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EDUCATION

Degrees Held: a) B.S., Aristotelian University Thessaloniki,
Greece (Physics and Mathematics, 1976)
b) M.S., Dept. of Meteorology, McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada (1979)
c) Ph.D., Dept. of Meteorology, McGill
University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (1982)

WORK EXPERIENCE

1982-1985 Post-doctoral Fellow at the Atmospheric Environmental
Service, Cloud Physics Division, Downsview, Ontario,
Canada.

1985-1989 Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM).

1989-1993 Associate Professor (UWM).

1993-2007 Full Professor. From 1993-1999 with the Department of
Geosciences and then with the Department of
Mathematical Sciences (UWM).

2007- Distinguished Professor, Department of Mathematical
Sciences (UWM).

AWARDS

- 1) Two-year Fellowship awarded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (1982-84).
- 2) UWM Foundation/Graduate School Research Award, 1996
- 3) UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2004.

UPPER LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT

Atmospheric Thermodynamics

Radiation

Statistical Methods in Geosciences

Introduction to Nonlinear Dynamics

Nonlinear Time Series Analysis

Seminar on Global Climate Change

AREAS OF INTEREST

Nonlinear Dynamics, Chaos

Climate Dynamics, Global Change

Nonlinear Prediction, Predictability

Data Analysis, Networks

PUBLICATIONS

A. Theses, Reports, and Notebooks

- A1) A.A. Tsonis, 1979: Increased Meridionality and Weather Anomalies (Based on the study of the winter

- 1976-77 over N. America) M.S. thesis, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. 100 pp.
- A2) A.A. Tsonis, 1982: The Evaluation of Extrapolation Schemes for the Growth or Decay of Rain Area and Applications. Ph.D. thesis, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. 126 pp.
- A3) A.A. Tsonis, 1983: Examination of the Spectral and Spatial Characteristics of the Visible and Infrared GOES Images and Applications. Atmospheric Environment Service, Environment Canada, Internal Report N. ARPB 116P39. 84 pp.
- A4) A.A. Tsonis and G.L. Austin, 1984: "A Role for the Short-term Predictions in the Design and Evaluation of Cloud Seeding Experiments." PEP Report No. 30, WMO Geneva, February, 1984. 39 pp.
- A5) A.A. Tsonis, 1994: Principles and Forecasting the Weather. Wm. C. Brown Publishers, Dubuque, Iowa. 100 pp.
- A6) A.A. Tsonis, 1988: Atmospheres of the Planets. Notebook for the course 190-100 of UWM with the same title. 103 pp.
- A7) K.P. Georgakakos, D. Tsintikidis, S. Schwartz, A.A. Tsonis, and S. Nickovic, 1998: Calibration of Bispectral Satellite Rainfall Estimation Algorithm and Implementation of ETA Model Over the Blue Nile Region. HRC Technical Note No.6. 70 pp.
- A8) K.P. Georgakakos and A.A. Tsonis, 1999: On the Observation of Extremes in the Lorenz Model. HRC Technical Note No.9. 20 pp.

B. Conferences

I have participated in over 80 national and international meetings. In over 35 of those I was an invited speaker.

