



# 2021 Boulder Summer Student Research Virtual Poster Symposium

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**Thursday, July 29, 2021**

Closed Poster Evaluation Session  
2:00 - 3:00 PM MDT

**Poster Evaluators and Student Presenters ONLY**

Open Viewing Session  
3:00 - 4:00 PM MDT

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# **We are delighted to welcome you to the 2021 Boulder Summer Student Research Virtual Poster Symposium**

*The shared in-person poster session has been a collaboration between many of the geoscience-focused summer research internship programs based in Boulder, CO, for many years. This year we are excited to welcome you to our first virtual poster symposium, featuring research from SOARS, SIParCS, ATOC, RECCS, and NCAR|UCAR, including many working at NOAA. The persistence, dedication and talent of these students and their committed mentors in overcoming a pandemic to conduct research partially or fully remotely is inspiring. We are so grateful for the commitment of the scientists and science institutions here in Boulder who volunteer as mentors and provide support to these programs, as well as to the funding agencies who make undergraduate research possible. We hope you will enjoy our virtual poster session and join us in congratulating this next generation of Earth Scientists.*

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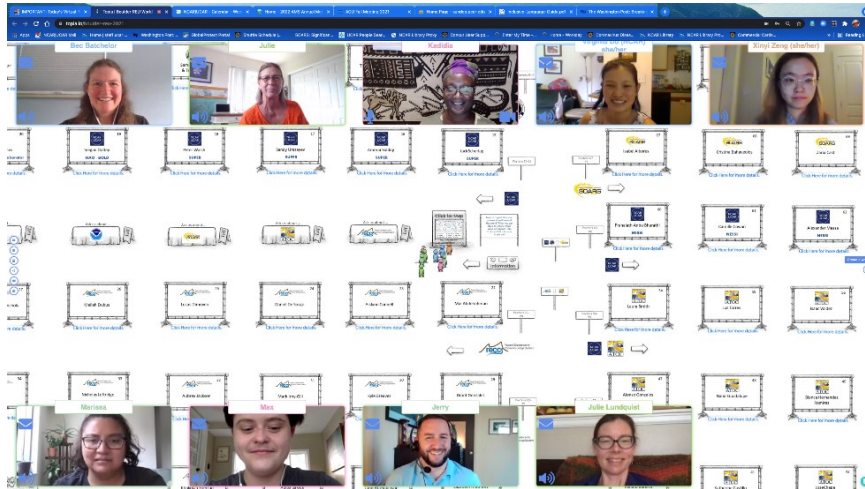
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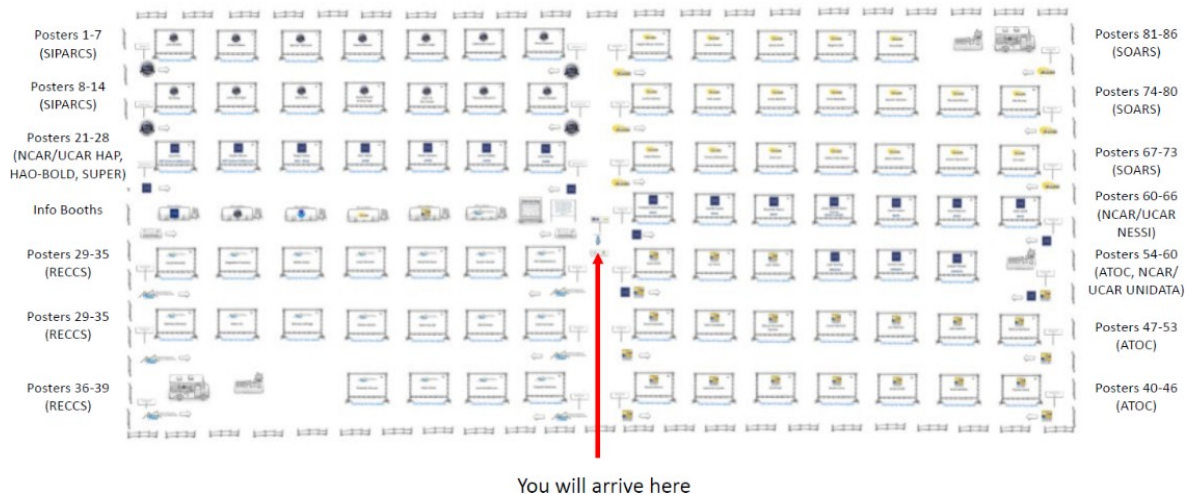
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We hope you enjoy this world, and are able to connect with many of our talented summer interns. To learn more about any of the internship programs at this poster session, please stop by our booths in Topia!

