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**Education** LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY Liverpool, England  
October 1980–May 1983  
**1983 B. Sc. Honours First Class, Geography**

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY New York, NY  
September 1983– February 1990  
**1985 M. A. in Geological Sciences**  
**1990 M. Phil. in Geological Sciences**  
**1990 Ph. D. in Geological Sciences**

**Ph.D. Thesis:** Modeling sea surface temperature and low level winds in the tropics.  
*Advisor:* Professor Mark Cane.

**Employment** March 1990–December 1990. Post-Doctoral Research Scientist at Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory of Columbia University, New York.

January 1991–December 1992. Post-Doctoral Research Scientist at The Joint Institute for Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean, University of Washington, Seattle.

January 1993 to December 1993. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Program in Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellow at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, New York.

January 1994 to July 1997. Associate Research Scientist at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York.

July 1997 to July 2000. Research Scientist at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York.

July 2000 to September 2008. Doherty Senior Research Scientist at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York.

September 2008 to June 2010 Palisades Geophysical Institute Senior Research Scientist at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York.

July 2010 to present. Palisades Geophysical Institute/Lamont Research Professor at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York.

January 2011. Appointed member of Earth Institute Faculty.

### Research interests

Climate change and variability on seasonal to glacial timescales, tropical forcing of global climate variations, North American drought, tropical atmosphere-ocean interactions,

tropical climate change, explaining the causes of regional climates, climate modeling, seasonal to decadal climate prediction, global hydroclimate variability and change.

### **Professional service**

NOAA Drought Task Force (2011 to present)  
NOAA CMIP5 Task Force (2012 to 2014)  
US CLIVAR drought working group member (2006 to 2009).  
National Integrated Drought Information System Forecasts and Predictions Working Group (2014 to 2016)  
Contributing author for Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Report, abrupt change chapter (2006 to 2009).  
Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society* (2005 to 2011)  
Member of the American Meteorological Society Committee on Tropical Meteorology and Hurricanes (1995 to 1999).  
Member of the CLIVAR Pacific panel (1999 to 2001) Member of NOAA Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee (2011 to 2013).

### **Awards**

Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, December 2018.  
Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, January 2014.  
California Department of Water Resources Climate Science Paper awards for two separate papers, November 2008.  
Lamont Director's Award for Outstanding Research Performance, September 2007.  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship, July 1992.

### **Professional Associations**

Member of the Royal Meteorological Society  
Member of The American Meteorological Society.  
Member of the American Geophysical Union.  
Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

### **Lamont service**

Executive Committee, elected representative of Ocean and Climate Physics Division, completed three terms in 2019  
DEES Graduate Program Committee (2014 to present)  
Climate and Life board member (2015 to present)  
Served on Storke-Doherty Lectureship, Postdoctoral Fellowship, PGI Junior, LRP and DEES search committees

### **Earth Institute service**

Earth Institute Faculty member, 2011 to present  
EI Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2012 to present  
Chair, EI Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2016 to present  
EI Executive Committee, 2016 to present  
EI Faculty Associate Chair nominating committee, 2017 and 2020  
Climate liaison to PhD program in Sustainable Development

## **Columbia service**

Columbia Committee on Forced Migration, member 2018 to present  
President's Capital Campaign Climate Change Task Force 2017-18

## **Graduate students advised (wholly or partially)**

Amy Clement, Sloan Coats, Alessandra Giannini, Arthur Greene, Alicia Karspeck, Julien Emile-Geay, Celine Herweijer, Wenchang Yang, Yutian Wu, Colin Kelley, David Wang, Nandini Ramesh, Etienne Dunn-Seguín, Madeleine Pascolini-Campbell, Olivia Clifton, Weston Anderson, Bor-Ting Jong, Colleen Baublitz, Hun Baek, Ethan Coiffel, Dan Bishop, Suki Wong, Yujia You, Caroline Juang.

## **Postdoctoral fellows mentored**

Nili Harnik (Lamont fellowship), Kris Karnauskas (Lamont fellowship), Jason Smerdon (Lamont fellowship), Ben Cook (NOAA fellowship), Isla Simpson (Lamont fellowship), Jack Scheff (NSF Fellow), Justin Mankin (EI fellow, co-mentored with Smerdon), Honghai Zhang, Roberto Suarez, Shineng Hu (Lamont fellowship).

