

# Ben Buchovecky

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## EDUCATION

**Princeton University** | Princeton, NJ 2023  
B.A. in Geosciences (oceans, atmosphere, and climate track)  
*Summa Cum Laude*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Peter W. Stroh '51 Environmental Thesis Prize | Princeton University 2023  
*Best senior thesis on an environmental topic*

Arthur F. Buddington Award | Princeton University, Geosciences 2023  
*Overall excellence in Geosciences*

Membership in the Sigma Xi Society | Princeton University, Geosciences 2023

Benjamin F. Howell Class of 1913 Prize | Princeton University, Geosciences 2022  
*Excellence in junior independent research in Geosciences*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Scientist, Ecoclimate Lab** | University of Washington 2023 - Present  
Advisor: Prof. Abigail Swann

- Using CESM2 simulations to examine the climate response to fixed vapor pressure deficit and the hydrologic response to land parameter perturbations

**Senior Thesis, Vecchi Group** | Princeton University 2022 - 2023  
Advisor: Prof. Gabriel Vecchi

“Effect of the plant physiological response to CO<sub>2</sub> on tropical precipitation and the ITCZ”

- Investigated tropical precipitation change using a variety of ITCZ metrics and quantified interhemispheric energy imbalances across 13 CMIP6 models
- Designed and ran experiments with the GFDL-AM2.5 model to further examine the tropical precipitation response globally and regionally in Africa

**Research Internship, Ecoclimate Lab** | University of Washington 2022  
Advisors: Prof. Abigail Swann, Prof. Kyle Armour

“Impacts of high-latitude land-climate interactions on Arctic climate change”

- Explored the contribution of the plant physiological response to Arctic amplification and heat transport across multiple CMIP6 models

**Research Internship** | Princeton University & NOAA GFDL 2021  
Advisors: Dr. Mitch Bushuk, Dr. Graeme MacGilchrist, Dr. Alex Haumann

“Potential predictability of the spring bloom in the Southern Ocean sea-ice zone”

- Quantified the seasonal-to-decadal predictability of phytoplankton blooms using a suite of perfect model experiments with the GFDL-ESM2M model

- Developed a mechanistic explanation for the progression of predictability from sea ice to biogeochemical fields in the Southern Ocean
- Principal author of paper accepted to *Geophysical Research Letters*

**Junior Project, Resplandy Group** | Princeton University

2021

Advisor: Prof. Laure Resplandy

“The effect of an amplified hydrological cycle on dissolved oxygen in the ocean”

- Examined how the “wet-get-wetter, dry-get-drier” paradigm affects sub-surface dissolved oxygen through surface salinity-driven circulation changes

**PUBLICATIONS**     **Buchovecky, B.**, MacGilchrist, G. A., Bushuk, M., Haumann, F. A., Frölicher, T. L., Le Grix, N., & Dunne, J. (2023). Potential predictability of the spring bloom in the Southern Ocean sea ice zone. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 50, e2023GL105139.

**PRESENTATIONS**     Thesis Defense, Princeton University. May 2023. **Buchovecky, B.** “Effect of the plant physiological response to CO<sub>2</sub> on tropical precipitation and the ITCZ” (*talk*).

Spring Junior Project Poster Session, Princeton University. May 2022.

**Buchovecky, B.** “Potential predictability of the spring bloom in the Southern Ocean sea-ice zone” (*poster*).

Ocean Sciences Meeting, AGU, virtual. February 2022. **Buchovecky, B.**; Bushuk, M.; MacGilchrist, G.; Haumann, A.; Frölicher, T. “Potential predictability of the spring bloom in the Southern Ocean sea-ice zone” (*talk*).

Fall Junior Project Poster Session, Princeton University. December 2021.

**Buchovecky, B.** “The effect of an amplified hydrological cycle on dissolved oxygen in the ocean” (*poster*).

**CONFERENCES**     UW Program on Climate Change Summer Institute | Friday Harbor, WA

2023

Ocean Sciences Meeting, AGU | Virtual

2022

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**     Python (including numpy, pandas, xarray, matplotlib, cartopy, and IPython), Git, Bash/shell scripting, NCAR Command Language (NCL), MATLAB, LaTeX

**RELEVANT COURSEWORK**     Atmospheric Thermodynamics & Convection  
 Ocean Physics  
 Glacier Physics  
 Fluid Mechanics  
 Modeling the Earth System  
 Theoretical Ecology  
 Differential Equations  
 Probability & Stochastic Systems  
 Mathematics for Numerical Computing  
 Algorithms & Data Structures