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## Current Employment

Professor	2021-
Associate Professor	2017-2020
Assistant Professor	2008-2016
Dep't of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University	

## Previous Employment

AAAS Diplomacy Fellow	2008-2010
Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State	
Description: Foreign Affairs Officer for climate change issues	

Research Associate	2006-2008
NASA GSFC Hydrological Sciences Branch / University of Maryland	
Supervisor: Matt Rodell	

## Education

PhD: Regional drivers of aridity in the Middle East and beyond	2006
Yale University, Department of Geology and Geophysics	
<i>Elias Loomis Prize</i> for excellence in studies in the physics of the Earth	
Primary advisor: Ron Smith	

MS: Managing landslide risk in Central Honduras	2001
Cornell University, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences	
<i>NSF Graduate Student Fellowship</i>	
Primary advisor: Harold van Es	

AB: Department of Biology, Harvard University	1998
Undergraduate thesis: Phylogenetic and ontogenetic studies of tribe <i>Andropogoneae</i> (Poaceae).	
<i>Summa cum laude, Hoopes Prize</i> for excellence in undergraduate research	
Primary advisor: Elizabeth Kellogg	

## Courses Taught

*Climate Science and Policy:* Interdisciplinary course on theory, history, and current directions in climate policy

*Present and Future Climate:* Upper level undergraduate / introductory graduate level course on climate dynamics and current research challenges.

*The Water, Energy, Food Nexus:* Graduate level course on interdisciplinary science and policy issues, taught at the JHU School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

*Atmospheric science:* Upper level undergraduate / introductory graduate course on atmospheric processes.

*Introduction to Global Environmental Change:* Introductory survey of Earth systems and dynamics of change in the modern era.

*Remote Sensing of Environment:* Advanced undergraduate / graduate student course in the physical foundations and practical applications of satellite remote sensing of Earth.

*Climate and Health:* Advanced undergraduate course on connections between climate change and health, focusing on understanding process and identifying policy solutions.

*Modeling the Hydrological Cycle:* Graduate level course on the use of physically-based computational tools and statistical analysis to study the movement of water from watershed to continental scales.

*Regional Climate Analysis:* Graduate research seminar

*Topics in African Climate:* Graduate research seminar

*Capstone Research in Water, Climate and Health:* Field course held on the Chesapeake Bay and in the Blue Nile Highlands (Ethiopia)

*Advanced Remote Sensing:* Graduate research seminar

## **Competitively Funded Research**

PI: *The Baltimore Social-Environmental Collaborative Integrated Field Lab.* DOE. 2022-2027

PI: *Subseasonal-to-Seasonal Forecast of Hydro-Ecological Extremes in the Amazon Basin.* NASA. 2023-2025

PI: *Vegetation as a Mediator of Flash Drought Development and Predictability on S2S Time Scales.* NASA. 2022-2025

PI: *Seeing Heat Risk Through an Equity Lens: Putting High Resolution Temperature Data to Work for Urban Environmental Justice.* NOAA. 2021-2023

PI: *GMELT Ahead: leveraging Earth Observations for improved climate projections in High Mountain Asia.* NASA. 2020-2023

PI: *PREEVENTS/T2: Multi-scale prediction of flash drought in the United States.* NSF. 2019-2023

PI: *Achieving Actionable Dengue Early Warning Systems.* JHU Discovery Award. 2022-2024

PI: *The Africa Cholera Early Warning System (ACREWS)*. NASA Applied Sciences Program. 2018-2021

PI: *INFEWS/T1: Understanding multi-scale resilience options for climate-vulnerable Africa*. NSF. 2016-2020

PI: *Environmental Determinants of Enteric Infectious Disease: a GEO platform for analysis and risk assessment*. NASA. 2017-2021

PI: *Subseasonal to Seasonal Prediction of Hindu Kush – Himalaya Hydrological Extremes with the South Asia Land Data Assimilation System*. NASA. 2016-2019

PI: *NILE-NEXUS: Opportunities for a sustainable food-energy-water future in the Blue Nile Mountains of Ethiopia*. Belmont Forum. 2016-2019

PI: *Keeping up with GRACE: Model Improvements to Support GRACE Data Assimilation in an Age of Freshwater Appropriation*. NASA. 2016-2021

PI: *CNH: Agroecosystem-based Climate Resilience Strategies in the Blue Nile Headwaters of Ethiopia*. NSF. 2012-2016

PI: *Food Energy Water Supplemental Award for CNH*. NSF. 2015-2016

PI: *Project Nile: Distributed Hydrological Information for Water Management in the Nile Basin*. NASA. 2009-2014

PI: *Development of a Detection and Early Warning System for Malaria Risk in the Amazon*. NASA. 2011-2013

