

**The Width of  
the Tropics:  
Climate  
Variations and  
Their Impacts**

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# Scientific Program

## MONDAY, 27 JULY

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- 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.      **Registration (Full Conference Attendees Only)**
- 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.      **Public Lecture**  
Open to the general public; no registration is required.
- 5:30 p.m. –5:40 p.m.      **Dian J Seidel** | Welcome and Introduction
- 5:40 p.m. –6:30 p.m.      **Robert E Davis** | Global Warming and Human Health
- 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.      **Conference Keynote**  
Presiding: Sean Davis  
Keynote: Robert Davis
- 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.      **Icebreaker Reception (Registered Attendees Only)**  
Presiding: Sean Davis

## TUESDAY, 28 JULY

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- 8:00 a.m.– 8:30 a.m.      **Registration and Poster Set-up**
- 8:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.      **Session 1: What determines the width of the tropical belt?**  
Presiding: Thomas Birner
- 8:30 a.m. –8:45 a.m.      **Sean M Davis** | Welcoming Remarks
- 8:45 a.m. –9:25 a.m.      **Isaac Held** | What determines the width of the tropical belt?  
(*Invited*)
- 9:25 a.m. –9:45 a.m.      **Kristopher B Karlsrukas** | On the Dynamics of the Hadley Circulation and Subtropical Drying
- 9:45 a.m. –10:05 a.m.      **Nicholas Davis** | A Climate Model Grid Size Bias in the Width of the Tropical Belt

- 10:05 a.m. –10:25 a.m. **Xavier J Levine** | Changes in the Hadley Circulation with Climate in a Simple Axisymmetric Model of the Tropical Atmosphere
- 10:25 a.m. –10:40 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. –11:00 a.m. **Paul Staten** | Investigating dynamical mechanisms behind tropical widening
- 11:00 a.m. –11:20 a.m. **Ori Adam** | Role of Changes in Mean Temperatures vs. Temperature Gradients in the Recent Widening of the Hadley Circulation
- 11:20 a.m. –11:40 a.m. **Melody A Avery** | High, Tropical Cirrus Clouds as Indicators of the Tropical Belt Extent and Changes
- 11:40 a.m. –12:00 a.m. **Susann Tegtmeier** | Widening of the Cold Point Tropopause and Implications for Stratospheric Composition
- 12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m. **Lunch (*on own*)**
- 1:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m. **Session 2A: How and why has the tropical width changed in the past?**  
Presiding: Lorenzo Polvani
- 1:30 p.m. –2:10 p.m. **Karen Hepler Rosenlof** | What do we know about past changes in the latitudinal extent of the tropics? --- An incomplete understanding (*Invited*)
- 2:10 p.m. –2:30 p.m. **Caroline Ummenhofer** | Late Holocene Expansion/Contraction of the Indo-Pacific Tropical Rain Belt
- 2:30 p.m. –2:50 p.m. **Sharon E Nicholson** | Variations in the width of the tropics over Africa during the last one and a half centuries
- 2:50 p.m. –3:10 p.m. **Ian D Goodwin** | Latitudinal variability and intensity of the South Pacific subtropics over the past 1200 years
- 3:10 p.m. –3:30 p.m. **Seok-Woo Son** | Robust widening of the Hadley cell from LGM to future (RCP8.5) climate
- 3:30 p.m. –3:50 p.m. Break

- 3:50 p.m. –4:10 p.m. **Martin P Hoerling** | Mechanisms for Extreme Hadley Cell Expansion
- 4:10 p.m. –4:30 p.m. **Seung-Ki Min** | Attribution of the Southern Hemisphere Hadley cell widening
- 4:30 p.m. –4:50 p.m. **Darryn W Waugh** | Drivers of the recent tropical expansion in the Southern Hemisphere: Changing SSTs or ozone depletion?
- 4:50 p.m. –5:10 p.m. **Daehyun Kang** | Intensified ENSO Teleconnection to Extratropical Winter Climate Variabilities after Mid-1990s and Seasonal Prediction
- 5:10 p.m. –5:30 p.m. **Christopher Lucas** | The relationship between tropical warm pool sea surface temperature and Hadley circulation
- 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. **Poster Session: Topic 1. What determines the width of the tropical belt?/Topic 2. How and why has the tropical width changed in the past?**

All Posters will be displayed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

- T-1 **Xavier J Levine** | Baroclinic Eddies and the Extent of the Hadley Circulation: An Idealized GCM Study
- T-2 **Dian J Seidel** | Changes in the Width of the Tropical Belt due to Simple Radiative Forcing Changes in GeoMIP Simulations
- T-3 **Oliver W Wingenter** | Changing Sea-to Air Flux of Aerosol Chemical Material and the Positive Feedback with Planetary Scale Ocean and Atmospheric Dynamics
- T-4 **Chi O Ao** | Trends and Variability of the Tropical Width from GPS Radio Occultation
- T-5 **Seok-Woo Son** | Further Observational Evidence of Hadley Cell Widening in the Southern Hemisphere
- T-6 **Talal Alharbi** | Impact of Climate Change over the Arabian Peninsula
- T-7 **Sean M Davis** | Can stratospheric ozone measurements be used to quantify tropical width changes?

