive and high performance flight instrument for quantitatively measuring aerosol chemical composition. They are recognized as talented, hardworking, effective and dedicated collaborators. The measurements from different aircraft campaigns provide new insights into the distribution and composition of aerosols, their sources and transformation and support model evaluations and improvements. The CIRES AMS group was part of the larger team recognized by the NASA Group Achievement Award for the SEAC4RS, KORUS-AQ, ATom, and FIREX-AQ missions (NASA, 2021) and the NOAA Bronze Medal for outstanding execution of the FIREX-AQ mission.

#### Ravan Ahmadov, Eric James, Stuart McKeen

GSL/CSI

Recognized for leading a multi-year effort to implement a biomass burning module in an existing hourly Numerical Weather Prediction system (NWP). Based on satellite observations of fire location and intensity, the High-Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR) now predicts the movement of smoke in three dimensions across the U.S. over 48 hours, simulating how weather will impact smoke movement and concentrations, and also how smoke will affect visibility, temperature and wind. This model was implemented into NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) operations on December 2, 2020, which makes the NWS the first of the main large operational centers in the world to effectively use aerosols from biomass burning in their highest resolution NWP model.

#### **Matthew Coggon**

CSL

Recognized for changing our understanding of urban and wildfire ozone formation and resulting air quality impacts by pioneering experimental and numerical chemical modeling work on biomass burning and volatile chemical product emissions. His research is critical to CIRES' and our nation's need to understand and manage the air quality in major urban centers and wildfire-impacted areas. Matthew was recently awarded an EPA Science to Achieve Results grant to improve our understanding of the role of volatile chemical products on ambient air quality. In addition to his technical work, Matthew is one of the founders of "Science on Tap" and he regularly mentors students in science and engineering. Recently, Matthew co-founded a study group within NOAA CSL to examine issues of diversity and inclusion.

### **CIRES Outstanding Performance Awards: Service**

**CRITERIA 1:** Implementation of a creative or innovative idea, device, process, or system that aids in research, teaching, or outreach at CIRES.

**CRITERIA 2:** Development or improvement of a service that increases the efficiency, quality, or visibility of scientific research or outreach.

**CRITERIA 3:** Providing a service that promotes or inspires excellence and dedication to research performed at CIRES or in the wider community.

The OPA committee has selected these winners in the Service category:

#### Alicia Christensen, Rebecca Batchelor, Christine Okochi, Amanda Morton, Annie Fudale, Meghan Henderson

**EDUCATION & OUTREACH, CIRES FINANCE** 

The team is recognized for their remarkable work to support the Research Experience for Community College Students (RECCS) program. The program provides paid internships for students to explore environmental or geosciences and to gain the confidence to transition to a four-year program in the STEM disciplines. Over the past seven years the RECCS program has matched 76 community college students from across Colorado with researchers from CIRES, NOAA, INSTAAR and the USGS. Students from every cohort say that the RECCS experience and work with their mentors has changed their life and career trajectory in a positive way. RECCS mentors attest to the exceptional professionalism of the RECCS team and the utmost care with which they approach each individual student. For 2020, the RECCS team developed a completely new RECCS program using a virtual format (RECCS Lite). Pointing to the success of the RECCS program, NSF now funds numerous Research Experience for Undergraduate programs that recruit students from community colleges.

#### Kathleen Bogan, Jon Griffith, Lynne Harden, Lianna Evans Nixon, Matthew Adam Price, Matthew D. Shupe, Katherine Lucille Weeman

EDUCATON & OUTREACH.

CIRES COMMUNICATIONS

The MOSAiC education, outreach and communication team is recognized for their creative, impactful and extensive work in support of the year-long Arctic research expedition with 500 scientists from 20 nations including 33 researchers from CIRES. The MOSAiC content reached at least tens of thousands of people around the world through curricula, social media, news media, planetarium shows, Google expeditions and other vehicles driven by this CIRES team. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the entire MOSAiC Expedition team at CIRES, the educational impact of this expedition will long outlive the expedition itself. Their stories continue to attract new

educators and classrooms on a weekly basis, inspiring a new generation of Arctic advocates. By summer 2021, there will be three planetarium shows available to audiences around the world!