C. Refereed Journal Papers

- C1) A.A. Tsonis and G.L. Austin, 1981: An Evaluation of Extrapolation Techniques for the Short-term Prediction of Rain Amounts, Atmosphere-Ocean. 19, 54-65.
- C2) A.A. Tsonis, G.L. Austin and S. Lovejoy, 1984: A Proposal for a New Statistic and Technique Development for the Design and Evaluation of Cloud Seeding Experiments. Atmosphere-Ocean. 22, 67-82.
- C3) A.A. Tsonis, 1984: On the Separability of Various Classes from the GOES Visible and Infrared Data. J. Climate Appl. Meteor. 23, 1393-1410.
- C4) A.A. Tsonis, 1984: Determination and Correction of the Relative Shift Between the Visible and Infrared GOES Images. Int. J. Remote Sensing. 5, 975-979.
- C5) A.A. Tsonis and G.A. Isaac, 1985: On a New Approach for Instantaneous Rain Area Delineation in the Midlatitudes Using GOES Data. J. Climate Appl. Meteor. 24, 1208-1218.
- C6) R.S. Schemenauer and A.A. Tsonis, 1985: Comments on: "Physical interpretation of results from the HIPLEX-1 experiment." J. Climate Appl. Meteor. 24, 1269-1274.
- C7) A.A. Tsonis and W.R. Leitch, 1986: Minimum Detectable Pollution Levels from Satellite Imagery. Geophys. Res. Letters. 13, 56-59.
- C8) A.A. Tsonis, 1987: Determining Rainfall Intensity and Type From the GOES Imagery in the Midlatitudes. Remote Sensing of Environment. 21-36.
- C9) S. Lovejoy, D. Schertzer and A.A. Tsonis, 1987: Functional Box Counting and Multiple Elliptical Dimensions in Rain. Science. 235, 1036-1038.
- C10) A.A. Tsonis and P.A. Tsonis, 1987: Fractals: A New look at Biological Shape and Patterning. Perspect. Biol. Medic. 30, (3) 355-361.
- C11) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1987: Fractal Characterization and Simulation of Lightning. Beitr.

Phys. Atmosph. (Contributions to Atmospheric Physics).
60, 187-192.

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- C13) A.A. Tsonis, 1987: Some Probabilistic Aspects of Fractal Growth. Journal of Physics A. 20, 5025-5028.
- C14) A.A. Tsonis, 1987: A Method for Inferring Aerosol Properties from Satellite Data. Atmospheric Environment. 21, 2467-2471.
- C15) A.A. Tsonis, 1988: Single Thresholding and Rain Area Delineation from Satellite Imagery. J. Appl. Meteor. 27, 1302-1306.
- C16) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1988: The Weather Attractor Over Very Short-Time Scales. Nature. 333, 545-547.
- C17) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1989 : Chaos, Strange Attractors and Weather. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc. 70, 16-23.
- C18) A.A. Tsonis, 1989: Chaos and Unpredictability of Weather. Weather. 44, 258-263.
- C19) P.A. Tsonis and A.A. Tsonis, 1989: Chaos: Concepts and Implications in Biology. Comp. Appl. Biosc. 5, 27- 32.
- C20) A.A. Tsonis, J.B. Elsner and P.A. Tsonis, 1989: On the Dynamics of a Forced Reaction-Diffusion Model for Biological Pattern Formation. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 86, 4938-4942.
- C21) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1989: Testing the Global Warming Hypothesis. Geoph. Res. Lett. 16, 795-797.
- C22) J.B. Elsner, J.R. Mecikalski, and A.A. Tsonis, 1989: A Shore-parallel Cloud Band Over Lake Michigan. Mon. Wea. Rev. 117, 2822-2823.
- C23) A.A. Tsonis, 1990: Review of the book "The modern radar" Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc. 71 719-720.

- C24) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1990: Multiple Attractors Fractal Basins and Long-term Climate Dynamics. Beitr. Phys. Atmosph. 63, 171-176.
- C25) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1990: Comments on "Dimension analysis of climatic data" J. of Climate. 3, 1502-1505.
- C26) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1991: Multiple Fractal Dimensions in Snow. Atmospheric Research 26, 13-17.
- C27) A.A. Tsonis, 1991: The effect of truncation and round-off on computer generated chaotic trajectories. Computers and Mathematics with applications. 21, 93-94.
- C28) A.A. Tsonis, J.B. Elsner and P.A. Tsonis, 1991: Periodicity in DNA sequences: Implications in gene evolution. J. Theor. Biol. 151 (3), 323-331.
- C29) J.B. Elsner and A.A. Tsonis, 1991: A comparison of Northern hemispheric observed surface air temperature trends from three different data sets. Geoph. Res. Lett. 18, 1229-1232.
- C30) A.A. Tsonis, 1991: Sensitivity of global climate system on the initial conditions. EOS. 72, 313 and 328.
- C31) J.B. Elsner and A.A. Tsonis, 1991: Do bidecadal oscillations exist in the global temperature record? Nature. 353, 551-553.
- C32) A.A. Tsonis, and J.B. Elsner, 1991: The spatial-temporal scaling properties of rain and the validity of Taylor's hypothesis in the atmosphere. BJMH. 2, No. 324, 98-103.
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- C34) J.B. Elsner and A.A. Tsonis, 1992: Nonlinear Prediction, Chaos, and Noise. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc. 73, 49-60.