## Symposium Agenda

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1	Omar	Chaarawi	SIParCS	David John Gagne, John Schreck	Machine Learning Data Commons Web Portal
2	Zephaniah	Connell	SIParCS	Supreeth Suresh, Cena Miller, Jian Sun, John Dennis	Performance Portability of Shallow Water Model with Kokkos
3	Heather R.	Craker	SIParCS	Alea Kootz, Orhan Eroglu	Climatology Means Support in the GeoCAT Ecosystem
4	Dianne	Deauna	SIParCS	Anderson Banihirwe, Julius Busecke (Columbia University), Deepak A. Cherian	The xgcm Python package makes ocean model processing easier, better, faster, and shorter
5	Spencer	Diamond	SIParCS	David Hart, Rory Kelly, Ben Matthews	Exploration of Energy Consumption Compared to Clock Speed for Various Application Profiles
6	Jordan	DuBeau	SIParCS	Riley Conroy, Brian Vanderwende	Designing Machine Learning Models to Conserve the RDA's Computing Resources
7	Leila	Ghaffari	SIParCS	Supreeth Suresh, Cena Miller, Jian Sun, John Dennis	Performance Portability of Shallow Water Model with DPC++

8	Fairuz	Ishraque	SIParCS	Jeff Anderson, Helen Kershaw	Please stop and smell the tracers: Predicting tracer concentration behaviors in low-order models with data assimilation
9	Thomas	Johnson III	SIParCS	Sheri Mickelson, Brian Dobbins, John Dennis	Employing Machine Learning Models for CESM Timing Data
10*	Jiaqi	Li	SIParCS	Julia Kent, Orhan Eroglu, Michaela Sizemore, Anissa Zacharias	Expanding and strengthening the transition from NCL to Python visualizations
10*	Erin	Lincoln	SIParCS	Julia Kent, Orhan Eroglu, Michaela Sizemore, Anissa Zacharias	Expanding and strengthening the transition from NCL to Python visualizations
11*	Sama	Manalai	SIParCS	Nathan Hook, Christy Grant, Saquib Kahn, Eric Nienhouse	Harvester Automation for Metadata Search Web Application
12	Reid	Olson	SIParCS	Agbeli Ameko, Keith Maull	Pi-WRF 3.0; Incorporating Jupyter Notebook
13	Lucas	Sterzinger	SIParCS	Julia Kent, Kevin Paul, Chelle Gentemann (Farallon Institute)	Fake It Till You Make It - Zarr-like Access of Existing NetCDF4 Datasets
11*	Terry	Yuan	SIParCS	Nathan Hook, Christy Grant, Saquib Kahn, Eric Nienhouse	Harvester Automation for Metadata Search Web Application
14	Bo	Zhang	SIParCS	Cena Miller, Supreeth Suresh	Evaluation of DataSpaces in Heterogeneous In-situ workflow for GPU-MURaM at Exascale
15	Jack	Scherlag	SUPER	Chris Roden	Utilizing a High Performance Analog-to-Digital Converter for Improved Environmental Measurements and Faster Setup
16	Ammar	Siddiqi	SUPER	Brenda Javornik	PySolo: A Python Package to Run Soloi, a Radar Editing Software
17	Sandy	Urazayev	SUPER	Matt Hayman	Finding Meaning in the Void: Finding LiDAR Characteristics to Noisy Observations
18	Peter	Walsh	SUPER	Janine Aquino	Facilitating Remote Realtime Research through Enhancements to Python Monitoring Software for the NCAR Microwave Temperature Profiler
19	Teegan	Oatley	HAO-BOLD	Scott Sewall (HAO), Damon Burke (HAO)	Development of the High Altitude Observatory Satellite Ground Station

