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Research and Teaching Interests

Air quality, climate change, atmospheric chemistry, surface observations, global atmospheric modeling, particulate matter, aerosol-climate interactions, aerosol health effects, environmental engineering and science, research computing, coding

Education

- Ph.D. Civil and Environmental Engineering. Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, PA. May 2013 Advisor: Dr. Peter Adams
- M.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. May 2009
- B.S. Civil Engineering. Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN. May 2008.

Funded research grants

Active

Columbia Global. \$249,830. 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2028. Columbia World Projects Building Inclusive Cities. “Clean air monitoring interventions for empowering communities in severely under-monitored Queens County, NY”. Lead PI.

Clean Air Fund. \$200,000. 9/1/2024 – 3/31/26. “Leveraging long-term remote-sensing observations and machine learning to promote clean air policy and improved health across Africa (Westervelt, D, PI)”.

Columbia Provost Office. \$100,000. 7/15/2025 – 7/14/2026. Research Stabilization Fund. “Leveraging long-term remote-sensing, ground observations, and machine learning to promote clean air policy and improved health across Africa”

National Science Foundation. GEOHealth Intern. Lead PI. \$65,233. 1/1/24 – 12/31/25

National Science Foundation. “Collaborative Research: Accelnet: Clean Air Monitoring and Solutions Network”. \$2,000,000. Lead PI. 1/1/21 – 1/1/26

Clean Air Fund. “Early life air pollution exposures and non-communicable disease risk in Ghana” \$500,000. 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 Co-I (Lead PI: Darby Jack, CU MSPH)

National Institute of Health (NIH) U2R. Advancing Public Health Research in Eastern Africa through Data Science Training (APHREA-DST). 09/01/2021 - 08/31/2026. co-I. \$50,000. (Lead: Kiros Berhane CU MSPH)

National Institute of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center. “GEOHealth Hub for Research and Training in eastern Africa”. 1/1/2023 – 1/1/2027. Co-I, \$50,000 (Lead: Kiros Berhane and Darby Jack CU MSPH)

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University. Columbia Climate Center. 2/1/2025 – 1/31/2026. “Air pollution source apportionment in Tanzania”. \$20,000. Lead PI

Energy Policy Institute of University of Chicago. Lead PI. \$35,000. 8/1/24 – 7/31/25

LDEO OTIC Innovation fund. Developing cost-effective custom-built multipollutant air sensor systems for use-inspired air quality research. \$50,000. Lead PI.

Lamont Center for Climate and Life. “The Impact of Rapidly Changing Regional Aerosol Emissions on Near-term Climate.” \$119,926. 12/1/22 – 12/1/25

Completed

Department of State, USA. “Capacity building, knowledge sharing, and air quality improvement for Anglophone and Francophone West Africa”. \$440,440 PI. 10/1/2021 – 1/1/2025

Environmental Protection Agency. “Automated Model Reduction for Atmospheric Chemical Mechanisms”. \$462,025 Co-I. 12/1/2020 – 2/30/2025. (*cancelled by Trump administration*)

Department of State, USA. “International networking, knowledge sharing, and capacity building for improved air quality in four East African countries”. \$300,000 Lead PI. 10/1/20 – 10/1/2023

US Agency for International Development. “Catalyzing Clean Air.” \$800,000 subaward to Columbia via World Resources Institute. Co-PI. 10/1/20 – 2/1/25. (*cancelled by Trump administration*)

Columbia University Data Science Institute. “Application of Gaussian Mixture Regression to Obtain Useful, Actionable Air Pollution Data from Consumer-Grade, Low-Cost Monitoring Devices” 2/1/2022 – 12/31/2024. \$150,000. Lead PI

Columbia University Data Science Institute. “Detecting and attributing spatiotemporal variations in sources of ground-level air pollution with a modeling testbed for integrating multiple noisy satellite datasets.” 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021. \$200,000. Co-PI.

