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WORK EXPERIENCE

Regional Climate Impacts Analyst

November 2010 – Present

Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium

Responsibilities: Investigation of the effects of climate change and methods to predict future climates in regions within British Columbia and the Yukon.

Earth and Ocean Sciences Teaching Assistant

September 2009 – April 2010 and September 2008 – April 2009

University of Victoria

Responsibilities: Instruction and supervision of a 1st year Introductory Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences laboratory course.

Oceanographic Research Cruise Scientist

May 2009

Institute of Ocean Sciences/School of Earth and Ocean Sciences

University of Victoria

Responsibilities: Deployment, monitoring and retrieval of observational sensors to track the results of a dye-release experiment.

Software Developer

May 2008 - August 2008 and May 2007 – August 2007

University of Victoria Climate Modeling Group

Responsibilities: Statistical analysis of weather variable data from the UVic School-Based Weather Station Network.

EDUCATION

Master of Science

September 2008- October 2010

Thesis: Climate Model Downscaling of Precipitation over Vancouver Island using a Synoptic Typing Approach

School of Earth and Ocean Sciences

University of Victoria, Victoria, BC

Bachelor of Science

September 2004 - April 2008

Honours Physics

Thesis: Breaking the Sound Barrier: Construction of a Supersonic Wind Tunnel and Analysis of Wedge Generated Shockwaves

Department of Physics and Astronomy

University of Victoria, Victoria, BC

PUBLICATIONS

Li, G., Zhang, X., Cannon, A.J., Murdock, T.Q., **Sobie, S.R.**, Zwiers, F.W., Anderson, K., Qian, B., Indices of Canada's future climate for general and agricultural adaptation applications. In Review. *Climatic Change*.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q. High-resolution statistical downscaling in southwestern British Columbia. (2017). *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology* 56: 1625-1641.

Pinna Sustainability [Contributing Author], (2017) Climate Projections for the Capital Region, *Project report, 66pp*.

Pinna Sustainability [Contributing Author], (2016) Climate Projections for Metro Vancouver, *Project report, 80pp*.

PCIC memo [Contributing Author], (2016) Summary of 2050s climate projections for Whistler area.

PCIC memo [Contributing Author], (2016) City of Vancouver climate projections summary.

PCIC memo [Contributing Author], (2016) District of North Vancouver climate projections summary.

Takaro, T.K., Chhetri, B., Mak, S., Otterstatter, M., Balshaw, R.F., **Sobie, S.R.**, Henderson, S.B., Zubel, M., Len, M., Brubacher, J., Zickfeld, K., Fluery, M., Galanis, E. (2016) Extreme precipitation, turbidity, drinking water and acute gastrointestinal illness in a canadian surface drinking water system: mechanisms and opportunities to build resilience to climate change. *Occupational and Environmental Medicine* 73(Suppl 1):A234.1-A234

Murdock, T.Q., **Sobie, S.R.**, Eckstrand, H.D., Jackson, E. (2016) Georgia Basin – Projected Climate Change, Extremes, and Historical Analysis. *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report, 63pp*.

Cannon, A.J., **Sobie, S.R.**, Murdock, T.Q., (2015) Precipitation by Quantile Mapping: How well do methods preserve changes in quantiles and extremes? *Journal of Climate*. 28.17:6938-6959

Murdock, T.Q., Cannon, A.J. and **Sobie, S.R.** (2015) Statistical downscaling of future climate projections for North America. *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report, 25pp*.

Murdock, T.Q., Cannon, A.J., **Sobie, S.R.**, Veerman, B., Anslow, F. and Zwiers, F.W. (2014) Workshop Primer: Projected precipitation extremes for Coastal British Columbia. *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report, 8pp*.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q., (2014) Analysis of climate change projections for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure highways risk assessment. *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report*, 27pp.

Nodelman, J. and co-authors [Contributing Author], (2014) Climate Change Engineering Vulnerability Assessment of Three British Columbia Highway Segments, *Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC) Project report*, 91pp.

Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium [Contributing Author], (2014) Regional Climate Impacts Meeting Report, *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report*, 6pp.

Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium [Contributing Author], (2013) Climate Summaries for the Resource Regions of British Columbia, *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium*, Summaries 1-8.

Murdock, T.Q., **Sobie, S.R.**, Zwiers, F.W. and Eckstrand, H.D. (2013) Climate change and extremes in the Canadian Columbia Basin. *Atmosphere-Ocean*. 51:456-469

Burger, G., **Sobie, S.R.**, Cannon, A.J., Werner, A.T. and Murdock, T.Q. (2013) Downscaling extremes- an intercomparison of multiple methods for future climate. *Journal of Climate*. 26:3429-3449

Murdock, T.Q., **Sobie, S.R.** (2013) Climate extremes in the Canadian Columbia Basin: A preliminary assessment, *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report*, 59pp.

