

C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

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Natural Science and Mathematics
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E d u c a t i o n

- 2002 - 2008 Ph.D. in Oceanography
University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography
Dissertation: Sea Surface Height Variability and the
Structure of Eddies in the South Atlantic Cape Basin
- 1993 - 1998 M. S. in Marine Science
University of Southern Mississippi, Stennis Space Center
Thesis: Double Vortices In The Ocean:
A Case Study In The Arabian Sea
- 1989 - 1993 B. S. in Mathematics University of Southern Mississippi

E m p l o y m e n t

- Visiting Professor **Natural Science and Mathematics Division**
2013 - Current Lesley University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Adjunct Professor **Natural Science and Mathematics Division**
2013 - Spring Lesley University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Research Scientist **Physical Oceanography**
2012 - Current Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dynamical processes of upper and deep ocean vortices;
Interocean exchanges in the South Atlantic;
- Post-Doctoral
Associate **Post-Doctoral Associate in Physical Oceanography**
2008 - 2012 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dynamical processes of upper and deep ocean vortices;
Interocean exchanges in the southeastern South Atlantic;

Analytical and data assimilation

Remote Sensing
Oceanography
1998 - 2002

Research Associate in Physical Oceanography
University of Rhode Island
Liaison between URI and NOAA National Marine Fisheries;
Processing and analysis of AVHRR data;
Distributed Oceanographic Data System

1994 - 1998
(Summers)

Research Assistant in Physical Oceanography
University of Southern Mississippi

S e a G o i n g E x p e r i e n c e

- 2005 Research Cruise in the South Atlantic aboard the RRS Discovery
 Junior Assistant to PI: Recovered instruments; CTD casts; Oxygen titration
- 2003 Research Cruise in the South Atlantic aboard the R/V Melville
 Junior Assistant to PI: Deployed instruments; CTD casts; Oxygen titration
- 1994 Research expedition in the Gulf of Mexico aboard the R/V Pelican
 Student Assistant to PI: CTD casts; Ship log
- 1993 Research Cruise in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the R/V Alliance
 Junior Assistant to PI: Processed shipboard ADCP data; CTD casts

T e a c h i n g E x p e r i e n c e

- 2013 Teaching: Meteorology with a laboratory component
 Lesley University; Weekly Labs
- 2012 Co-Taught graduate course: General Circulation of Ocean
 MIT; Including Recitation Sessions
- 2008 Co-Taught graduate course: Abyssal Circulation and Eddies
 MIT; Including Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab on Potential Vorticity
- 2006 Instructor of undergraduate course OCG 110: The Ocean Planet
 University of Rhode Island
- 2006 Preparing for an Academic Career in the Geosciences:

Workshop for Graduate Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows,
Stanford University

2004 Teaching Assistant for graduate course; OCG 501: Physical Oceanography
University of Rhode Island

Academic Service

2009 - 2010 Oceanography/Climate Seminar Coordinator
2006 - 2007 Physical Oceanography Seminar Coordinator
2006 - 2007 Student Admissions and Review Committee
2005 - 2006 Educational Policy Committee

I n t e r n a t i o n a l E x p e r i e n c e

2011 South Atlantic MOC Workshop, Simon's Town, South Africa
2009 Invited Seminar Speaker MOCA09: IAMAS/IAPSO/IACS, Montreal, CA
2009 Seminar Speaker University of Cape Town, South Africa
2005 Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Summer School, Cambridge England, UK
1994 SACLANT Undersea Research Centre Summer Program, La Spezia, Italy

P r o f e s s i o n a l E x p e r i e n c e A n d H o n o r s

Professional Presentations

2011 AGU Poster (OS23A-1620): AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California
2011 Judge for Student Posters: AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California
2010 Ocean Science Speaker (PO15): AGU/OS Meeting, Portland, Oregon
2009 SW Indian Ocean Workshop Seminar Speaker
2008 IAPSO-DOES Poster
2006 American Geophysical Union Poster
2006 Invited Seminar Speaker at AOML in Miami, Florida
1996 American Geophysical Union Presenter

Professional Societies

2008 - Current Sigma Xi
2006 - Current American Association for the Advancement of Science
2005 - Current American Geophysical Union
1995 - 1997 The Oceanography Society
1994 - 1997 Mississippi Academy of Sciences
1993 - 1998 Student Oceanography Society Club

P U B L I C A T I O N S

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[<http://www.agu.org/pubs/crossref/2010/2010JC006236.shtml>]

Baker-Yeboah, S., G. R. Flierl, G. G. Sutyrin, and Y. Zhang. Transformation of an Agulhas Eddy Near the Continental Slope. *Ocean Sci.*, 6, 143-159, 2010.

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Baker-Yeboah, S., D. R. Watts, and D. A. Byrne. Baroclinic and Barotropic Sea Surface Height Variability in the Southeast Atlantic from Pressure-Sensor Equipped Inverted Echo Sounders. *J. Atmos. Oceanic Technol.*, 26, 2593-2609, 2009.

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Baker-Yeboah, S., 2008: Sea Surface Height Variability and the Structure of Eddies in the South Atlantic Cape Basin. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett 308 pp.

[<http://www.sheelabaker.com/>]

Waring, G. T. , T. Hamazaki, D. Sheehan, G. Wood, S. Baker. Characterization Of Beaked Whale (Ziphiidae) And Sperm Whale (Physeter Macrocephalus) Summer Habitat in Shelf-Edge and Deeper Waters off the Northeast U. S. *Marine Mammal Science*. Vol. 17 Issue 4, 703 -717. October 2001.

Baker, S., D. Sheres, and R. Arnone. Characteristics of double vortices in the Northwestern Arabian Sea and the North Atlantic Gulf Stream region as observed by AVHRR imagery. *Ocean Technology*.

Stennis Space Center, Proceedings of the Gulf Coast Section Marine Technology Society. Navel Oceanographic Office, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi (1997): 32-39.