

# Andrew DeLaFrance

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

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- Completed 2018      **Bachelor of Science**, *University of Nevada, Reno*  
Major: Atmospheric Science  
Minor: Mathematics  
Thesis Title: *Evaluation of synoptic-scale patterns during extreme temperature and precipitation events in Alaska.*  
Advisor: Stephanie McAfee
- 2018 – Current      **Master of Science**, *University of Washington*  
Atmospheric Science, Expected 2021  
Thesis Title: *Ice microphysical processes in winter storms encountering complex terrain.*  
Committee: Lynn McMurdie (chair), Angela Rowe, Dale Durran, Roger Marchand
- Doctor of Philosophy**, *University of Washington*  
Atmospheric Science, Expected 2024

## DISTINCTIONS

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- 2016 – 2018      **Dean's List**, all semesters enrolled in the Atmospheric Sciences program at the *University of Nevada, Reno*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 – Present      **Graduate Research Assistant**  
*University of Washington*, Department of Atmospheric Sciences  
Advisors: Lynn McMurdie, Angela Rowe
- Using OLYMPEX field campaign radar and aircraft in-situ measurements to connect ice microphysical processes to radar retrievals and surface-based measurements in complex terrain
  - Developing a robust bright band detection algorithm for use with NASA's dual-polarization S-Band radar
  - Developing a method of identifying enhanced microphysical processes within the cloud ice layer using ground-based radar

2017 – 2018

**Undergraduate Researcher**

*University of Nevada, Reno*, Department of Geography

Advisor: Stephanie McAfee

- Conducted an evaluation of the synoptic environments that produce the most extreme temperature and precipitation events in the state of Alaska using compositing and statistical methods
- Prepared a GIS analysis of recent seasonal forecast skill for extreme weather events in Alaska

2017

**Undergraduate Researcher**

*University of Nevada, Reno*, Department of Geography

Advisor: Stephanie McAfee

- Worked with general circulation model (GCM) output and monthly reanalysis data to evaluate the impact of natural variability on bias correction in high-latitude regions
- Applied statistical methods to characterize the stability of climate models at historical and projected time periods

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**DeLaFrance, A.** and McAfee, S.A., 2019: Evaluation of synoptic-scale patterns during extreme temperature and precipitation events in Alaska. *Int. J. Climatol.*, 39: 3134– 3146. <https://doi.org/10.1002/joc.6006>

McAfee, S.A., **DeLaFrance, A.**, Walsh J.E., (in prep): Implications of internal variability for climate model evaluation.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Peer Reviewer** for *International Journal of Climatology*
- **Outreach Program**, ongoing volunteer participation in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences student-run outreach program
- **Mentoring Program**, ongoing mentoring relationship with a mentee of the Atmospheric Sciences undergraduate program as part of a student-led program

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2015 – 2018

**Owner**, *Point Precision, LLC*. Reno, NV

- Product and mechanical design using 3D modeling software
- Prototype and production machining of mechanical components serving a wide spectrum of industries