- T-8 **Sean M Davis** | An updated tropical width timeseries intercomparison
- T-9 **Justin P Stachnik** | Regional Changes in Clouds and Precipitating Systems Associated with Hadley Circulation Intensity and Width Extremes
- T-10 **Thomas Birner** | Longitudinal variability of the width of the tropical belt
- T-11 **Christopher Lucas** | Understanding the Causes of Southern Hemisphere Tropical Expansion
- T-12 **Hong Yan** | Contraction of The Intertropical Convergence Zone Over The Western Pacific During The Little Ice Age
- T-13 **Carl A Mears** | Satellite-based Diagnostics of Tropical Extent

## WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY

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- 8:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. **Session 2B: How and why has the tropical width changed in the past?**  
Presiding: Lorenzo Polvani
- 8:30 a.m. –8:50 a.m. **Joy Monteiro** | The contribution of ENSO variability to the recent expansion of the tropical belt
- 8:50 a.m. –9:10 a.m. **Christopher Lucas** | Regional Characteristics of Tropical Expansion and the Role of Climate Variability
- 9:10 a.m. –9:30 a.m. **Ryan M Eastman** | Expansion of the Tropical Belts and Poleward Migration of the Storm Tracks Shown by Variations in Surface-Observed Cloud Cover
- 9:30 a.m. –9:50 a.m. **Sneha Susan Mathew** | Expansion of Hadley Cell in Climate Change Scenario: A Study Using Reanalysis And Global Radiosonde Observations
- 9:50 a.m. –10:10 a.m. Break
- 10:10 a.m. –10:30 a.m. **Gloria L Manney** | Climatology and Variability of UTLS Jets in Reanalyses: A Three-Dimensional Perspective of Changes in Upper Tropospheric Jet and Tropopause Characteristics

10:30 a.m. –10:50 a.m.	<b>Laura Wilcox</b>   The Role of Anthropogenic Aerosol in Tropical Expansion
10:50 a.m. –12:00 a.m.	Discussion
12:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch/Afternoon (<i>on own</i>)</b>
7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

## THURSDAY, 30 JULY

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9:00 a.m.– 11:50 a.m.	<b>Session 3: How and why might the tropical width change in the future?</b> Presiding: Sean Davis
9:00 a.m. –9:40 a.m.	<b>Qiang Fu</b>   How and Why Might the Tropical Width Change in the Future? ( <i>Invited</i> )
9:40 a.m. –10:00 a.m.	<b>Yongyun Hu</b>   Poleward Expansion of the Hadley Circulation in CMIP5 Simulations
10:00 a.m. –10:20 a.m.	<b>Kevin M Grise</b>   Is Tropical Expansion Related to Climate Sensitivity? Lessons from CMIP5 Models
10:20 a.m. –10:40 a.m.	<b>Robert Allen</b>   Aerosol Indirect Effects and 21st Century Northern Hemisphere Tropical Widening
10:40 a.m. –11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. –11:50 a.m.	Discussion
11:50 a.m.– 1:20 p.m.	<b>Lunch (<i>on own</i>)</b>
1:20 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.	<b>Session 4: What are the impacts for the oceans, cryosphere, hydrologic cycle, human society, and ecosystems?</b> Presiding: Dian Seidel
1:20 p.m. –2:00 p.m.	<b>Kerry H Cook</b>   Impacts of Variations in the Width of the Tropics ( <i>Invited</i> )



- 2:00 p.m. –2:20 p.m. **Gabriela De La Cruz Tello** | Links between changes in the Hadley Circulation and Oceanic Oxygen Minimum Zones
- 2:20 p.m. –2:40 p.m. **Robert D Hudson** | Relation Between the Movement of the Sub-Tropical and Polar Fronts and the Stall (Hiatus) in the Global Earth Surface Temperature.
- 2:40 p.m. –3:00 p.m. **Laifang Li** | North Atlantic Salinity as a Predictor of Sahel Precipitation
- 3:00 p.m. –3:20 p.m. **Molly E Brown** | Environmental risk factors and child nutritional status and survival in tropical West Africa
- 3:20 p.m. –3:40 p.m. Break
- 3:40 p.m. –4:30 p.m. Discussion
- 4:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m. **Poster Session: Topic 3. How and why might the tropical width change in the future?/Topic 4. What are the impacts for the oceans, cryosphere, hydrologic cycle, human society, and ecosystems?**

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- R-1 **Zachary D Lawrence** | JETPAC and CAVE-ART: Jet, Tropopause, and Vortex Products for Dynamical and Climatological Studies
- R-2 **Joshua Ndiwa Ngaina** | Variability and Trends in Past, Current and Future Climate in East Africa
- R-3 **Caroline Binkley** | Are Tropical Ocean Mixed Layer Heat Flux Trends Indicative of Intensifying Hadley Circulation?
- R-4 **Edward K Vizy** | Multi-Decadal Variations in the Southeastern Atlantic Climate
- R-5 **Jie He** | Anthropogenic Weakening of the Tropical Circulation: The Relative Roles of Direct CO<sub>2</sub> Forcing and Sea Surface Temperature Change
- R-6 **Md Mizanur Rahman** | Response of Pioneer Mangrove Tree Species of the Sundarbans to Increased Salinity

R-7                      **Seok-Woo Son** | Uncertainty in Future Projection of the North Pacific Subtropical High and Its Implication to California Winter Precipitation

R-8                      **Amanda C Maycock** | The Brewer Dobson circulation climate feedback

## FRIDAY, 31 JULY

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9:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

### **Wrap-up Discussion**

Outstanding Scientific Questions

Research Needs

Possible Post-Conference Activities