Columbia University Provost’s Office. “Towards closing the air pollution data gap in sub-Saharan Africa through international collaboration and capacity building.” \$42,000. 7/1/2020 – 6/31/2022. Lead PI

Columbia University Earth Institute. 12/1/2019 – 12/31/2020 “Clean air toolbox for cities initiative”. \$150,000. co PI

Columbia Center for Climate and Life. 7/1/2019 – 12/31/2022. “Towards the development of a real-time air pollution monitoring network in sub-Saharan Africa”. \$201,328. Lead PI

Industrial Economics, Inc. 2/1/2020 – 12/31/2020. “Data analysis of low cost air pollution monitors in a polluted neighborhood in Accra, Ghana”. \$20,000. Subcontract, Institutional PI.

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University. Columbia Climate Center. 2/1/2019-1/31/2021. “Development of an air pollution monitoring network in the megacity of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo”. \$10,000. Lead PI

National Science Foundation, Atmospheric and Geospace Science (AGS). \$169,504. 9/1/18 – 9/31/20. “Local and Remote Regional Climate Responses to Regional Forcings from Short-Lived Climate Forcers”. Co-I

National Science Foundation. Atmospheric and Geospace Science (AGS). \$602,918. 11/1/16 – 10/31/20 “Understanding Forced and Natural Asian Monsoon Variability and Change in Observations and CMIP5 Models.” Co-PI

NASA Atmospheric Chemistry, Modeling, Analysis and Prediction (ACMAP). \$748,955. 1/1/17 – 12/31/20. “Variability and trends in tropospheric oxidation: Interactions with regional air quality, global atmospheric composition, and climate”. Co-PI

Columbia University Global Policy Center. \$200,000. 6/1/16 – 5/31/18. “Assessing future Chinese air pollution impacts on mortality in China and the U.S.” Co-PI

Columbia University Earth Institute. \$15,000. 9/1/2015 – 12/19/2016. “Can satellite observations help us better understand the air quality problem in India?” Lead PI

Pending

(**Pending**) NSF Science and Technology Center. \$6,000,000 to Columbia. 1/1/26 – 12/31/31. “Center for Research at the Nexus Between Climate and Air Quality in Africa: Applications of Novel AI and Knowledge Blending Data Fusion in Data Sparse Environments”. Institutional PI

(**Pending**) Belmont/NSF. \$110,000 to Columbia/LDEO. 6/1/25 – 5/31/28. “East Africa Sustainable Training and Capacity-development for Localized Engaged Air Research (EAST-CLEAR)”. Institutional PI

Experience

Lamont Associate Research Professor (primary appointment) Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory	7/2023 - present
Lamont Assistant Research Professor Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory	7/2021 – 6/2023
Affiliate Professor Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Benguerir, Morocco	2/2024 – 2/2025

Affiliate Faculty Columbia University Data Science Institute	2/2021 - present
Science Collaborator NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (NASA GISS)	9/2016 - present
Associate Research Scientist Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory	8/2015 – 6/2021
Postdoctoral Research Associate in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy Princeton University and Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab (GFDL) Advisor: Denise Mauzerall	8/2013 – 8/2015

Peer-reviewed Publications (** indicates student or postdoc advisee) (h-index: 28)

Submitted

1. G S, Gopikrishnan**; **Westervelt, Daniel**; Kuttippurath, Jayanarayanan. “Assessing Cancer Risk From Formaldehyde Air Pollution Exposure in India”. Submitted to *ERL Letters*, 2025
2. Gopikrishnan, G. P.**; **Westervelt, D. M.**, and Kuttippurath, J.: Impact of particulate matter reductions on aerosol HO₂ uptake and rising surface ozone pollution in India, *EGUsphere* [preprint], <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-2025-1056>, 2025.
3. Lovanomenjanahary Marline; Mbolanjara Hélène Andriamamonjy; Linda Geiser; **Daniel M. Westervelt**. “Investigating air pollution patterns in Antananarivo, Madagascar: A comprehensive analysis of the influence of climate and fire.” Submitted to *Environmental Science: Atmospheres*, 2025
4. Toolan, C. A., Amooli, J. A.**; Wilcox, L. J., Samset, B. H., Turner, A. G., and **Westervelt, D. M.**; Strong inter-model differences and biases in CMIP6 simulations of PM_{2.5}, aerosol optical depth, and precipitation over Africa, *EGUsphere* [preprint], <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-2024-3057>, 2024.
5. Zhang, Y.**; Samset, B., Leung, R., Wilcox, L., and **Westervelt, D.M.** “An Energetic Perspective on Observed and Modeled Hydrological Responses to Climate Change in Global Arid and Semiarid Regions”. Submitted to *Nature Geoscience*, July 2025