<b>20</b>	Kaylee	Heimes	HAP student collaborator	Sarah Tessendorf, Robert M. Rauber	The Impact of Fine Scale Updrafts and Downdrafts on the Trajectories of Ice Particles Created by Seeding Orographic Clouds in Observed and Modeled Flow
<b>21</b>	Divya	Rea	HAP student collaborator	Sarah Tessendorf, Robert M. Rauber, Huancui Hu	Impact of Atmospheric Rivers on Wintertime Orographic Precipitation in Idaho
<b>22</b>	Mai	Abdelrahman	RECCS	Erik Larson	Emission of Aerosol During Covid-19 and Global Impact.
<b>23</b>	Aislynn	Connell	RECCS	Kristy Tiampo, Toby Minear, Michael John Willis	Accumulation of Sediment in Paonia Reservoir and its Effect on Storage Capacity
<b>24</b>	Daniel	De Souza	RECCS	Noah Fierer, Claire Winfrey	The Effect of Past and Present Land Cover on Soil pH and Moisture
<b>25</b>	Lucas	Dimoveo	RECCS	Stefan Tulich	Spectral Analysis of ENSO in the Niño 3.4 region
<b>26</b>	Meliah	Dubus	RECCS	Sarah Leventhal	Florissant Formicids: Eocene to Modern Comparison
<b>27</b>	Magdalena	Franchois	RECCS	Eve-Lyn Hinckley	Exploring the Use of Silver Film to Detect the Presence of Sulfide in Wetland Soils: Adding a Silver Lining to Working with Challenging Terrain
<b>28</b>	Crystal	Gonzalez	RECCS	Chris Ray, Airy Peralta	Are 'downscaled' climate models good enough for pikas? A test with data from American pika habitats on Niwot Ridge
<b>29</b>	Grant	Gonzalez	RECCS	Rebecca Safran, Heather Kenny, Zach Laubach	Through the Eyes of a Swallow: A Holistic Analysis of Humans' Connection to the Natural World
<b>30</b>	Kyle	Greaves	RECCS	Samuel Yevak	Mega-cosms: A climate manipulation experiment in Green Lakes Valley, CO
<b>31</b>	Mark	Irby-Gill	RECCS	Vanessa Gabel, Greg Tucker	Rolling, Rolling, Rolling Down the River: Will Harder Rocks Cause Your Waterfront Property to Roll into the River Faster?
<b>32</b>	Aubrey	Jackson	RECCS	Eve-Lyn Hinckley	Assessing Biogeochemical Heterogeneity in Subalpine Wetlands: Niwot Ridge, CO
<b>33</b>	Nicholas	Leftridge	RECCS	Robert Steenburgh	Planetary K-index Forecast Verification
<b>34</b>	Marie	Lim	RECCS	Toby Minear, Michael Willis	Examining Low Flow and High Flow Discharge on a Reach of the Colorado