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- C39) J.B. Elsner and A.A. Tsonis, 1993: Complexity and predictability of hourly precipitation. J. Atmo. Sci. 50, 400-405.
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- C41) A.A. Tsonis, J.B. Elsner and P.A. Tsonis, 1993: On the existence of scaling in DNA sequences. Bioch. Bioph. Res. Comm. 197, 1288-1295.
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- C44) J.B. Elsner and A.A. Tsonis, 1994: Empirically derived climate predictability over the extratropical Northern Hemisphere. Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics, 1, 41- 44.
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- infer dynamics from observables. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc. 75, 1623-1633.
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- C47) J.B. Elsner and A.A. Tsonis, 1994: Low-frequency oscillation, Nature, 372, 507-508.
- C48) G.N. Triantafyllou, J.B. Elsner, A. Lascaratos, C. Koutitas and A.A. Tsonis, 1995: Structure and properties of the attractor of a marine dynamical system. Mathematical and Computer Modeling, 21, 73-86.
- C49) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1995: Testing for scaling in natural forms and observables. J. Stat. Phys, 81, 869-880.
- C50) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1996: Mapping the channels of communication between the tropics and higher latitudes in the atmosphere. Physica D, 92, 237-244.
- C51) A.A. Tsonis, P. Kumar, J.B. Elsner and P.A. Tsonis, 1996. Wavelet analysis of DNA sequences. Physical Review E 53, 1828-1834.
- C52) A. A. Tsonis, G.N. Triantafyllou and K.P. Georgakakos, 1996: Hydrological applications of satellite data. PART I: Rainfalls estimation. J. Geophys. Res., 101, 26,517- 26,525.
- C53) A. Guetter, K.P. Georgakakos and A.A. Tsonis, 1996: Hydrological applications of satellite data. PART II: Flow Prediction. J. Geophys. Res., 101, 26,527-26,538.
- C54) A.A. Tsonis, 1996: Dynamical systems as models for physical processes. Complexity, 1(5), 23-33
- C55) A.A. Tsonis, 1996: Widespread increases in low-frequency variability of precipitation over the last century. Nature. 382, 700-702.

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- C57) A.A. Tsonis, J.B. Elsner, and P.A. Tsonis, 1997: Is DNA a Language? J. theor. Biol, 184, 25-29.
- C58) P.A. Tsonis and A.A. Tsonis, 1997: Simplicity and complexity in gene evolution. Complexity, 2(5), 23-30.
- C59) P.J. Roebber, A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1997: Do climate simulations from sea surface temperature forced models represent actual dynamics? Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics, 4(2), 93-100.
- C60) A.A. Tsonis, C. Schultz and P.A. Tsonis, 1997: A re-evaluation of Zipf's Law. Complexity, 2(5), 12-13.
- C61) A.A. Tsonis, 1998: Review of the book "Fractal River Basins: Chance and Self-organization". Science 280, 1210.
- C62) A.A. Tsonis, 1998: Fractality in Nature. Science. (Letter to the editor). 279, 1614-1615.
- C63) A.A. Tsonis, P.J. Roebber and J.B. Elsner, 1998: A characteristic time scale in the global temperature record. Geophys. Res. Lett. 25, 2821-2823.
- C64) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1998: Comments on "The Southern Oscillation as an example of a simple, ordered subsystem of a complex chaotic system" J. of Climate 11, 2453-2454.
- C65) J.B. Elsner, X. Niu, and A.A. Tsonis, 1998: Multi-year prediction model of North Atlantic hurricane activity. Meteorol. Atmos. Phys. 68, 43-51.
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- C67) A.A. Tsonis and J.B. Elsner, 1999: The autocorrelation function and human influences on climate. Science, 285, 495 (view it at www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/285/5427/495a).