Published (or accepted)

1. Forwood Wiser, Siddhartha Sen, Zhizhao Wang, Julia Lee-Taylor, Kelley Barsanti, John Orlando, **Daniel Westervelt**, Daven Henze, Arlene Fiore, Alexander Berman, Reese Carter, V Faye McNeill. “A Graph Theory-Based Algorithm for the Reduction of Atmospheric Chemical Mechanisms”. Accepted at *PNAS Nexus*. August 2025
2. Amooli, J. A.***, Lund, M. T., Chowdhury, S., Myhre, G., Johansen, A. N., Samset, B. H., and **Westervelt, D. M.**: An uncertain future for the climate and health impacts of anthropogenic aerosols in Africa, *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*. Accepted. <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-2025-948>, 2025.
3. **Westervelt, D.M.**, Amooli, J.A***; Anand, A***. “High Spatiotemporal Resolution Estimates of PM_{2.5} in West Africa Using Satellite Data, Surface Monitors, and Machine Learning.” *ES&T Air*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsestair.4c00366>
4. Bjørn H. Samset, Laura J. Wilcox, Robert J. Allen, Camilla W. Stjern, Marianne T. Lund, Sharar Ahmadi, Maxwell T. Elling, Luke Fraser-Leach, Paul Griffiths, James Keeble, Tsuyoshi Koshiro, Paul Kushner, Anna Lewinschal, Risto Makkonen, Joonas Merikanto, Pierre Nabat, Larissa Narazenko, Declan O'Donnell, Naga Oshima, Steven T. Rumbold, Toshihiko Takemura, Kostas Tsigaridis, **Daniel M. Westervelt**, “China’s aerosol cleanup has contributed strongly to the recent acceleration in global warming”. *Communications Earth and Environment*. 6, 543, (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-025-02527-3>
5. Waiguru N.E.; Subramanian R.; Giordano, M.; **Westervelt, D.M.**; Gatari, M.; Opinde, G.; Presto, A.A.; Tjernstrom, E.; McNeill, V.F.; Mungai, J. Seasonal multisite low-cost sensor measurements to estimate spatial and temporal variability of particulate matter pollution in Nairobi, Kenya. *Atmospheric Pollution Research*, Vol 16, Issue 10. 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apr.2025.102630>
6. Chakraborty, A., Wiser, Fc., Sen, S., **Westervelt, D.M.**, Carter, R., McNeill, V.F., Venkatasubramanian, V. “Evolutionary Optimization of the Reduced Gas-phase Isoprene Oxidation Mechanism”. *Journal of Advances in modeling earth systems (JAMES)*, 17, 5, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024MS004511>, 2025.
7. Zhang, Y.**, Knutson, T.R., Shevliakova, E., Horowitz, L.W., Ginoux, P., Paynter, D., and **Westervelt, D.M.**, “The fast response of precipitation to historical anthropogenic black carbon and sulfate aerosols in the GFDL ESM4 climate model”. 2395-2411. 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-24-0240.1>
8. Gopikrishnan, G.S.**, **Westervelt, D.M.** & Kuttippurath, J. Aerosol inhibition on photochemical surface ozone formation under future climate and air quality scenarios. *npj Clim Atmos Sci* 8, 154 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41612-025-01048-2>
9. Watson-Parris, D., Wilcox, L. J., Stjern, C. W., Allen, R. J., Persad, G., Bollasina, M. A., Ekman, A. M. L., Iles, C. E., Joshi, M., Lund, M. T., McCoy, D., **Westervelt, D. M.**, Williams, A. I. L., and Samset, B. H.: Surface temperature effects of recent reductions in shipping SO₂ emissions are within internal variability, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 25, 4443–4454, <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-25-4443-2025>, 2025.

