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Short Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2023 - present Professor, Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences, U. of Utah
2010 - 2023 Associate Professor, Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences, U. of Utah
2004 - 2010 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences, U. of Utah
2003 - 2004 Postdoc, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton U.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 – date Associate Editor: Journal of Climate
2019 – date Lead Convener: EGU general assembly, “Stratospheric dynamics”
2023 Visiting Scientist: Department Física de la Tierra y Astrofísica, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Host: Blanca Ayarzagüena) (May 15 – June 30)
2022 Visiting scientist: Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique (LMD) of the Ecole Normale Supérieure (Host: François Lott) (May 1 – June 30)
2019 Lead Convener: AGU fall meeting, “North Atlantic Climate Variability” (Dec. 2019)
2017 – 2018 Lead Convener: AGU fall meeting, “Climate Variability and Ocean-Atmosphere Interaction Over the North Atlantic” (Dec. 2017, Dec. 2018)
2010 – 2018 Lead Convener: EGU general assembly, “Dynamical coupling between the stratosphere and the troposphere”

EDUCATION

2003 Ph.D. Oceanography, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Univ. of California, San Diego
1996 M.S. (equivalent), Meteorology, Univ. of Munich; Physical Geography, Univ. of Augsburg, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

In preparation

1. Garrett, T. and T. Reichler (2025): High sensitivity to warming in an energetic model of Hadley cell width.

In review

2. Slawson, J., P. Plink-Bjorklund, T. Reichler, D. Baldassare (2025): Early Paleogene Climate: A Glimpse of Extreme Warming, *Nature Geos.*
3. Baldassare, D., T. Reichler, P. Plink-Bjorklund, and J. Slawson (2025): Proxy-Informed Model Estimates of Early Paleogene Climate, *Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology*.

Book chapters

4. Reichler, T. (2016): Poleward expansion of the atmospheric circulation, in: *Climate change, Observed impacts on planet Earth*, 3rd edition, T. M. Letcher, Ed., ISBN 9780128215753, pp. 177-203.

Refereed Articles

5. Hong, H.-J., T. Reichler, and H.-H. Hsu (2025): Arctic Ozone Amplifies Stratospheric Circulation Extremes, *J. Climate*.
6. Baldassare, D., and T. Reichler (2024): A Simple Framework for Likely Climate Projections Applied to Tropical Width, *Clim. Dyn.*, **62**, 8441-8451, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-024-07335-7>.
7. Menzel, M., D. Waugh, Z. Wu. and T. Reichler (2024): Replicating the Hadley Cell edge and subtropical jet latitude disconnect in idealized atmospheric models, *Weather Clim. Dynam.*, **5**, 251–261, <https://doi.org/10.5194/wcd-5-251-2024>.
8. Stone, L., C. Strong, H. Bai, T. Reichler, G. McCabe, and P. Brooks (2023): Atlantic-Pacific influence on western U.S. hydroclimate and water resources, *npj Clim Atmos Sci*, **6**, 139, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41612-023-00471-7>.
9. Baldassare, D., T. Reichler, P. Plink-Bjorklund, and J. Slawson (2023): Large Uncertainty in Observed Estimates of Tropical Width From the Meridional Stream Function, *Weather Clim. Dynam.*, **4**, 531-541, <https://doi.org/10.5194/wcd-4-531-2023>
10. Jucker, M. and T. Reichler (2023): Lifecycle of Major Sudden Stratospheric Warmings in the Southern Hemisphere from a Multimillennial GCM Simulation, *J. Climate*, **36**(2), <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-22-0425.1>.
11. Reichler, T. and M. Jucker (2022): Stratospheric wave driving events as an alternative to sudden stratospheric warmings, *Weather Clim. Dynam.*, **3**, 659-677, doi.org/10.5194/wcd-3-659-2022.
12. Hong, H.-J., and T. Reichler (2021): The Simplified Chemistry-Dynamical Model (SCDM V1.0), *Geosci. Model Dev.*, **14**, 6647-6660.
13. Jucker, M., T. Reichler, and D. Waugh (2021): How frequent are Antarctic sudden stratospheric warmings in present and future climate? *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, **48**, 1-9, doi: 10.1029/2021GL093215.
14. Hong, H.-J., and T. Reichler (2021): Local and Remote Responses of Ozone to Arctic Stratospheric Circulation Extremes, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, **21**, 1159-1171, doi.org/10.5194/acp-21-1159-2021.
15. Koenig, A. M., Magand, O., Laj, P., Andrade, M., Moreno, I., Velarde, F., Salvatierra, G., Gutierrez, R., Blacutt, L., Aliaga, D., Reichler, T., Sellegri, K., Laurent, O., Ramonet, M., Dommergue, A. (2021): Seasonal patterns of atmospheric mercury in tropical South America as inferred by a TGM continuous record at the Chacaltaya Station (5240 m) in Bolivia, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, **21**, 3447-3472, doi.org/10.5194/acp-21-3447-2021
16. Wu, Z., and T. Reichler (2020): Variations in the Frequency of Stratospheric Sudden Warmings in CMIP5 and CMIP6 and Possible Causes, *J. Climate*, **33** (23), 10305-10320, [10.1175/jcli-d-20-0104.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/jcli-d-20-0104.1).
17. Wu, Z., and T. Reichler (2019): Surface control of the frequency of stratospheric sudden warming events, *J. Climate*, **30** (28), [10.1175/JCLI-D-18-0801.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-18-0801.1).
18. Jucker, M., and T. Reichler (2018): Dynamical precursors for statistical prediction of stratospheric sudden warming events, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, **45**, [10.1029/2018GL080691](https://doi.org/10.1029/2018GL080691).
19. Wiedensohler, A., and Coauthors (2018): Black carbon emission and transport mechanisms to the free troposphere at the La Paz/El Alto (Bolivia) metropolitan area: A case study based on the day of census 2012, *Atmospheric Environment*, **194**, 158-169.