#### John Mund

GMI

Recognized for his exceptional knowledge and talent as a database manager, programmer and IT specialist and as an exceptional team member for his motivation. dedication, and unconditional support for all people and all projects that ask for his help. John has developed excellent tools to streamline data management, quality control, sharing and archiving for GML and international collaborators. Recently John provided excellent support to revising the World Meteorological Organization Global Atmosphere Watch CO<sub>2</sub> calibration scale. John has volunteered and taught Python courses in GML. He regularly supports or mentors early career colleagues, interns and students. John has also engaged in innovative efforts to develop cloud computing capabilities for GML.

#### Catherine Rasco, Megan Melamed, Chelsea Thompson

Recognized for successfully orchestrating the adoption and implementation of the ESRI web-based presentation service for the NOAA CSL 5-year laboratory review and for the redesign of the CSL website. The team succeeded in educating and coaching more than 50 scientists with a new web-based presentation landscape to summarize each group's scientific activities from 2015 to 2020. (All this was done of course while working remotely). The nominees deserve substantial credit for the CSL review success and the high regard the review received from the review panel and our OAR and NOAA Line Office colleagues. The inclusiveness of this entire effort led by the nominees has also had the benefit of having a large fraction of the CIRES and NOAA workforce at CSL feel a sense of ownership and pride in their research and mission.

### George C. and Joan A. Reid Award

Made possible by the Reids' generous contribution to an endowed scholarship fund, the Reid Award celebrates intellectual contributions to CIRES and leadership within the broader University of Colorado Boulder community. It is awarded every two years.

George Colvin Reid (1929–2011) was an eminent atmospheric scientist who pioneered research into critical environmental issues such as stratospheric ozone depletion and global climate change. Always a progressive thinker, he was one of the initial four fellows who founded the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences. Joan A. Reid (1932–2015) was one of the first women to enroll in the University of Colorado School of Law. She spent most of her career with the nonprofit Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and was a frequent community volunteer, an avid outdoorsperson, and with her husband George, an inveterate world traveler.

#### 2021 Recipient of the George C. and Joan A. Reid Schloarship: Jackson Jandreau

"Jackson has great passion for sharing his knowledge with the public, younger generations, and peers, and he is humble to learn from everyone. While in McMurdo, he spent much time in the lab learning lidar principles, laser technologies, and other lidar skills. While his 2020-2021 McMurdo deployment was cancelled due to the pandemic, he personally organized multiple Q&A Skype sessions to be conducted in Antarctica for both the Science Museum Oklahoma summer camps and middle/high school science classes to educate them about the life of a field scientist. These will still occur during the winter of his next deployment, and he is planning other similar sessions. In addition to his love for sharing his work, both his oral and written communication skills are superb, making him a valuable asset for our group's outreach and service."

-Dr. Xinzhao Chu





Rendezvous is organized each year by the CIRES Members Council (CMC). We represent the interests of all CIRES members with respect to CIRES

governance, scientific direction, and the day-to-day workplace environment. As a representative group made up of CIRES members, we are tasked with the following:

- Representing the concerns of the CIRES Membership by bringing issues to the attention of the CIRES administration;
- Working to improve the lines of communication within and between all CIRES units;

- Providing a means of Member participation in CIRES governance and a voice on committees and working groups which form the core of that governance;
- Contributing to the process which determines CIRES' research direction and areas of research;
- Fostering a positive workplace environment and Members' connection with CIRES by facilitating Members' understanding of their roles within CIRES.

The CIRES Members Council provides the opportunity for service as well as career enhancement, benefiting representatives and constituents alike.

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