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Education

Columbia University

PHD, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

• Advisor: Professor Pierre Gentine

New York

2021 - present

Columbia University

MS, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

• Advisor: Professor Pierre Gentine

New York

2021 - 2023

National University of Singapore

BS, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Singapore

2015 - 2019

Professional Experience

2023 **Research Intern**, IBM TJ Watson Research Center

2022 **Research Intern**, IBM TJ Watson Research Center

2019 - 2021 **Research Engineer**, Living Analytics Research Center

Publications

* denotes equal contribution

PUBLISHED

- [1] **Nathaniel, J.** & Gentine, P. (2026). "Generative emulation of chaotic dynamics with coherent prior". *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering (CMAME)*.
- [2] **Nathaniel, J.***, Roesch, C.*, et al (2025). "Deep Koopman operators for causal discovery". *In Press, Nature Communications Physics*.
- [3] Herdeanu, B.*, **Nathaniel, J.***, Roesch, C.*, et al (2025). "CausalDynamics: A large-scale benchmark for structural discovery of dynamical causal models". *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 38 (NeurIPS, Poster)*.
- [4] **Nathaniel, J.**, et al (2024). "Chaosbench: A multi-channel, physics-based benchmark for subseasonal-to-seasonal climate prediction". *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 37 (NeurIPS, Oral)*.
- [5] Qu, Y.*, **Nathaniel, J.***, et al (2024). "Deep generative data assimilation in multimodal setting". *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPRW EarthVision, Best Student Paper)*.
- [6] **Nathaniel, J.**, et al (2024). "Inferring failure risk of on-site wastewater systems from physical and social factors". *npj Clean Water, Nature Publishing Group*.
- [7] Kim, S.*, **Nathaniel, J.***, et al (2024). "Spatiotemporal upscaling of sparse air-sea pCO₂ data via physics-informed transfer learning". *Scientific Data, Nature Publishing Group*.
- [8] **Nathaniel, J.**, et al (2023). "MetaFlux: Meta-learning global carbon fluxes from sparse spatiotemporal observations". *Scientific Data, Nature Publishing Group*.

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- [9] **Nathaniel, J.**, et al (2025). "Multiscale stochastic parameterization with deep Mori-Zwanzig formalism".

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2024 - 2025	Columbia-Dream Sports AI PhD Fellowship , Columbia University	\$ 100,000
Summer 2024	Best Student Paper Award , CVPR Workshop on EarthVision	
2015 - 2019	ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarship , National University of Singapore	\$ 200,000

Invited Talks

Fall 2025	Operator Learning for Climate Modeling Across Scales , University of Utah
Spring 2025	Subseasonal-to-Seasonal Climate Predictability , Stanford University
Fall 2024	Climate Predictability Across Timescales: A Probabilistic Machine Learning Perspective , UCLA
Fall 2023	Understanding and Modelling the Earth System with Machine Learning , German Aerospace Center
Spring 2023	Meta-learning for Environmental Sciences , University of Reading

Teaching Experience

Fall 2025	EAEE 2100 , A Better Planet by Design
Fall 2024	EAEE 4000 , Machine Learning for Environmental Engineering and Science