					River and the Impact on Native Trout Species
<b>35</b>	Matthew	Martinez	RECCS	Thomas Merchant	Drought Stressors and Cattle Grazing Effects on Prairie Grasses and Forbs Reproduction and Growth
<b>36</b>	Elizabeth	Mathews	RECCS	Rebecca Safran, Heather Kenny, Zach Laubach	A Study of Barn Swallow Micro-Behaviors and Geomagnetism in Colorado
<b>37</b>	Jannetta	Robinson	RECCS	Rick Saltus, Anna Liao	Can a Smartphone Magnetometer Capture Space Weather?
<b>38</b>	Adjoa	Sakwa	RECCS	Nina Vance	Indoor Air Quality- Characterizing Emissions of Particulate Matter from Cooking Oils
<b>39</b>	Khokolah	Sherzad	RECCS	Joost de Gouw	Detection of Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Power Plants in the United States.
<b>40</b>	Renato	Barerra	CU-ATOC	Jennifer Kay, Jonah Shaw	How have Arctic top-of-atmosphere energy fluxes changed over the last two decades (2000-2021)?
<b>41</b>	Katherine	Castillo	CU-ATOC	Weiqing Han, Lei Zhang, Mikell Warms	Short lived-marine heatwaves in Nigaloo Niño and Nigaloo Niña
<b>42</b>	Jose	Chapa	CU-ATOC	Aneesh Subramanian, Danni Du	El Nino modulation of Tropical Instability Wave Activity in the Tropical Eastern Pacific
<b>43</b>	Nicolle	Cirino	CU-ATOC	Peter Pilewskie, Lynn Harvey, Andrew Buggee	How does the polar vortex influence gravity waves?
<b>44</b>	Jacob	Condill	CU-ATOC	Kris Karnauskas, Tessa Gorte	Analyzing Modeled Upper Ocean Evolution Over the 21st Century For Use in a Downscaled, Tropical Cyclone Centered Model
<b>45</b>	Oscar	Gandara	CU-ATOC	Pedro DiNezio, Cole Persch	ENSO in a aqua planet simulation
<b>46</b>	Victoria	Garza	CU-ATOC	Jeffrey Weiss, Cheryl Harrison	Loop Current Transport and Dispersal Dynamics in the Gulf of Mexico
<b>47</b>	Alonso	Gonzales	CU-ATOC	Sebastian Schmidt, Lynn Harvey, Matt Watwood	Comparing model simulations and observations of Polar Vortex wind conditions near the mesopause
<b>48</b>	Nahir	Guadalupe	CU-ATOC	Nikki Lovenduski, Sam Mogen	Small-scale variations in marine phytoplankton abundance in the California Current System
<b>49</b>	Blanca	Hernandez Ramirez	CU-ATOC	Julie Lundquist, Dave Rosencrans	Using lidar measurements to understand turbulence dissipation rate in Colorado's complex terrain

<b>50</b>	Ivonne	Martinez	CU-ATOC	Julia Moriarty, Alexandra Jahn, Hannah Zanowski, Patricia DeRepentigny	How does the North Water Polynya change over time?
<b>51</b>	Eric	Martinez	CU-ATOC	Jan Lenaerts, Tri Datta, Michelle Maclennan	Atmospheric Rivers and Surface Melt: A Deep Dive
<b>52</b>	Sofia	Martino	CU-ATOC	Brian Toon, Yunqian Zhu, Margot Clyne	Chemical and Aerosol Compositions During the Asian Summer Monsoon Season In the Upper Troposphere and Lower Stratosphere
<b>53</b>	Marissa	Sandoval	CU-ATOC	Donata Giglio, Jacopo Sala, Giovanni Seijo	How do Weather Events Change the Upper Ocean?
<b>54</b>	Laura	Smith	CU-ATOC	Andrew Winters, Katja Friedrich, Becca Baiman	Thunderstorm Gust Fronts and the 2018 Badger Creek Wildfire
<b>55</b>	Luz	Torres	CU-ATOC	Zhien Wang, Kang Yang	Examining tropical low-clouds variation during El Niño-Southern Oscillation using MODIS observations
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<b>57</b>	Lydia	Bunting	Unidata	Ryan May, Drew Camron	Metpy 1.1.0 Milestones: Code Fixes and Verification
<b>58</b>	Connor	Cozad	Unidata	Ryan May, Drew Camron	Enhancements to Plotting Capabilities in MetPy
<b>59</b>	Isabelle	Pfander	Unidata	Hailey Johnson, Sean Arms	Maintaining netCDF: Updating Java Tutorial Code and Performance Testing in Python
<b>60</b>	Prahalath Anbu	Bharathi	NESSI	John Schreck	Explainable AI for Short-term Lightning Prediction
<b>61</b>	Camille	Cowan	NESSI	Dan Marsh	Comparing the Climates of Mars and Earth
<b>62</b>	Alexander	Massa	NESSI	Christine Shields	Understanding Atmospheric Rivers in a Future, Warmer Climate.
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<b>64</b>	Damir	Pulatov	NESSI	Supreeth Suresh, Cena Miller	Porting IDL programs into Python for GPU-Accelerated In-situ Analysis
<b>65</b>	Kiara	Roberson	NESSI	Maria Molina	Characterizing Large-Scale Weather Regimes with Unsupervised Learning
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<b>69</b>	Zaria	Cast	SOARS®	Leslie Hartten (NOAA), Nan Rosenbloom (CGD), Dereka Carroll (ASP-MMM)	Correlating 20CR estimates to Barrow Tower observations for Utqiagvik, Alaska
<b>70</b>	Delián	Colón Burgos	SOARS®	Imtiaz Rangwala (CIRES/NOAA), Mike Hobbins (NOAA PSL), Gabriel Senay (NC CASC, USGS), Ernesto Muñoz (Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Aguadilla), Christina Holt (CIRES/NOAA), Garymar Rivera (COR3)	Decadal-scale changes in drought-related climate parameters: Assessing the consistency of Global Climate Models in projecting changes in the Northern Great Plains
<b>71</b>	Allysa	Dallmann	SOARS®	Nikki Lovenduski (CU), Andrea Smith (COMET),	Searching For the Blob: Physical and biogeochemical characteristics of the

