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EDUCATION

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| MS | University at Albany, Atmospheric Science
Thesis: "A large-scale analysis of the evolution of the outflow level winds in an intensifying tropical cyclone" | May 1988 |
| BS | University at Albany, Atmospheric Science
Graduated magna cum laude | May 1985 |

EXPERIENCE

Senior Scientific Programmer, 2000-present
Research Foundation of the State University of New York

Duties:

- Used programming skills to process and interpret meteorological observations and model analyses.
- Learned new computer languages and research methods to more efficiently manipulate various data sources.
- Carried out numerous scientific calculations, created figures, and assisted in the writing of research publications and grant proposals.
- Mentored graduate students to strengthen their programming proficiency and develop proper research habits.

Research Programmer, 1988-2000
Research Foundation of the State University of New York

Duties: Similar to above.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Extensive experience working with big datasets in various formats including gridded and spectral fields from ECMWF and NOAA.
- Ability to manipulate and visualize satellite data, radar data, atmospheric surface and upper air observations.
- Knowledge of Python, Fortran, C-Shell, HTML, NCL, McIDAS, and GEMPAK programming languages
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office 2013 applications (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access).
- Platform experience: Linux, Windows, UNIX and Solaris.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

NSF XSEDE HPC Big Data Workshop

DAES Albany, NY August 6-7 2019

Introduction to big data analytics and machine learning

Unidata Regional Software Training Workshop

DAES Albany, NY May 29-30 2019

Introduction to python programming for the atmospheric sciences

NCAR Command Language Workshop

DAES Albany, NY May 21-24 2013

Introduction to NCL programming language

HONORS AND AWARDS

- NASA Group achievement award, Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel 2015
- NASA Group achievement award, Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes 2011
- First enrollee into SUNY combined BS/MS program in Atmospheric Science 1984

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Meteorological Society 1988-Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for:

- Monthly Weather Review
- Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Paper Presentations

Influences of vertical shear and upper level vorticity on tropical cyclone intensification. 20th Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology. May 10-14 1993, San Antonio, Texas

Excitation of secondary eye walls by external interactions. 19th Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology. May 6-10 1991, Miami Florida.

PUBLICATIONS

Coauthor on 28 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

Volunteer, Albany, 2016-2019

Bethlehem Soccer Club

Youth coach 2010-2016

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region

Big brother volunteer, Albany, 1989-1991

PUBLICATIONS

Molinari, J., J. Zhang, R.F. Rogers, and D. Vollaro 2019: [REPEATED EYEWALL REPLACEMENT CYCLES IN HURRICANE FRANCES \(2004\)](#). *Monthly Weather Review*, **147**, 2009-2022.

Molinari, J., M. Rosenmayer, D. Vollaro, and S. Ditchek 2019: [Turbulence Variations in the Upper Troposphere in Tropical Cyclones from NOAA G-IV Flight-Level Vertical Acceleration Data](#). *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, **58**, 569-583.

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Ditchek, S., J. Molinari, and D. Vollaro 2017: [Tropical Cyclone Outflow-Layer Structure and Balanced Response to Eddy Forcings](#). *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, **74**, 133-149.

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Molinari, J., P. Duran, and D. Vollaro, 2014: [Low Richardson number in the tropical cyclone outflow layer](#). *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, **71**, 3164-3179.

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- Molinari, J., and D. Vollaro, 2013: [What percentage of western north Pacific tropical cyclones form within the monsoon trough?](#) *Monthly Weather Review*, **141**, 499-505.
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- Molinari, J. and D. Vollaro, 2012: [A subtropical cyclonic gyre associated with interactions of the MJO and the midlatitude jet](#). *Monthly Weather Review*, **140**, 343-357.
- Molinari, J., and D. Vollaro, 2010: [Rapid intensification of a sheared tropical storm](#). *Monthly Weather Review*, **138**, 3869-3885.
- Molinari, J., and D. Vollaro, 2010: [Distribution of helicity, CAPE, and shear in tropical cyclones](#). *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, **67**, 274-284.
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- Molinari, J., K. Lombardo, and D. Vollaro, 2007: [Tropical cyclogenesis within an equatorial Rossby wave packet](#). *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences*, **64**, 1301-1317.
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Molinari, J., D. Vollaro, and S. Skubis, 1993: [Application of the Eliassen balanced model to real-data tropical cyclones](#). *Monthly Weather Review*, **121**, 2409-2419.

Molinari, J., D. Vollaro, and F. Robasky, 1992: Use of ECMWF operational analyses for studies of the tropical cyclone environment. *Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics*, **47**, 127-144.

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