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11. DeSouza, P., Ibsen, P., Westervelt, D.M., Kahn, R., Zaitchick, B.F., and Kinney, P.L. "A Nationwide Evaluation of Crowd-Sourced Ambient Temperature Data." *Frontiers in Environmental Science*. Volume 13 - 2025 | doi: 10.3389/fenvs.2025.1527855
12. Ngutuka Kinzunga, M.; **Westervelt, D.M.**; Matondo Masisa, D.; Bangelesa, F.; Kasereka Isevulambire, P.; Tangou Tabou, T.; Kabengele Obel, B.; Kiyombo Mbela, G.; Kayembe Ntumba, J.M. Assessment of Respiratory Health Impacts of PM_{2.5} by AirQ+ Software in a Sub-Saharan African Urban Setting. *Atmosphere* **2024**, *15*, 1518. <https://doi.org/10.3390/atmos15121518>
13. Nana, Bernard; Raheja, Garima**; Ouarma, Issoufou; Kayaba, Haro; Gounkaou, Woro; Daho, Tizane; Bere, Antoine; Mellouki, Abdewahid; **Westervelt, Daniel** "Monitoring of PM_{2.5} using well-calibrated low-cost sensors over one year in Burkina Faso". *ES&T Air*, <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsestair.4c00126>, 2024
14. Amooli, J.A.**; Hackman, K.O., Nana, B., **Westervelt, D.M.** "Fine particulate air pollution estimation in Ouagadougou using satellite aerosol optical depth and meteorological parameters". *Environmental Science: Atmospheres*. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D4EA00057A>. 2024
15. Abhishek Anand**, N'Datchoh Evelyne Touré, Julien Bahino, Sylvain Gnamien, Allison Felix Hughes, Raphael E Arku, Victoria Owusu Tawiah**, Araya Asfaw, Tesfaye Mamo, Sina Hasheminassab, Solomon Bililign, Vaios Moschos, **Daniel M Westervelt**, Albert A Presto. "Low cost hourly ambient black carbon measurements at multiple cities in Africa". *Environmental Science and Technology*. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.4c02297>, 58, 28, 12575-12584, 2024.
16. Bililign, S., Brown, S.S., **Westervelt, D.M.**, Kumar, R., Tang, W., Flocke, F., Vizuete, W., Ture, K., Pope, F.D., Demoz, B., Asa-Awuku, A., Levelt, P.F., Kalisa, E., Raheja, G.**; Ndyabakira, A., Gatari, M.J. "East African Megacity Air Quality: Rationale and Framework for a Measurement and Modeling Program". *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-23-0098.1>, 2024.
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19. Njeru, M.**, E. Mwangi, Gatari, M.J., Kaniu, I., Raheja, G.**, and **Westervelt, D.M.** First results from a hybrid network of reference and low-cost PM2.5 monitors in Mombasa, Kenya. *AGU Geohealth*, Volume 8, Issue 9, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024GH001049> Sep 2024.
20. Yang, Benjamin**, Wiser, F.C., McNeill, V.F., Fiore, A.M., Tao, M., Henze, D.K, Sen, S., and **Westervelt, D.M.** Implementation and Evaluation of the Automated Model Reduction (AMORE) Version 1.1 Isoprene Oxidation Mechanism in GEOS-Chem. *Environmental Research: Atmospheres*. 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3EA00121K>
21. **Westervelt, D.M.**, Paulson Kasereka**, Garima Raheja**, Jean-Luc Balogije Selenge, Rodriguez Yombo Phaka, V. Faye McNeill, Guillaume Kiyombo Mbela, Marianthi-Anna Kioumourtzoglu, Joel Nkiama Konde, Jean-Pierre Mfuamba Mulumba, Djibi Buenimio. “A Low cost investigation into sources of PM2.5 in Kinshasa, DRC.” *ACS EST Air* 2024, 1, 1, 43–51. 2023
22. Previdi, M., J.-F. Lamarque, A.M. Fiore, **D.M. Westervelt**, D.T. Shindell, G. Correa, and G. Faluvegi, 2023: Arctic warming in response to regional aerosol emissions reductions. *Environ. Res. Climate*, 2, no. 3, 035011, doi:10.1088/2752-5295/ace4e8.
23. Raheja, Garima**, James Nimo, Emmanuel K.-E. Appoh, Benjamin Essien, Maxwell Sunu, John Nyante, Mawuli Amegah, Reginald Quansah, Raphael E Arku, Stefani L. Penn, Michael R. Giordano, Zhonghua Zheng, Darby Jack, Steven Chillrud, Kofi Amegah, R Subramanian, Rob Pinder, Ebenezer Appah-Sampong, Esi Nerquaye Tetteh, Mathias A. Borketey, Allison Felix Hughes, **Daniel M. Westervelt**. “Low-Cost Sensor Performance Intercomparison, Correction Factor Development, and 2+ Years of Ambient PM2.5 monitoring in Accra, Ghana.” *Environmental Science and Technology*, 75, 29, 10708-10720, 2023
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29. Zheng, Z.** , Fiore, A.M, **Westervelt, D.M.**, et al. "Automated machine learning to evaluate the information content of tropospheric trace gas columns for fine particle estimates over India: a modeling testbed". *JAMES*, 15, 3, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022MS003099>, 2023
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Invited Presentations

