

Sawyer Brand

Researcher and Research Assistant

Physical Oceanography (and Mathematics) undergraduate at Scripps Institution of Oceanography with years of research and research assistant experience. Very familiar with research cruise planning and post-cruise operations. Experienced with project managing through engineering internship. Extremely dedicated and willing to learn.

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EDUCATION

Major: Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences

Scripps Institution of Oceanography

07/2017 - Present

Achievements

- Honors Thesis on CO2 and Heat flux in Subtropical South Atlantic (topic may still change).
- Multiple graduate courses taken and received high grades.
- Magna Cum Laude graduation expected.

- 3.83 upper division GPA.

Minor: Mathematics

University of California, San Diego

05/2020 - Present

Courses

 Complex analysis, partial differential equations, and linear algebra.

High School: Independent Study

Santa Rosa Junior College

07/2009 - 06/2017

Achievements

- High school course of study completed at the local Junior College.
- 115 units taken and a 4.3 high school GPA received.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Researcher

SOCCOM

11/2018 - Present

- Achievements/Tasks
- First author on BGC Argo research paper to be submitted on 10/20/20.
- Exploration and analysis of BGC Argo float data.
- Exploration and analysis of how BGC Argo data can be used to observe later mixing within the SAMOC.
- Usage of WOCE and All Argo data.

Contact: Dr. Lynne Talley (or Channing Prend) ltalley@ucsd.edu (or cprend@ucsd.edu)





RESEARCH INTERESTS

Polar Oceanography

Meridional Overturning Circulation

Eddy Decay

BGC Argo Data

Malvinas-Brazil Confluence Dynamics

Eddy Generation

Climate Models

Argo Data

Machine Learning (applied to climate models and other climate science data)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Ocean Science Meeting 2020 (02/2020 - 02/2020)

Presented original research at the Ocean Science Meeting in San Diego.

AGU 2020 (10/2020 - 10/2020)

Will be presenting original research again at the American Geophysical Union meeting (virtual).

ORGANIZATIONS

Southern Ocean Carbon and Climate Observation and Modeling (SOCCOM) Project (07/2018 - Present) Research Assistant and Researcher

University of California, San Diego (02/2018 - 07/2019) Carbon Neutrality Intern - Head Intern

WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Author

Scripps Institution of Oceanography

07/2020 - Present

Achievements/Tasks

- Co-author and mentor to undergraduate researcher working on a technical paper.
- Paper focused on utilizing SOCCOM's climate model (B-SOSE) to improve QC-ing of BGC Argo data.

Contact: Matt Mazloff - mmazloff@ucsd.edu

Research Assistant SOCCOM

SUCCOM

07/2018 - Present Achievements/Tasks

- Organizing and planning research cruises.
- Organizing and publishing data taken on research cruises.
- Post-cruise reports (writing and editing).
- Assisted Lynne Talley with designating deployment locations for SOCCOM BGC Argo floats.

Contact: Dr. Lynne Talley - ltalley@ucsd.edu

Head Climate Neutrality Intern

Facilities Management, UCSD

03/2017 - 08/2018

- Achievements/Tasks
 Responsible for tracking UCSD's photovoltaic solar panel energy generation and expenditure.
- Project manager for possible biodigester for UCSD campus.
- Helped run a freezer exchange program for all UCSD and Scripps labs.

Contact: Michelle Perez - mcperez@ucsd.edu

ORGANIZATIONS

Chess for Kids (06/2012 - 08/2018) Instructor

Golden Gate Raptors Observatory (06/2013 - 06/2015)

Unofficial Intern

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Ocean Scientists for Informed Policy

Human Powered Submarine (08/2019 - Present)

- Main programmer (on and off) for the UCSD Human Powered Submarine Team -- an engineering club on campus -- using mostly Matlab.
- Began a machine learning project in Python to improve propeller shape and size.