

Carl Wunsch - Curriculum Vitae

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Lecturer in Oceanography, M.I.T., 1966-1967

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Head, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, M.I.T., 1977-1981

Secretary of the Navy Research Professor, MIT, 1985-1989

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PhD Students, Completed Degrees:

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- Nelson Hogg, *The influence of topography on steady currents and internal waves*, 1971.
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- James Richman, *Kinematics and energetics of the mesoscale mid-ocean circulation: MODE*, 1976.
- Charles Eriksen, *Measurements and models of fine-structure, internal gravity waves and wave breaking in the deep ocean*, 1976.
- Dean Roemmich, *The application of inverse methods to problems in ocean circulation*, 1979.
- Lee-lueng Fu, *Observations and models of inertial waves in the deep ocean*, 1980.
- Douglas Luther, *Observations of long period waves in the tropical oceans and atmosphere*, 1980.
- Bruce Cornuelle, *Inverse methods and results from the 1981 ocean acoustic tomography experiment*, 1983.
- Victor Zlotnicki, *The oceanographic and geoidal components of seasurface topography*, 1983.
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- Ichiro Fukumori, *Efficient representation of the hydrographic structure of the North Atlantic Ocean and aspects of the circulation from objective methods*, 1989.
- Pascal Legrand, *What do paleo-geochemical tracers tell us about the deep ocean circulation during the last ice age?*, 1994.
- Alison M. Macdonald, *Oceanic fluxes of mass, heat and freshwater: a global estimate and perspective*, 1995.
- Michael Chechelnitsky, *Adaptive error estimation in linearized ocean general circulation models*, 1999.
- Alexandre Ganachaud, *Large Scale Ocean Circulation and Fluxes of Freshwater, Heat, Nutrients and Oxygen*, 1999.
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- Xingwen Li, *Constraining the North Atlantic Circulation with Transient Tracer Observations*, 2002.
- Geoffrey Gebbie, *An Eddy-Resolving State Estimate of the Subduction Experiment*, 2004.
- Peter Huybers, *The Origins of Ice Ages: Insolation Forcing, Age Models, and Nonlinear Climate Change*, 2004.
- Matthew Mazloff, *The Southern Ocean Meridional Overturning Circulation as Diagnosed from an Eddy Permitting State Estimate*, 2008.
- Ian Fenty, *State Estimation of the Labrador Sea with a Coupled Sea Ice-Ocean Adjoint Model*, 2010.
- Holly Dail, *Atlantic Ocean Circulation at the Last Glacial Maximum: Inferences from Data and Models*, 2012.

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