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## Education

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| Ph.D. in Geophysics                     | University of Washington, Seattle | December 2015 |
| Graduate Certificate in Climate Science | UW Program on Climate Change      | October 2015  |
| B.S. in Physics and B.A. in English     | Case Western Reserve University   | May 2007      |

## Professional Experience

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| Assistant Professor  | SUNY University at Buffalo       |
| Department of Geology and RENEW Institute                            | Jan. 2018 – present              |
| NASA Postdoctoral Fellow   | NASA Goddard Space Flight Center |
| Greenland Ice Sheet hydrology; Advisor: Sophie Nowicki               | Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2017            |
| Research Assistant   | University of Washington         |
| Numerical modeling of ice sheet thermodynamics; Advisor: Ian Joughin | 2007–2015                        |

## Publications (Also listed on my [Google Scholar](#) page)

- J. M. Sperhac, **K. Poinar**, R. Jones-Ivey, E. Snitzer, J. Briner, B. Csatho, S. Nowicki, E. Simon, and A. Patra. “GHub: Building a glaciology gateway to unify a community.” *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience*, doi:10.1002/cpe.6130.
- K. Poinar** and L. C. Andrews, 2020. “Challenges in predicting Greenland supraglacial lake drainages at the regional scale.” *The Cryosphere Discussions*, doi:10.5194/tc-2020-251.
- K. Poinar**, C. F. Dow, and L. C. Andrews, 2019. “Long-term support of an active subglacial hydrologic system in Southeast Greenland by firn aquifers.” *Geophysical Research Letters*, doi:10.1029/2019GL082786.
- C. F. Dow, W. S. Lee, J. Greenbaum, D. Blankenship, C. Greene, **K. Poinar**, A. Forrest, D. Young, and C. Zappa, 2018. “Basal Channels Drive Active Ice-Shelf Hydrology and Fracture.” *Science Advances* 4(6), doi:10.1126/sciadv.aao7212.
- K. Poinar**, I. Joughin, D. Lilien, L. Brucker, L. Kehrl, and S. Nowicki, 2017. “Drainage of Southeast Greenland Firn-Aquifer Water through Crevasses to the Bed.” *Frontiers in Earth Science* special issue “Melt Water Retention Processes in Snow and Firn on Ice Sheets and Glaciers: Observations and Modeling” 5, 8–15. doi:10.3389/feart.2016.90005.
- K. Poinar**, I. Joughin, J. T. M. Lenaerts, and M. R. van den Broeke, 2016. “Englacial Latent-Heat Transfer Has Limited Influence on Seaward Ice Flux in Western Greenland.” *Journal of Glaciology* 62(235), 1–16. doi:10.1017/jog2016.103.
- D. Shapero, I. Joughin, **K. Poinar**, M. Morlighem, F. Gillet-Chaulet, 2016. “Basal Resistance for Three of the Largest Greenland Outlet Glaciers.” *J. Geophys. Res.* 121, 1–13. doi:10.1002/2015JF003643.
- K. Poinar**, I. Joughin, S. B. Das, M. D. Behn, J. T. M. Lenaerts, and M. R. van den Broeke, 2015. “Limits to Future Expansion of Surface-Melt-Enhanced Ice Flow Into the Interior of Western Greenland.” *Geophysical Research Letters* 42(6), 1800–1807. doi:10.1002/2015GL063192.

## Non-peer-reviewed academic contributions

- J. M. Sperhac, **K. Poinar**, R. Jones-Ivey, E. Snitzer, J. Briner, B. Csatho, S. Nowicki, E. Simon, and A. Patra, 2019. “GHub: Building a Glaciology Gateway to Unify a Community”. *Gateways 2019*, San Diego. doi:10.17605/OSF.IO/JGHBZ.
- K. Poinar**, J. Lamp, A. Balter, C. Gustafson, P. Spector, D. Winebrenner, and S. Tulaczyk, 2019. “Subglacial Access Working Group: Access Drilling Priorities in Greenland.” A white paper drafted for the U.S. Ice Drilling Program.
- J. P. Briner, R. B. Alley, M. L. Bender, B. Csatho, **K. Poinar**, and J. M. Schaefer, 2017. “How stable is the Greenland Ice Sheet?” A white paper nucleated from an eponymous NSF-sponsored workshop. [hdl.handle.net/10477/82467](https://hdl.handle.net/10477/82467).
- R. Schnee, Z. Ahmed, S. Golwala, D. Grant, and **K. Poinar**, 2007. “Screening Surface Contamination with BetaCage.” *American Inst. of Physics Conf. Procs.* 897(20). doi:10.1063/1.2722063.