Sobie, S.R., Shrestha, R.R., Murdock, T.Q., Schnorbus, M.A. (2012) Columbia Basin regional climate change analysis for an industry partner. *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report*, 130pp.

Murdock, T.Q., **Sobie, S.R.**, Shrestha, R.R., Schnorbus, M.A., Concepts and approaches for regional climate change analysis. *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report*, 41pp.

Bürger, G., Murdock, T. Q., Werner, A. T., **Sobie, S. R.**, & Cannon, A. J. (2012) Downscaling extremes - an intercomparison of multiple statistical methods for present climate. *Journal of Climate*, 25:4366-4388

Sobie, S.R., Weaver, A.J., (2012) Downscaling of precipitation over Vancouver Island using a synoptic typing approach, *Atmosphere-Ocean*, 50:176-196

Murdock, T.Q., Hennessey, R., Hebda, R., **Sobie, S.R.**, (2011) Preliminary Analysis of Climate Change in the Atlin-Taku area of British Columbia, *Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Report*, 30pp

Weaver, A.J., **Sobie, S.R.**, 2011. Snowfall projections for an industry partner, *Private Consulting Firm Report*, 18pp

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

Sobie, S.R., Cannon, A.J. and Murdock, T.Q. Analysis of Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves in British Columbia. Oral presentation for the Northwest Climate Conference. November 2015, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Chhetri, B., Galanis, E., Mak, S. Otterstatter, M., Balshaw, R., Henderson, S., Zobel, M., Lem, M., Brubacher, J., Takaro T.K., Fleury, M.D. and **Sobie, S.R.** Extreme precipitation, drinking water and acute gastro-intestinal illness in a Canadian surface drinking water system: Putative links and future impact of climate change. Oral presentation for the 27th Conference of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology. September 2015, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q. and Cannon, A.J. Analysis of MOTI highway indicators in past and future climates. Oral presentation for the MOTI PIEVC Planning Workshop. August 2013, Prince George, BC.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q. and Cannon, A.J. Analysis of climate extremes in Canada using gridded downscaling of region climate model simulations. Oral presentation for the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Annual Congress, May 2013, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q. and Eckstrand, H.D. Analysis of NARCCAP results for extremes in the Canadian Columbia Basin. Oral presentation for the NARCCAP User's Workshop. International Conference: 10-11 April 2012, Boulder, Colorado.

Poster Presentations

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q., Experiences with collaborative climate impacts assessments for regional governments in southwestern British Columbia, Poster presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 12-16 December 2016, San Francisco, California.

Sobie, S.R., Cannon, A.J., Murdock, T.Q., Evaluation of increasing spatial resolution in downscaled climate projections and the effect on extreme precipitation, Poster presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 15-19 December 2014, San Francisco, California.

Sobie, S.R., Cannon, A.J., Murdock, T.Q., Evaluating the role of increasing spatial resolution in climate projections for highway impacts assessments in British Columbia, Poster presentation at the Pacific Northwest Climate Science Conference, 9-11 September 2014, Seattle, Washington.

Murdock, T.Q., **Sobie, S.R.**, Cannon, A.J., Zwiers, F.W., Evaluation of influence of spatial resolution on extreme precipitation projections, Poster presentation at the Regional-scale Climate Modelling Workshop, 16-19 June 2014, Lund, Sweden.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q., Regional Projections of Climate Change Using an Earth System Model of Intermediate Complexity, Poster presentation at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 5-9 December 2014, San Francisco, California.

Burger, G., Murdock, T.Q., Werner, A.T., **Sobie, S.R.**, Cannon, A.J, “Validating the downscaling of Climdex extremes for multiple methods”, Poster presentation at the Pacific Northwest Climate Science Conference, 13-15 September 2011, Seattle, Washington.

Sobie, S.R., Murdock, T.Q., “Climate change in the Atlin-Taku region of northern British Columbia”, Poster presentation at the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Annual Congress, 4-8 June 2011, Victoria, BC.

Sobie, S.R., Weaver, A.J., “Climate model downscaling of Vancouver Island precipitation”, Poster presentation at the American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, 13-17 December 2010, San Francisco, California.

VOLUNTEERING

Program Committee Member

2013-present

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Annual Northwest Climate Conferences

Portland, Oregon (2013), Seattle, Washington (2014), Coeur d’Alene, Idaho (2015), Skamania, Washington (2016), Tacoma, Washington (2017).

Responsibilities: Planning conference sessions and reviewing submitted abstracts.