“Measurement principles and calibration of optical and electrochemical air sensors”	
SPARTAN + CAMS-Net meeting	June 2025
Keynote: “Closing the air pollution data gap”	
Johns Hopkins Wolman Seminar	Dec 2024
Air Pollution and Climate Change in the Global South: From Air Sensors to Supercomputers	
NYC Climate Week	Sep 2024
Towards Clean Air and Clean Energy in the Global South	
India Clean Air Summit	Aug 2024
<i>Keynote</i> invited speaker (3 talks), co-organizer	
NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Science Team	June 2024
“Potential for well-calibrated air sensors to enhance utility of satellite retrievals for air quality management”	
National Science Foundation Headquarters	May 2024
“International collaboration for use-inspired air quality research in overburdened communities”	
Air Sensors International Community Conference	May 2024
<i>Keynote invited speaker</i> : Getting useful, actionable data from low cost air sensors	
CICERO + University of Oslo Seminar	Nov 2023
“Air Pollution and Climate Change in the Global South: from air sensors to supercomputers”	
ASIC Ghana	Oct 2023
“Demonstrating the power of air sensors in East, West, and Central Africa”	
Department of Physics, University of Ghana	Aug 2023
“Air Quality studies in Ghana”	
US EPA Air Sensors QA Workshop	July 2023
“Calibration of air sensors for air quality measurement”	
Aerodyne Research, Inc	July 2023
“The State of Particulate Matter Monitoring on the African Continent and Future Needs”	
CICERO Regional Aerosol Forcing workshop	Mar 2023
“Regional Aerosol-induced Arctic amplification”	
AfriqAir annual meeting	Mar 2023
“Source apportionment of PM _{2.5} using low-cost sensors”	
University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez	Feb 2023
Department seminar	
American Meteorological Society 2023 Annual Meeting	Jan 2023
(Invited) Getting useful, actionable data from low cost air sensors	
Department Seminar, US EPA Office of Research and Development	July 2022

“Getting useful, actionable air quality data from low cost sensors in the US and abroad”

Department Seminar, US EPA Region 2 Office (NY, NJ, PR, VI)

May 2022

“Getting useful, actionable air quality data from low cost sensors in the US and abroad”

Workshop on The Power of TROPOMI to bridge African science and policy

April 2022

“Air quality data analysis and capacity building in Africa”

Tri-MIP 3: AerChemMIP, PDRMIP, and RAMIP

Nov 2021

“Developing emulators of climate responses to regional aerosol perturbations using three coupled chemistry-climate models”

Department Seminar, North Carolina State A&T University

Nov 2021

“Towards closing the air pollution data gap in sub-Saharan Africa”

Workshop on a Pilot Design for Air Quality in Africa

Jun 2021

First measurements of PM_{2.5} in Togo and the Democratic Republic of Congo

European Geophysical Union (invited)

April 2021

“Developing emulators of regional climate responses to regional aerosol perturbations using three coupled chemistry-climate models”

iLEAPS Early Career Meeting

Nov 2020

“Towards closing the air pollution data gap in sub-Saharan Africa”