## **Undergraduate interns co-authored published papers with**

Alexandrina Tzanova, Laura Vogel, Tyler Ruff, Stephanie Jurburg, Tristan Ballard, Allison Hooks, Nathan Lis and Jamie Feldman

## **Editor reviewed, Popular articles, un-refereed articles, encyclopedia entries etc.**

- R. Seager and I. R. Simpson, 2016: Western boundary currents and climate change, *J. Geophys. Res.-Oceans*, **121**, doi:10.1002/2016JC012156.
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- R. Seager, 2015: Mark Cane: 2014 Fellow of The Oceanography Society, *Oceanography*, **28**, 8-9.
- R. Seager and B. Cook, 2013: The Dust Bowl, *Encyclopedia of Natural Hazards*, Peter Bobrowsky, Ed., Springer, New York, 197-200.
- R. Seager, 2008: Setting the record straight on the Gulf Stream and European climate. *The Plantsman*, the quarterly magazine of the Royal Horticultural Society, **7**, 22-27.
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- Clement, A.C., J. Emile-Geay, R. Seager, M. Cane and M. N. Evans, 2006: Solar forcing of the tropical Pacific climate and impacts over North America for the last millennium. *PAGES News*, **14**, 12-14.

- R. Seager, 2003: Gulf Stream, la fin d'un mythe. *La Recherche*, **361**, 40-45 (In French).

### Refereed professional reports

- Sheffield, J., A. Barrett, D. Barrie, S. Camargo, E. Chang, B. Colle, D. Fernando, R. Fu, K. L. Geil, Q. Hu, X. Jiang, N. Johnson, K. Karlsrukas, S. Kim, J. Kinter, S. Kumar, B. Langenbrunner, K. Lombardo, L. Long, E. Maloney, A. Mariotti, J. Meyerson, K. Mo, J. D. Neelin, S. Nigam, Z. Pan, T. Ren, A. Ruiz-Barradas, R. Seager, Y. Serra, A. Seth, D.-Z. Sun, J. Thibeault, J. Stroeve, C. Wang, S.-P. Xie, Y. Yang, L. Yin, J.-Y. Yu, T. Zhang, M. Zhao, 2014: Regional climate processes and projections for North America: CMIP3/CMIP5 differences, attribution and outstanding issues. NOAA Technical Report OAR CPO-2
- Seager, R., M. Hoerling, S. Schubert, H. Wang, B. Lyon, A. Kumar, J. Nakamura and N. Henderson, 2014: Causes and predictability of the 2011-14 California Drought, NOAA Drought Task Force Narrative Team Assessment Report, <http://cpo.noaa.gov/ClimatePrograms/ModelingAnalysisPredictionsandProjections/MAPPTaskForces/DroughtTaskForce/CaliforniaDrought.aspx>
- Hoerling, R., S. Schubert, K. Mo, A. AghaKouchak, H. Berbery, J. Dong, A. Kumar, V. Lakshmi, R. Leung, J. Li, X. Liang, L. Luo, B. Lyon, D. Miskus, X. Quan, S. Schubert, R. Seager, S. Sorooshian, H. Wang, Y. Xia, N. Zeng, 2013, An Interpretation of the Origins of the 2012 Central Great Plains Drought, NOAA Drought Task Force Narrative Team Assessment Report, [www.drought.gov/drought/content/resources/reports](http://www.drought.gov/drought/content/resources/reports)
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### Comments, News and Views etc. (refereed)

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- Steiger, N., J.E. Smerdon, A.P. Williams, R. Seager, A. Varuolo-Clarke, 2020: Coupled megadrought risk in North and South America, *Nat. Geo.*, submitted.
- Baek, S.-H., J. Smerdon, G.-C. Dobrin, J. Naimark, E.R. Cook, B.I. Cook, R. Seager, M.A. Cane and S. Scholz, 2020: A quantitative hydroclimatic context for the European Great Famine of 1315-17, *Nature Comm.*, in press.
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- Seager, R., H. Liu, Y. Kushnir, T.J. Osborn, I.R. Simpson, C.R. Kelley, J. Nakamura, 2020: Mechanisms of winter precipitation variability in the European Mediterranean region associated the North Atlantic Oscillation, *J. Climate*, **33**, 7179-7196.
- Greene, A. and R. Seager, 2020: Climate variability and change in western U.S. rangelands, *Int. J. Env. Clim. Ch.*, **10**, 52-74.
- Jong, B.-T., M. Ting, R. Seager and W. Anderson, 2019: ENSO teleconnections and impacts on US summertime temperature during multi-year La Niña life-cycle, *J. Climate*, **33**, 6009-6024.
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- Singh, D., R. Seager, B. Cook, M. Cane, M. Ting, E. Cook, M. Davis, 2018: Climate and the great global famine of 1876-78. *J. Climate*, **31**, 9445-9467.
- Seager, R., J. Feldman, N. Lis, M. Ting, A. P. Williams, J. Nakamura, H. Liu and N. Henderson, 2018: Whither the 100th meridian? The once and future physical and human geography of America's arid-humid divide. Part II: The meridian moves east, *Earth Interactions*, **22**, DOI:10.1175/EI-D-17-0012.1.

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