- C68) D. Tsintikidis, K.P. Georgakakos, G. Artan, and A.A. Tsonis, 1999: Mean areal rainfall estimation and hydrologic response using METEOSAT data over the Blue Nile region. J. Of Hydrology. 221, 97-116.
- C69) A.G. Hunt and A.A. Tsonis, 2000: The Pacific Decadal Oscillation and long-term climate prediction. EOS, 81(48), 581.
- C70) A.A. Tsonis and C.C. Young-Molling, 2001: The effect of precipitation variability on ENSO/ precipitation teleconnections in the contiguous United States. J.Geophys. Res. 106, 14,235-14,243.
- C71) A.A. Tsonis and P.A. Tsonis, 2001: Information transfer and home field advantage. Mathematics Today 37, 24-25.
- C72) A.A. Tsonis, F.L. Heller, H. Takayasu, K. Maruno, and T. Shimizu, 2001: A characteristic time scale in dollar-yen exchange rates. Physica A, 291, 574-582.
- C73) A.A. Tsonis, 2001: The impact of nonlinear dynamics in the atmospheric sciences. Int. J. Bifurcation & Chaos, 11(4), 881-902.
- C74) A.A. Tsonis, 2001: Probing the linearity and nonlinearity in the transitions of the atmospheric circulation. Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics. 8, 341-345.
- C75) A.A. Tsonis, F.L. Heller, and P.A. Tsonis, 2002: Probing the linearity and nonlinearity in DNA sequences. Physica A 312, 458-468.
- C76) A.A. Tsonis, 2002: On the problem of extracting precipitation information in the tropics from the UWM/COADS data set. J. Appl. Meteor.41, 1153-1162.
- C77) P.A. Tsonis and A.A. Tsonis, 2002: Linguistic features of eukaryotic genomes. Complexity 7, 13-15.
- C78) A.A. Tsonis, A.G. Hunt, and J.B. Elsner, 2003: On the relation between ENSO and global climate change. Meteor. Atmos. Phys. 84(3-4), 229-242.

- C79) A.A. Tsonis and P.A. Tsonis, 2003: On words and genes. Complexity, 8(5), 12-13.
- C80) P.A. Tsonis and A.A. Tsonis, 2004: A 'small-world' network hypothesis for memory and dreams. Prespect. Biol. Medic. 47, 176-180.
- C81) A.A. Tsonis and P.J. Roebber, 2004: The architecture of the climate network. Physica A, 333, 497-504.
- C82) A.A. Tsonis, 2004: Is global warming injecting randomness into the climate system? EOS, 85(38), 361-364.
- C83) A.A. Tsonis and P.A. Tsonis, 2005: Exploring nonlinearity to identify genes and intergenic regions in genomes. Physica A. 348, 339-348.
- C84) A.A. Tsonis and K.P. Georgakakos, 2005: Observing Extreme events in incomplete state spaces with applications to rainfall estimation from satellite images. Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics, 12, 195-200.
- C85) P.J. Roebber and A.A. Tsonis, 2005: On a method to improve prediction of atmospheric flow transitions. J. Atmos. Sci. 62, 3818-3824.
- C86) A.A. Tsonis, J.B. Elsner, A.G. Hunt and T.H. Jagger, 2005: Unfolding the relation between global temperature and ENSO. Geophys. Res. Lett. doi:10.1029/2005GL022875
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- F2) Contributing author in the book *Global Deserts Outlook* United Nations Environmental Programme, Nairobi, Kenya, 2006.
- F3) Contributing author in: *Twenty Years of Nonlinear Dynamics in Geosciences*. EOS, 88, 29 (2007).
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Notable research and other achievements

I was one of the first scientists to promote the application of Chaos theory and nonlinear data analysis in Atmospheric Sciences. I and my post-doctoral fellow Jim Elsner in a series of papers in the late 1980s popularized and introduced this theory to meteorologists. Our research has led to the *Tsonis criterion*, a method bearing our names, and a statistical test bearing our names. The *Tsonis Criterion* refers to the necessary number of points required in attractor reconstructions (publications C43, E1). The *Tsonis-Elsner method* is a method used to distinguish low-dimensional chaos from random fractal processes (publications C47, E2). The *Elsner-Tsonis test* is a statistical test designed to assess the significance of climate oscillations. In addition, we have introduced the notion of connected subsystems in the climate system (publications C17, C54, C56, and C64).