US Department of State Air Quality Fellows Seminar

Sep 2020

“Towards closing the air pollution data gap in sub-Saharan Africa”

Digital Air Quality, A Systems Approach to Air Pollution

Aug 2020

“Columbia University’s air quality research in Africa”

MAIA Science Team Meeting (virtual due to COVID19)

May 2020

Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Aug 2019

Air Pollution in Africa: Current research and future directions at Columbia University

University of Birmingham / Population Council Air Pollution Workshop

Aug 2019

Air Pollution in Africa: Current research and future directions at Columbia University

USAID Air Pollution Solutions Workshop, New York, NY

April 2019

Development of a low cost air pollution sensor network in sub-Saharan Africa

Georgia Institute of Technology, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Science

Feb 2019

The Atmospheric Chemistry, Air Quality, and Climate Change Nexus: From the nano to the global scale”

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2018

Dec 2018

Washington, DC. “Connecting regional aerosol emissions reductions to local and remote precipitation responses”. Invited, GH11C: Short-Lived Pollutants in the Human–Climate System

Columbia Mailman School of Public Health Climate and Health Department Seminar. “Mid-21st century ozone air quality in China under emissions scenarios and climate change”	Sep 2018
Nanjing Agricultural University, Department of Environmental Science “Air pollution and climate change research at Columbia”	July 2018
Rutgers University, Department of Environmental Sciences Seminar “The Air Quality – Climate Change Nexus: From the nano to the global scale”	May 2018
Ball State University, Department of Environmental Management “The Air Quality – Climate Change Nexus: From the nano to the global scale”	May 2018
New York University, Department of Environmental Engineering Department Seminar. “All about atmospheric aerosols: from air quality to climate change”. New York, NY	Mar 2017
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2016 San Francisco, CA. “The impact of sulfate removal on global and regional precipitation in three coupled climate models”. A11L: Tropospheric Chemistry-Climate Interactions	Dec 2016
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Ocean and Climate Physics Seminar Palisades, NY. “Taming the aerosol monster: a multimodel approach to elucidating the cloud and precipitation response to regional changes in aerosol emissions”	Jan 2016

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Columbia Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences UN3400 Computational Earth Science	Fall 2024
Instructor, Columbia Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences Research Computing for Earth and Environmental Scientists	Spring 2024
Adjunct Professor, Tandon School of Engineering, New York University Courses: CE-GY 7523, Air Pollution. Graduate-level class. Overall evaluation: 4.6 / 5.0 CE-UY 3223, Introduction to Environmental Engineering	Fall 2017-present
Faculty, New Jersey Scholars Program, The Lawrenceville School Taught summer course on “Climate Change and the Human Experience”	Summer 2015
Encouraging Networks between Geoscience and Geoscience Education (ENGAGE) workshop Held in Washington, DC. Sponsored and funded by National Science Foundation.	Jan 2015
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence Future Faculty Program Completed teaching observations, course and syllabus development, attended seminars	2012-2013
Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Atmospheric Chemistry. Columbia University. Sulfate-nitrate-ammonium atmospheric thermodynamics.	Mar 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020

Guest Lecturer, Fundamentals of Atmospheric Aerosols (CU). Taught 2 lecture (3 hours each) on aerosol microphysics	April 2017, 2018
Guest Lecturer, Fundamentals of Atmospheric Aerosols (CMU) Taught 3 lectures on single particle dynamics, aerosol size distributions, and aerosol and cloud optical properties	2013
Teaching and Lab Assistant, Various Classes Assisted lab sessions, taught guest lectures, held weekly office hours, administered exams, grading	2009-2013

Students and postdocs advised

Sai Pinakana Lamont/DEES PhD student	2025-present
Polina Goldberg LDEO summer intern	2025-present
Sizhou Su Climate School summer intern	2025-present
Elsevar Zeinalov LDEO summer intern	Summer 2025
Abhishek Anand Postdoctoral research scientist	2024-present
Gopikrishna Gopalakrishnan IIE Fulbright Scholar	2024-present
Yanda Zhang Postdoctoral research scientist	2023-present
Joe Amooli Lamont/DEES PhD student	2023-present
Sophia Roberts LDEO summer intern	2024-2025
Trevor Durning Undergraduate research assistant	2024-2025
Jordan Hill Columbia Senior thesis	2024-2025
Benjamin Yang Lamont/DEES PhD student	2021 – 2024
Garima Raheja Lamont/DEES PhD Student	2021 - 2025