20. Wu, Z. and T. Reichler (2018): Towards a more Earth-like circulation in idealized models, *J. Adv. Model. Earth Sys.*, **10**, doi.org/10.1029/2018MS001356.
21. Horan, M. F., and T. Reichler (2017): Modeling seasonal stratospheric sudden warming climatology based on polar vortex statistics, *J. Climate*, DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-17-0257.1.
22. Zhao, B., T. Reichler, C. Strong, and C. Penland (2017): Simultaneous evolution of gyre and Atlantic meridional overturning circulation anomalies as an eigenmode of the North Atlantic system, *J. Climate*, **30**, 6737-6755.
23. Kim, J., and T. Reichler (2015): Quantifying the uncertainty of the annular mode time scale and the role of the stratosphere, *Clim. Dyn.*, DOI: 10.1007/s00382-015-2860-2.
24. Staten, P. W., T. Reichler, and J. Lu (2014): The transient circulation response to radiative forcings and surface warming, *J. Climate*, **27**, 9323-9336, DOI: 10.1175/JCLI-D-14-00035.1
25. Juang, H., S. Chen, S. Hong, H. Kanamaru, T. Reichler, T. Enomoto, D. Putrasahan, B. Anderson, S. Gershunov, H. Li, K. Yoshimura, N. Buening, and D. Boomer (2014): Regional Spectral Model Workshop in Memory of John Roads and Masao Kanamitsu, *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, **95**(3), ES61-65.
26. Staten, P. W., and T. Reichler (2013): On the ratio between shifts in the eddy-driven jet and the Hadley cell edge, *Clim. Dyn.*, **42** (5-6), 1229-1242, DOI: 10.1007/s00382-013-1905-7
27. Stevens, B., et al. (2013): The Atmospheric Component of the MPI-M Earth System Model: ECHAM6, *J. Adv. Model. Earth Syst. (JAMES)*, **5** (2), 146-172, DOI: 10.1002/jame.20015.
28. Charlton-Perez, A. et al. (2013): On the lack of stratospheric dynamical variability in low-top versions of the CMIP5 models, *J. Geophys. Res.*, DOI: 10.1002/jgrd.50125.
29. Reichler, T., J. Kim, E. Manzini, and J. Kroeger (2012): A Stratospheric Connection to Atlantic Climate Variability, *Nature Geos.*, 783-787, doi: 10.1038/ngeo1586.
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GRADUATE STUDENTS

Student	Year enrolled	Research topic	Degree
Shenghong Dong	Fall 2025	QBO	PhD. 2028
Gregory Egger	Fall 2025	QBO	PhD. 2028
Daniel Baldassare	Fall 2021	Tropical circulation changes	PhD. 2024
Zheng Wu	Fall 2017	Tropospheric impacts on low-frequency stratospheric variability	Ph.D. 2019
Hao-Jhe Hong	Fall 2016	Chemical-dynamical interaction in the stratosphere	Ph.D. 2019
Matthew Horan	Fall 2015	Modeling sudden stratospheric warming statistics	M.S. 2017
Zheng Wu	Fall 2015	Sensitivity of stratosphere-troposphere interaction to surface forcing	M.S. 2017
Bowen Zhao	Fall 2013	Normal modes in North Atlantic atmosphere-ocean system	M.S. 2016
Youngsung Kim	Summer 2011	Regional climate modeling over South America	M.S. 2012
Thong Nguyen	Summer 2011	Deterministic Nonperiodic Flow	M.S. 2012
Ryan Oates	Fall 2010	Stratospheric sudden warmings under climate change	M.S. 2013
Jon Rutz	Summer 2009	Atmospheric circulation trends	M.S. 2010
Chris Eldred	Fall 2009	Regional climate modeling over South America	
Paul Staten	Spring 2008	Mechanisms for atmospheric circulation change	Ph.D. 2013
Chris Pennell	Fall 2006	Performance analysis of climate models	M.S. 2009
Paul Staten	Fall 2006	Tropopause analysis from GPS radio occultation	M.S. 2008
Junsu Kim	Fall 2004	A dynamical understanding of stratospheric influences on tropospheric climate and the ocean	Ph.D. 2014

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Student	Year	Topic
Cal Johnson	Fall 2025	Hotspots: The wildfire-windspeed connection in a changing climate over the Southwestern US
Nate Stovak	Spring 2025	Wilkes scholars program: Predicting monthly to seasonal Southwestern US Climate Anomalies

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Daniel Frerichs	2022	UROP project: A statistical study of the impact of extreme stratospheric circulation events on surface weather and climate over the Northern Hemisphere
Ian Wixom	2021	UROP project: Analyzing the Changing Length of the Four Seasons from Historical Carbon Dioxide Records
Sean Heslin	2016	UROP/capstone project: Time series analysis of stratospheric sudden warmings
Jeffrey Steven Fitzgerald	2015-2016	Capstone project: Impact of stratospheric sudden warmings on Arctic sea ice
Roland Christensen	2014	Statistical analysis of gridded data
Daniel Schaffer	2012	Precipitation analysis over the tropical Andes