In 2004 I was the first scientist in the world to apply the new concepts of 'small-world' networks to atmospheric sciences (publications C81, C82, C87, and C91). By now there are special sessions on climate networks in both AGU and EGU general assemblies, as well as individual workshops solely dedicated to this subject. My research in this area has led to the discovery of a new dynamical mechanism for major climate

shifts. This mechanism explains all major global temperature shifts in the 20th and 21st century. These findings have led to a study, which was able for the first time to make an objective attribution of magnitude of anthropogenic effects on global temperature.

My contributions in the area of nonlinear science are recognized in the letter of Jim Elsner's promotion to full professor written by Edward Lorenz (one of the founders of Chaos theory and member of the National Academy of Sciences), which states that *"I am most familiar with his work on chaos, some of which was done with A.A. Tsonis. Aside from being of exemplary scientific quality, the papers have gone a long way toward familiarizing the meteorological community with the general aspects of chaos. Thus they have served an important purpose"*.

I have done significant research in the area of global change, where I have developed and published a theory about the relationship of global temperature and the frequency of El Nino (publications C63, C73, C78, and C86).

Early in my career I developed a method for rainfall estimation from satellite images that is still being used today. In fact, this method has been implemented into a real-time system to predict the flooding of the Nile River in Egypt (publications C5, C52, and C68).

My interdisciplinary efforts and collaborations have resulted in over 15 papers in Biology, Economics, Linguistics and Psychology. Notably, with my brother (a biologist) we have published several important papers on the mathematical properties of DNA sequences as well as a hypothesis (publication C80) regarding the mathematical framework for memories and dreams, which has been recently verified experimentally.

Administration

I have been instrumental in the development of the Atmospheric Sciences program at UWM. In 1988, due to several coincidences, I found myself as the only remaining member of the Atmospheric Sciences Group (then with the Department of Geosciences). Rather than leaving I accepted the challenge provide by Dean William Halloran to design and oversee the development of an Atmospheric Sciences program at UWM. I was then offered four

new faculty positions and freedom to design the program as I thought appropriate. I did just that and, while it took some time to stabilize the program, right now the Atmospheric Sciences program is very healthy, the number of faculty has increased to seven (all internationally recognized scientists). About 15 years ago the group moved to the Department of Mathematical Sciences as I and the rest of the members of the group realized that we are a better fit within the Math rather than the Geosciences Department. At this point we set out to re-design our curricula to include more mathematics courses. This way our program became one of the most mathematical oriented atmospheric sciences programs in the US. Our group is one of the most successful research groups at UWM and one of the top in research funding per capita.

In addition I have served in several departmental and University-wide committees, with most notable the Divisional Committee, which evaluates and makes decisions on tenure and promotions. In the last 20 years I have chaired this committee twice.

Now as a member of the Distinguished Professors Group we act as advisory to the Vice-Chancellor and we also evaluate applications for promotion to Distinguished Professor status.

At the national level my administrative experience includes membership in the Board of Directors of the Hydrologic Research Center, located in San Diego, CA. I am in the board since its establishment in 1993. The main focus of the Center is global flash flooding forecasting. The Board oversees the activities of the Center and makes decisions about research and development and future planning. Over the years the Center has become a Center of excellence with a worldwide reputation.

In addition, I was UWM's representative to the Cooperation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) from 1985 to 1998. During this time I was elected for a three-year term (1989-1992) member of UCAR's University Relations Committee and member of the Membership Committee (1995-1998).