				Holly Olivarez (CU), Dakota Smith (CIRA/MMM)	North Pacific Marine heat wave in ocean models
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<b>75</b>	Ariel	Jacobs	SOARS®	Chris Rozoff (RAL), Patrick Hawbecker (RAL), Shuyi Chen (University of Washington), Chris Davis (NCAR E&O, MMM), Cecile Hannay (CGD), Ebone Smith	The Observed Influence of the Oceanic Cold Wake on Hurricane Maria's Atmospheric Boundary Layer
<b>76</b>	Emily	Martinez	SOARS®	Aneesh Subramanian (CU), Fangfang Yao (CU/NOAA), Christopher Cox (NOAA), Angelie Nieves-Jiménez	Changes in Atmospheric River Activity over the Northeast Pacific: A Study with Large Climate Model Ensembles and Machine Learning
<b>77</b>	Anne	Maytubby	SOARS®	Robert Nystrom (MMM), Matthew Coggon (NOAA), Andrea Ray (NOAA),	Response of an Idealized Tropical Cyclone to a Sudden Decrease in Sea Surface Temperature

<b>78</b>	Katurah	McCants	SOARS®	Scott Landolt (RAL/AAP), Laura Slivinski (CIRES/NOAA), Agbeli "Ag" Ameko (CISL)	Comparing In Situ Flight Observations and GOES-16 Satellite-Derived Icing Products During The In-Cloud ICing and Large-drop Experiment (ICICLE)
<b>79</b>	Miranda	Miranda	SOARS®	Amy Butler (NOAA), Antara "Tara" Banerjee (CIRES/NOAA), Lesley Smith (NOAA), Vanessa Almanza (NOAA)	Identifying Global-Wind Patterns Driving Sub-Seasonal Surface-Ozone Variability
<b>80</b>	Mia	Murray	SOARS®	Jeremiah Sjoberg (COSMIC), Ginger Alington (George Washington University), Nicole Shrake (UCAR Operations)	Identifying Land Cover Change Trajectories in Xilinhot, Inner Mongolia using the LandTrendr Segmentation Algorithm
<b>81</b>	Angelie	Nieves-Jiménez	SOARS®	Joshua Alland (MMM), George Bryan (MMM), Rosimar Rios Berrios (MMM), Jamie Wolff (RAL)	Effects of Dry Air Layers on Idealized Tropical Cyclones with Vertical Wind Shear
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