## Research Funding

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| <b>Follow the water: Hydrology of Helheim Glacier</b><br>\$770,238 award to University at Buffalo   | Heising-Simons Foundation<br>2020–2023  |
| <b>Physically based and stochastic models for Greenland moulin formation, longevity, and spatial distribution</b><br>\$295,221 award to University at Buffalo       | NASA Cryospheric Sciences<br>2018–2021  |
| <b>Probing sub-ice sediments using geophysical surveys to understand the response of Alaska and Greenland glaciers to climate change</b><br>\$35,000 internal award | Univ. Buffalo RENEW SEED<br>2018–2019   |
| <b>NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship</b><br>~\$200,000 over two years  | NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP)<br>2016–2017  |
| <b>NSF Graduate Research Fellowship</b><br>\$123,000 over three years   | National Science Foundation<br>913 awards made in 2008; compare to >2000/yr from 2009 on<br>2008–2011 |
| <b>Support of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors (SOURCE) award</b><br>~\$3,000 over a summer; internal funding for wages and supplies                   | Case Western Reserve University<br>2006   |

## University Teaching

### University at Buffalo

|               |  |                  |
|---------------|--|------------------|
| GLY 102       | Climate Change                           | Spring 2018–2020 |
| GLY 427 / 527 | Statistics and Modeling of Geologic Data | Fall 2018, 2020  |
| GLY 447 / 547 | Glaciology                               | Fall 2019        |

### University of Washington

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| ESS 431 / 505 | Principles of Glaciology (TA and lecturer) | 2012–2015 |
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### Colorado College

|        |   |             |
|--------|---|-------------|
| EV 128 | Intro. to Global Climate Change (Co-Instructor) | Winter 2014 |
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## Student Advising

Master’s of Science thesis advisor for Jeremy Stock (MS 2020), Joshua Charlton (MS 2021)

Host of Celia Trunz, University of Arkansas PhD student (visited UB for 2019–2020 academic year)

## Outreach and Public Speaking (subset)

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| <b>Capital Science Evening Lectures</b><br><i>Lecture available at <a href="http://carnegiescience.edu/greenland">carnegiescience.edu/greenland</a></i> | Carnegie Science Institute, DC<br><i>February 2020</i>          |
| <b>Buffalo Pint of Science</b><br><i>"The 20 million years when Earth was an ice planet"</i>  | Buffalo, NY<br><i>May 2019</i>                                  |
| <b>Friday Nights at Cary public lecture</b><br><i>"Meltwater on, in, and under the Greenland Ice Sheet"</i>   | Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, NY<br><i>February 2018</i> |
| <b>TED talk: "What's hidden beneath the Greenland Ice Sheet?"</b><br><i>Invited speaker in the "Planet, Protection" session</i>                         | TED2017, Vancouver<br><i>April 2017</i>                         |

## Service (subset)

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| <b>Manuscript reviewer</b> for <i>The Cryosphere, Current Climate Change Reports, Geophysical Research Letters, GIScience &amp; Remote Sensing, Journal of Geophysical Research, Journal of Glaciology, Nature Geoscience, Science Advances, Water Resources Research</i> |  |
| <b>Proposal panelist and <i>ad hoc</i> reviewer</b> for particular NASA, NSF, and international programs  |  |
| <b>Volunteer working group member</b><br><i>Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) User Working Group</i>   | National Snow & Ice Data Center<br><i>2019–present</i> |
| <b>Scientific Writing Workshop: Essential Skills for Earth Scientists</b><br><i>Contributor to workshop organized by LetPub</i>   | AGU Fall Meeting<br><i>December 2020</i>               |
| <b>Outstanding Student Presentation Award (OSPA) judge</b><br><i>I judge ~5–12 student presentations annually with detailed constructive feedback</i>   | AGU Fall Meeting<br><i>2016–2020</i>                   |
| <b>Session convener</b><br><i>Various sessions within the Cryosphere section</i>  | AGU Fall Meeting<br><i>2017–2019</i>                   |
| <b>Group Reviewer, Special Report on Ocean &amp; Cryosphere in a Changing Climate</b><br><i>Chapter 4: "Sea Level Rise &amp; Implications for Low Lying Islands"</i>  | APECS / IPCC<br><i>May–June 2018</i>                   |
| <b>Climate and Earth system science labs</b><br><i>Visualizing our past climate using high-resolution geospatial data</i>   | UW in the High School<br><i>October 2014</i>           |
| <b>Classroom lessons, laboratory, and field trip</b><br><i>Past, present, and future climate of Puget Sound; Glacier flow and erosion</i>   | Northeast Seattle schools<br><i>2013–2014</i>          |

## Affiliations

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| American Geophysical Union (AGU)          | Association of Polar Early-Career Scientists (APECS) |
| International Glaciological Society (IGS) | Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) |
| Earth Science Women's Network (ESWN)      | American Assoc. for Advancement of Science (AAAS)    |

## About the Design

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