Additional information-Distinctions

- 1) As indicated in the section B of publications I have been an invited speaker in over 35 national and international meetings.
- 2) Co-organizer second conference on Nonlinear Variability in Geophysics. Paris, France, 27 June - 1 July 1988.
- 3) Elected for a three year term (1989-1992) member of the University Relations Committee of the University Cooperation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) and of UCAR's Membership Committee (1995-1998).
- 4) Included in the Milwaukee Journal's list of "90 for the nineties".
- 5) Co-organizer, Union session on Fractals and Chaos in Geophysics, American Geophysical Union Spring Meeting, 29 May 1990, Baltimore, MD.
- 6) Co-organizer, Short course on Nonlinear Dynamics, Fractals and Chaos in Geophysics, Sponsored by the American Geophysical Union. 29 May 1990, Baltimore, M.D.
- 7) Research featured in many newspaper articles and TV interviews around the world like Le Monde (Paris,) London Times, Proini (Greek), To Vima (Greek), Proto Thema (Greek), Chicago Tribune, Milwaukee Journal, Science, The Camera (Boulder, Co.), Science News, Daily News, Fox News, BBC, and elsewhere.
- 8) Member of the AGU committee on Precipitation (1990-1992).
- 9) Organizer, AGU 1992 Spring meeting session on Complexity in precipitation. May, 1992, Montreal, Canada.
- 10) Organizer of session NP4/0A21 [nonlinear time series analysis in geophysics] of the XVII General Assembly of the European Geophysical Society, Wiesbaden, Germany, 3-7 May 1993.
- 11) Editorial board of the journal Nonlinear Process in Geophysics. (Published by the European Geosciences Union)
- 12) Co-organizer, 5th International Conference on Precipitation Elounda, Crete, Greece. June 14-16, 1995.
- 13) Member of AGU Committee on Nonlinear Geophysics, 1998-2000.

- 14) Invited lecturer at University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, January 1998.
- 15) Served in several international PH.D committees in Canada, Brazil, Greece, New Zealand and Norway.
- 16) Member of the Board of Directors of the Hydrologic Research Center (HRC), San Diego, CA.
- 17) Reviewed more than 300 papers and proposals.
- 18) Organizer of the international conference, 20 Years of Nonlinear Dynamics in Geosciences, Rhodes, Greece, June 11-16, 2006.

FUNDING

Since becoming a Professor at UWM I have received close to 4 million dollars in research funding. More analytically:

- 1) Weather Station Improvement at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, NSF, 1986, \$9,700.
- 2) On the Fractal Structure of Rain in the Time Domain, NSF, 1988-90, \$44,650.
- 3) The Use of Satellite Rainfall Estimates with Real-Time Flow Prediction Models for Large Catchments, NSF, 1992-95, \$161,632.
- 4) Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Using Nonlinear Empirical Models, NSF, 1993-96, \$185,936.
- 5) The spatiotemporal variability of precipitation trends over land in the past century. NOAA, 1998-1999, \$25,000.
- 6) Improving the Information on Precipitation Over Oceans and Studying Its Temporal and Spatial Variability, NSF, 1998-2001, \$237,863.
- 7) Center for Water Security, DARPA, \$130,000, 2002-2003 (with Robber, Kahl and Swanson).
- 8) Center for Water Security, DARPA, \$50,000, 2003-2004 (with Roebber and Swanson).

- 9) A network approach to study atmospheric teleconnections, NSF, 2005-2008, \$327,000 (with Swanson).
- 10) Reducing forecast uncertainty to improve understanding of Atmospheric flow transitions, NSF, 2006-2009, \$269,626 (with Roebber).
- 11) An investigation into the role of atmospheric teleconnections in climate, UWM, RGI, 2007-2008, \$74,800.
- 12) Investigating internal dynamics and climate variability using networks. 06/01/2009-05/31/2011, NSF, \$250,000 (with Swanson).
- 13) Climate feedback drift in models and observations. 09/01/2009-08/31/2010, NSF, \$100,000 (with Swanson).
- 14) Collaborative Research: An interactive multi-model for consensus on climate change, 09/01/2010-08/31/2013, DOE, \$161,718.
- 15) Microbial community profiles identify new indicators of waterborne pathogens, 07/01/2011-06/30/2015, NIH, \$1,538,732 (with McLellal).
- 16) Decadal variability of interacting subsystems in the Northern Hemisphere, 07/01/2014-06/30/2017, NSF, \$440,000 (with Kravtsov)