Aurora Basinski-Ferris (they/them)

Education and employment

Oct. 2024- Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellow

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego

Advisor: Prof. Ian Eisenman

2018-2024 PhD in Mathematics & Atmosphere-Ocean Science

Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University

Advisor: Prof. Laure Zanna

2014-2018 Honours Bachelor of Integrated Science (Mathematics & Statistics Concentration)

McMaster University

Summa Cum Laude. Undergraduate thesis advisor: Prof. Nicholas Kevlahan

Publications

- Basinski-Ferris, A., Zanna, L., and Eisenman, I. "Sources of uncertainty in the ocean response to idealized Antarctic meltwater input." (in prep).
- Falasca, F., <u>Basinski-Ferris, A.</u>, Zanna, L., and Zhao, M. "Diagnosing the pattern effect in the atmosphere-ocean coupled system through linear response theory." (*submitted*). https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.12585.
- Basinski-Ferris, A., Zanna, L., and Eisenman, I. "An analytical theory for the sensitivity of regional sea level adjustment to the depth of Antarctic meltwater fluxes." (submitted). https://doi.org/10.22541/essoar.172407933.31488224/v1
- Eisenman, I., <u>Basinski-Ferris</u>, <u>A.</u>, Beer, E., and Zanna, L. "The Sensitivity of the Spatial Pattern of Sea Level Changes to the Depth of Antarctic Meltwater Fluxes." *Geophysical Research Letters*. https://doi.org/10.1029/2024GL110633
- <u>Basinski-Ferris, A.</u> and Zanna, L. 2024. "Estimating freshwater flux amplification with ocean tracers via linear response theory." *Earth System Dynamics*. https://doi.org/10.5194/esd-15-323-2024.
- Davis, P.E.D. <u>et al.</u> 2023. "Suppressed basal melting in the eastern Thwaites Glacier grounding zone." *Nature*. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-05586-0.
- Schmidt, B.E. <u>et al.</u> 2023. "Heterogeneous melting near the Thwaites Glacier grounding line." *Nature*. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-05691-0.
- Holland, D.M., Nicholls, K.W., <u>Basinski, A.</u> 2020. "The Southern Ocean and its Interaction with the Antarctic Ice Sheet." *Science*. https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aaz5491.
- <u>Basinski-Ferris</u>, A. 2017. "Comparison of Mathematical Models of Opinion Dynamics." *The iScientist*. https://journals.mcmaster.ca/iScientist/article/view/1357.

Awards & Distinctions

2024-2026 Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellowship

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego

2020 Sandra Bleistein Prize

Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University

An award given annually for notable achievement in applied mathematics or computer science.

2018 Henry M. MacCracken Graduate Fellowship

New York University

2017 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (NSERC USRA)

Award held at McMaster University

Summer advisor: Prof. Walter Craig (Department of Mathematics & Statistics)

2014-2018 Dean's Undergraduate Honour List

McMaster University

Presentations

May 2024 NASA GISS Sea Level Seminar (invited)

Talk: "Dependence of Regional Sea Level on the Depth of Meltwater Input"

Feb 2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting

Talk: "Dependence of Regional Sea Level on the Depth of Meltwater Input"

Dec 2023 American Geophysical Union (AGU) fall meeting

Talk: "Dependence of Regional Sea Level on the Depth of Meltwater Input"

Spring Community Earth System Model (CESM) working group meeting

2023 Talk: "Estimating freshwater flux amplification from ocean tracers via linear response theory"

Dec 2022 American Geophysical Union (AGU) fall meeting

Talk: "Estimating freshwater flux amplification from ocean tracers via linear response theory"

May 2022 US CLIVAR Pattern Effect workshop

Poster: "Examining processes setting the sea surface salinity pattern under anthropogenic forcing and relationships to sea surface temperature"

Feb 2022 Ocean Sciences Meeting

Talk: "Examining the mechanisms behind changing salinity distributions and the impact of salinity storage on regional sea level"

Dec 2016 Poster at Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) winter meeting

Niagara Falls CMS Conference

Teaching

2023 Curriculum development

Climatematch Academy

Developed curriculum on ocean circulation for Climatematch Academy - a new online summer school that aims to make education about computational climate science accessible to a global population.

2022 TA for Dynamics of the Earth's Atmosphere and Climate

Courant Institute, New York University

2020–2021	Grader for Graduate Ocean Dynamics and Graduate Linear Algebra I Courant Institute, New York University
2016–2018	Tutor for undergraduate calculus, linear algebra, and differential equations McMaster University
	Service
2022-	Peer reviewer for Geophysical Model Development, JGR: Oceans, and Earth's Future
2023	Committee on PhD student survey Courant Institute, New York University
	On a small committee of PhD students and faculty who analyzed survey results on departmental culture and presented key findings and action items.
2022-2024	Discussion leader and participant in department DEI reading group Courant Institute, New York University
Fall 2022	Student co-host for visiting colloquium speaker Courant Institute, New York University
	Organizer for weekly Atmosphere Ocean Science Friday seminar Courant Institute, New York University
2020-2021	Peer mentor for first year PhD student Courant Institute, New York University
2018-2019	Co-organizer for weekly student lunch talks Courant Institute, New York University
2015-2016	Peer reviewer for Undergraduate Research Journal - 'The iScientist' McMaster University
	Additional Activities
2022	NASA Summer School on Satellite Observations and Climate Models Jet Propulsion Laboratory Center for Climate Sciences and the Keck Institute for Space Studies
Spring 2021	Participant in Unlearning Racism in the Geosciences (URGE) Courant Institute, New York University
	Technical skills
Advanced Basic	Python (including numpy, matplotlib, xarray), MATLAB, LaTeX, git HTML, Javascript, bash