Andrea Belvis-Aquino University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Undergraduate	2023- present
Victoria Owusu Tawiah Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology PhD	2021-present
Moses Njeru University of Nairobi Master's Student	2022-2024
Josephine Kanyeria Jomo Kenyatta University Master's Student	2021-2024
Savannah Ward LDEO Summer Intern	Summer 2021- Summer 2022
Zhonghua Zheng Postdoctoral Research Scientist	Spring 2021 – Spring 2022
Oreoluwa Solanke LDEO Summer intern	Summer 2020
Sarah Hanock LDEO Summer Intern	Summer 2020
Celeste McFarlane Undergraduate researcher (ChemE)	Spring 2020 – Fall 2021
William Tsui PhD defense committee	Spring 2020
Alison Fankhauser PhD defense committee	Fall 2020
Chang Wang MS Environmental Engineering (Dec 2019) Poster presented at AGU 2019	Fall 2019
Anant Majumdar Earth Institute Intern (BA Computer Science 2020).	Spring 2019
Clara T. Ma LDEO summer intern. (BS Geology and Geophysics Yale 2020) Oral presentation given by Clara at AGU Fall Meeting 2017	Summer 2017
Karen Xia Earth Institute Intern (BS Computer Science and Statistics 2018) Poster presented at AAAR 35 th annual fall meeting.	2015-2017
Karen Yu Undergraduate intern. (BS CMU Environmental Engineering 2012, PhD Harvard Atmospheric Science 2019)	2010-2012

Committees and Professional Development

Conference chair

Air Sensors International Community 2026. Los Angeles, CA

Conference continuity chair

Air Sensors International Community 2025. Bangkok, Thailand

Science Team/Advisory Board

MAIA Project – Multi Angle Imager for Aerosols

MEASMA-GEO – new geostationary satellite for Middle East and north Africa

AfriqAir – Air quality in Africa community

RAMIP – Regional Aerosol Model Intercomparison Project

AerChemMIP2 – CMIP7 community

Session chair convener

EGU: Regional aerosol emissions impact on climate. April 2024

AMS: Wildfire and Its Impact. January 2024

AMS: Air Quality and Perspectives Towards Health and Air Quality and Environmental Justice. January 2024

AMS: Air pollution in growing megacities. January 2023, January 2022, January 2021

LDEO Mentoring and Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (JEDI)
2019-2022

Lamont Colloquium Faculty Coordinator and Committee Chair

Responsible for overseeing Colloquium, inviting speakers. 2022-2023

Lamont Executive Committee

Junior faculty representative, 2022-present

Meeting organizer

Clean Air Monitoring and Solutions Network, CAMS-Net, symposium at Air Sensors International Conference, May 2022

Clean Air Monitoring and Solutions Network, CAMS-Net, Annual Meeting. Kigali, Rwanda, March 2023.

Clean Air Monitoring and Solutions Network, CAMS-Net, Annual Meeting. Bangalore, India, August 2024.

Clean Air Monitoring and Solutions Network, CAMS-Net, Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MO, USA, June 2025

Meeting organizer

Air Quality Certificate Program in East Africa. July 25-29 2021. Online

Air Quality Certificate Program in Nairobi, Kenya. Aug 14-18, 2023. In-person

Air Quality Certificate Program in Accra, Ghana. Jan 15-19, 2024. In person

Meeting organizer

Columbia University Air Pollution Roundtable. Nairobi, Kenya. August 26, 2019. Columbia Global Centers

Meeting co-organizer

“Air Pollution Extremes”. Columbia University Initiative on Extreme Weather. November 1-2, 2018

Session Convener and Chair

“Interactions of Air Quality and Meteorology on Local to Synoptic Scales”. AGU Fall Meeting 2017. New Orleans, LA and AGU Fall Meeting 2018, Washington, DC, and 2019 at San Francisco, CA.