Co-I: *Equity, Environmental Justice, and Extreme Heat: Leveraging Earth Observations to Strengthen Community Driven Climate Mitigation Strategies*. NASA. 2022-2024

Co-I: *Getting to Zero: Satellite-Informed Tools to support Malaria Elimination*. NASA. 2022-2025

Co-I: *Quantifying distributional health costs during extreme weather events*. NASA. 2022-2025

Co-I: *From Forecasts to Action (F2A): Enabling proactive societal responses to hydrological extremes*. NASA. 2022-2024

Co-I: *R01 - A Malaria Early Warning System for the Western Amazon*. NIH. 2021-2026

Co-I: *Mid-Atlantic Regional Sciences and Assessments (MARISA) 2.0: Continuity and Expansion of Climate-Relevant and Community-Based Engagement and Support*. NOAA. 2021-2026

Co-I: *MAP-Coupling an advanced coupled surface-subsurface hydrologic modeling and data assimilation system using LIS and ParFlow*. NASA. 2020-2024

Co-I: *HMA-reanalysis: Development of a multidecadal land reanalysis over High Mountain Asia.* NASA. 2020-2023

Co-I: *From Space to Front Porch: connecting Earth Observations to health outcomes with an environmental exposure modeling system.* NASA. 2018-2021

Co-I: *In Hot Water and Harm's Way: Modeling to Promote Regional Resilience to Repeated Heat Waves and Hurricanes.* NSF. 2013-2018

Co-I: *Seasonal Prediction of Hydro-Climatic Extremes in the Greater Horn of Africa under Evolving Climate Conditions to Support Adaptation Strategies.* NASA. 2013-2016

Co-I: *Integrating GRACE and GRACE Follow On Data into Flood and Drought Forecasts for the Continental U.S.* NASA. 2015-2019

Co-I: *Predicting Middle Eastern and African Seasonal Water Deficits using NASA Data and Models.* NASA. 2015-2019

Co-I: *An Early Warning System for Vector-borne disease risk in the Amazon.* NASA. 2015-2018

Co-I: *Environmental exposures across urban and rural communities in the Deep South.* NIH. 2015-2019

Co-I: *Downscaling of GRACE Terrestrial Water Storage Observations and Application to Global Drought Monitoring.* NASA. 2014-2016

Co-I: *Integrated Modeling at Satellite Resolved Scales.* NASA. 2010-2014

Co-I: *Extreme Heat Events – Evolving Risk Patterns in Urban and Rural Communities.* NIH. 2011-2013

Co-I: *IGERT: Water, Climate, and Health.* NSF. 2011-2016

Co-I: *Multisensor snow data assimilation.* NASA. 2011-2014

Co-I: *Modeling the Effects of Climate Change on the Global Food System.* JHU Discovery Award. 2015-2016

Lead US Partner: *Bringing seasonal forecasts to the farmer: participatory climate smart villages in Ethiopia.* USAID PEER. 2016-2019

Lead US Partner: *Transboundary water management adaptation in the Amudarya basin to climate change uncertainties.* USAID PEER. 2015-2018

## Articles in Refereed Journals

221. Recalde-Coronel, G. C., Zaitchik, B., Pan, W., Zhou, Y., & Badr, H. (2024). Contributions of initial conditions and meteorological forecast to subseasonal-to-seasonal hydrological forecast skill in Western Tropical South America. *Journal of Hydrometeorology*.

220. Stowell, J. D., Anenberg, S., Zaitchik, B. F., Tong, D. Q., Horwell, C. J., Stolle, D. P., ... & McEntee, C. (2024). Health-damaging climate events highlight the need for interdisciplinary, engaged research. *GeoHealth*, 8(2), e2024GH001022.
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218. Gunderson, A. K., Recalde-Coronel, C., Zaitchick, B. F., Yori, P. P., Pinedo, S. R., Olortegui, M. P., ... & Pan, W. K. (2023). A prospective cohort study linking migration, climate, and malaria risk in the Peruvian Amazon. *Epidemiology & Infection*, 151, e202.
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215. Miller, D. L., Wolf, S., Fisher, J. B., Zaitchik, B. F., Xiao, J., & Keenan, T. F. (2023). Increased photosynthesis during spring drought in energy-limited ecosystems. *Nature Communications*, 14(1), 7828.
214. Waugh, D. W., Zaitchik, B., Scott, A. A., Ibsen, P. C., Jenerette, G. D., Schatz, J., & Kucharik, C. J. (2023). Limited Role of Absolute Humidity in Intraurban Heat Variability. *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, 62(12), 1845-1854.
213. Gashaw, T., Wubaye, G. B., Worqlul, A. W., Dile, Y. T., Mohammed, J. A., Birhan, D. A., ... Zaitchik, B., ,,, & Seid, A. (2023). Local and regional climate trends and variabilities in Ethiopia: Implications for climate change adaptations. *Environmental Challenges*, 13, 100794.
212. Ademe, D., Tesfaye, K., Simane, B., Zaitchik, B. F., Alemayehu, G., & Adgo, E. (2024). Optimizing agronomic practices to harness climate change impacts on potato production in tropical highland regions. *European Journal of Agronomy*, 152, 127021.
211. Badr, H. S., Zaitchik, B. F., Kerr, G. H., Nguyen, N. L. H., Chen, Y. T., Hinson, P., ... & Gardner, L. M. (2023). Unified real-time environmental-epidemiological data for multiscale modeling of the COVID-19 pandemic. *Scientific Data*, 10(1), 367.
210. Aune, K. T., Zaitchik, B. F., Curriero, F. C., Davis, M. F., & Smith, G. S. (2023). Agreement in extreme precipitation exposure assessment is modified by race and social vulnerability. *Frontiers in Epidemiology*, 3, 1128501.