“Regional Aerosol interactions with air quality and climate extremes”. AGU Fall Meeting 2024, Washington, DC

Session Chair

“Carbonaceous Aerosols in the Atmosphere”. American Association for Aerosol Research 34th annual meeting. Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 2015

Peer reviewer

Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Geoscientific Model Development, Atmospheric Environment, Journal of the Advances of Modeling Earth Systems, Aerosol Science and Technology, Environmental Science and Technology, Journal of Geophysical Research, Geophysical Research Letter, Nature Climate Change

President

American Association of Aerosol Research Carnegie Mellon Chapter (2012)

Secured funding and started guest speaker series, supervised creation of an air quality community awareness blog

Poster Judge, student poster competition

AGU 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024 AAAR 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Field Work and International Capacity Building

Nairobi, Kenya: February 2025 (NBO-Chem atmospheric chemistry field campaign, lead PI)

Accra, Ghana: November 2024

Accra, Ghana: January 2024

Accra, Ghana: October 2023

Accra, Ghana: August 2023

Kigali, Rwanda: March 2023

Puerto Rico: February 2023

Kigali, Rwanda; Nairobi, Kenya; Mombasa, Kenya, Jan 2023

Marrakech, Morocco, Oct-Nov 2022

Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, June 2022

Lomé, Togo, July 2022

Nairobi and Mombasa, Kenya, July 2021

Accra, Ghana, February 2020

Lomé, Togo, March 2020

Nairobi, Kenya, August 2019

Kampala, Uganda, September 2019

Mumbai, India, February 2016

Media Appearances

2023 NYC Wildfire Event (~50 appearances)

CNN This Morning, June 7 2023. Topic: Wildfires in New York City.

<https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/ctmo/date/2023-06-08/segment/02>

CNN, The Lead with Jake Tapper. <https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/cg/date/2023-06-08/segment/01>

New York Times. June 6, 2023. <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2023/06/07/us/canada-wildfires-air-quality-smoke>

Bloomberg, June 7, 2023. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-06-07/smoky-blanket-over-us-northeast-raises-asthma-heart-concerns>

Other appearances

The Economist. July 30, 2020. Africa's skies are badly polluted.

<https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2020/07/30/africas-skies-are-badly-polluted>

Nature News. March 2020. Why pollution is plummeting in some cities – but not others.

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Eureka Alert. May 2017. Reduced US air pollution will boost rainfall in Africa's Sahel, says study. <https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/560536>

Ghana News Agency. February 2020 <https://www.modernghana.com/news/985664/media-schooled-on-air-quality-in-africa.html>

The Weather Channel. July 2025. https://weather.com/health/respiratory/video/fireworks-impact-the-environment-climate?cm_ven=dnt_social_twitter

NPR Morning Edition. August 2025. <https://www.npr.org/2025/08/07/nx-s1-5494439/canadian-wildfires-are-impacting-air-quality-in-the-u-s>

Outreach Activities

LDEO INSPIRE partner-host, 2024-2025. Dr. Amy Quarkume of Howard University
Department of State Air Quality Advisor, 2017-present

National Society for Black Engineers Career Workshop, Guest Speaker, November 2021

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Open House Public Speaker. October 2019, October 2024

New York State Science and Engineering Fair Judge, March 2017, New York, NY

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Open House. Oct 2016, 2018, 2024 Palisades, NY. Designed and conducted a “clouds in a jar” experiment at the Ocean and Climate Physics booth. Designed an air sensors exhibit.

Invited guest speaker, St. Thomas Aquinas College Earth Day Fair, 2016

Early career researcher panel member, 2015-2016, Various occasions at LDEO

Judge, 2012 Pittsburgh Regional Middle and High School Science Fair

Honors and awards

Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Faculty Mentoring Award, 2025

Fellow, Norwegian Center for Advanced Study (2023-2024)

Fellow, Columbia Center for Climate and Life (2019-present)

Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy Research Fellowship (2013-2014)

Dean’s Fellowship, Carnegie Mellon University (2009-2010)