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205. Juturu, P., Conlon, T., Zhang, Y., Avraam, C., Siddiqui, S., Simane, B., & Zaitchik, B. (2023). Optimal grid expansion under future electricity demand for groundwater irrigation in Ethiopia. *Energy for Sustainable Development*, 72, 351-377.
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## Selected Recent Presentations

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Zaitchik BF (2022) Pandemic + [X] (*Invited*). Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Applied Research Topics - Workshop 2: Compounding and Cascading Events. National Academy of Science. May 31.

Zaitchik BF (2021) Anticipating and addressing complex environmental hazards (*Invited*). Council of Scientific Society Presidents Winter Leadership Workshop. Dec 4.

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Zaitchik BF, Sweijd N, and Shumake-Guillemot J (2021) Global collaboration to understand and forecast the environmental and meteorological sensitivities of COVID-19. 12<sup>th</sup> Conference on Environment and Health, American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting. January 12.

Zaitchik BF (2020) The Hydrology of Breaking Points (*Invited*). Geological Society of America Pardee Symposium. October 26.

Zaitchik BF (2020) Food, Health, and Security (*Invited*). Environmental Security Summit. September 16.

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Zaitchik BF (2020) Meteorological sensitivities of COVID-19 (*Invited*). Indian Institute for Health Management Research. November 30.

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Zaitchik BF (2019) Multi-Scale Food Security Challenges in a Changing Climate. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. February 5. New York, NY.

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Zaitchik BF (2018) A Malaria Early Warning System for the Western Amazon. 2018 Vector-borne and Water-borne Disease Workshop. May 17. Washington DC.

## **Professional and Public Service**

Co-Chair, Johns Hopkins University Sustainability Plan 2021-

Co-Chair, WHO COVID-19 Research Task Team 2020-

President, GeoHealth Section, American Geophysical Union 2021-

President-Elect, GeoHealth Section, American Geophysical Union 2020

Satellite geodetic data assimilation for hydro-climate research working group, Inter-Commission Committee on Geodesy for Climate Research	2020-
Science Advisor, AGU Eos	2019-2021
Chair, Heat Working Group, GEO Health Community of Practice	2018-
Commissioner, Sustainability Commission, City of Baltimore	2017-
Associate Editor, Journal of Hydrometeorology	2017-
Member, NASA-RFF VALUABLES Scientific Council	2017-
Chair, Science Committee, WMO Symposium on Climatological, Meteorological, and Environmental Factors in the COVID-19 Pandemic	2020
Secretary, GeoHealth Section, American Geophysical Union	2017-2019
United States Representative to the GEWEX Hydroclimatology Panel (HCP)	2015-2018
National Research Council (NRC) Committee to Review the Draft Interagency Report on the Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States	2015
Expert Panel on Future Gravity Satellite Missions , IUGG	2013-2015

### Awards and Honors

AMA Editor's Award, Journal of Hydrometeorology	2017
PopTech Science Fellow	2012
NCAR Early Career Scientist Symposium Invited Participant	2011
Superior Honor Award U.S. State Department	2010
Meritorious Service Award U.S. State Department	2009
Peer award for outstanding Research Associate NASA Goddard Space Flight Center	2007
DISCCRS III (Dissertation Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research) – invited participant	2007
NCAR Climate and Global Change Post-doctoral Fellowship	2006

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Elias Loomis Prize for excellence in studies of physics of the earth  
Yale University

NSF Graduate Student Fellowship 1999

Hoopes Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Thesis, Harvard University 1998