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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Subsurface ocean variability. Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems. Ocean modelling. Hypoxia and ocean acidification. Large-scale changes in water masses and circulation.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. <i>School of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology. Atlanta</i>	2012 – 2017
M.S., Physical Oceanography <i>University of Cádiz, Cádiz, Spain</i>	2008 – 2009
B.S., Environmental Sciences <i>University of Cádiz, Cádiz, Spain</i>	2006 – 2008
B.S., Marine Sciences <i>University of Cádiz, Cádiz, Spain</i>	2002 – 2006

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Assistant Project Scientist , <i>University of California Santa Cruz</i>	2020 – present
Postdoctoral Scholar , <i>University of California Santa Cruz</i>	2018 – 2020
Graduate Research Assistant , <i>School of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology.</i>	2012 – 2017
Graduate Research Assistant , <i>Marine and Environmental Sciences, University of Cadiz, Spain.</i> Topic: “Implementation of a Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS) to simulate the Mediterranean Outflow in the Gulf of Cadiz.”	2009 – 2012
R&D projects , <i>Marine and Environmental Sciences, University of Cadiz, Spain.</i> “Europe Project: Improvement in Teaching and Learning Materials for Environmental Impact Assessment.”	2006

PUBLICATIONS

Pozo Buil, M., Jacox, M., Fiechter, J., Alexander, M., Bograd, S., Curchitser E., Edwards C., Rykaczewski, R., Stock, C., 2021. A dynamically downscaled ensemble of future projections for the California Current System. *Frontiers Marine Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2021.612874>

Kearney K., ..., **Pozo Buil, M.**, et al., 2021. Using global-scale earth system models for regional fisheries applications, *Frontiers Marine Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2021.622206>

Fiechter, J., **Pozo Buil, M.**, Jacox, M., Alexander, M., Rose, K., 2021. Projected shifts in 21st century sardine distribution and catch in the California Current. *Frontiers Marine Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2021.685241>

Drenkard E., ..., **Pozo Buil, M.**, et al., 2021. Next-generation regional ocean projections for living marine resource management in a changing climate. *ICES Journal of Marine Science*. fsab100, <https://doi.org/10.1093/icesjms/fsab100>

Brodie, S., Abrahms, B., Bograd, S.J., Carroll, G., Hazen, E.L., Muhling, B., **Pozo Buil, M.**, Smith, J.A., Welch, H., Jacox, M., 2021. Exploring timescales of predictability in species distributions. *Ecography*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.05504>

Smith, J. A., Muhling, B., Sweeney, J., Tommasi, D., **Pozo Buil, M.**, Fiechter, J., & Jacox, M. G., 2021. The potential impact of a shifting Pacific sardine distribution on U.S. West Coast landings. *Fish Oceanogr.* <https://doi.org/10.1111/fog.12529>

Evans N., Schroeder I., **Pozo Buil, M.**, Jacox M., Bograd S., 2020. Drivers of Subsurface Deoxygenation in the Southern California Current System. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47, e2020GL089274, doi.org/10.1029/2020GL089274

Jacox M., ..., **Pozo Buil, M.**, et al., 2020. Seasonal-to-interannual prediction of U.S. coastal marine ecosystems: Forecast methods, mechanisms of predictability, and priority developments *Progress in Oceanography*, doi: 10.1016/j.pocean.2020.102307

Capotondi A., ..., **Pozo Buil, M.**, et al., 2019. Observational Needs Supporting Marine Ecosystems Modeling and Forecasting: Insights from U.S. *Coastal Applications*. *Front. Mar. Sci.* 6:623. doi: 10.3389/fmars.2019.00623

Wong-Villacres, M, Ehsan U., Salomon A., **Pozo Buil, M.**, 2017. Design Guidelines for Parent-School Technologies to Support the Ecology of Parental Engagement. *2017 ACM Interaction Design & Children conference*, Conference paper, doi: 10.1145/3078072.307974

Pozo Buil, M. and Di Lorenzo, E., 2017. Decadal predictability of coastal hypoxia in the Northeast Pacific. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 44, 4204–4213, doi:10.1002/2017GL072931.

Pozo Buil, M. and Di Lorenzo, E., 2015. Decadal changes in Gulf of Alaska upwelling source waters. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 42: 1488–1495, doi: 10.1002/2015GL063191.

Bograd, S. J., **Pozo Buil, M.**, Di Lorenzo, E., Castro G. C., Schroeder I., Goericke R., Anderson C., Benitez-Nelson, C. and Whitney, F., 2015. Changes in source waters to the southern California Bight. 112, 42-52, doi: 10.1016/j.dsr2.2014.04.009

GRANTS

Understanding the variability and projecting future changes of biogeochemistry in the California Current Upwelling System. PIs: **M. Pozo Buil (lead)**, M. Jacox, D. Tommasi, J. Fiechter, S. Bograd, R. Rykaczewski. NOAA-OAR-CPO-2020-2006076. Budget: \$509,937. **Awarded** 2020-2023

Mechanisms of interannual- to decadal-scale predictability for ocean physics and biogeochemistry in the California Current System. PIs: **M. Pozo Buil (lead)**, N. Lovenduski, E. Di Lorenzo, M. Jacox, S. Bograd, E. Hazen. NOAA-OAR-CPO-2019-2005530. Budget: \$863,201. **Awarded** 2020-2023

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentation: *A dynamically downscaled ensemble of future projections for the California Current System*. Interdisciplinary Marine Science Seminar Series at the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences. webinar. November 2020. **INVITED**.

Oral presentation: *Dynamically downscaled climate projections for the California Current Upwelling System*. EBUS webinar. June 2020. **INVITED**.

Oral presentation: *Dynamically downscaled climate projections for the California Current Upwelling System*. Ocean Sciences Meeting. San Diego, California, U.S. February 2020.

Oral presentation: *Future Changes of the coastal waters in the California Current System*. PICES 2019 Annual Meeting. Victoria, Canada. October 2019.

Oral presentation: *Forecasting California Current System Variability on Decadal to Centennial Timescales*. UC Santa Cruz, Ocean Sciences Seminars. May 2019. **INVITED**.

Oral presentation: *Subsurface Dynamics Leading to Decadal Predictability in the California Upwelling System*. 2018 PICES International Symposium: The Climate Change Effects on the World Oceans. Washington D.C, U.S. June 2018.

Oral presentation: *Subsurface Dynamics Leading to Decadal Predictability in Upwelling Systems of the North Pacific*. Ocean Sciences Meeting. Portland, Oregon, U.S. February 2018.

Oral presentation: *Exploring the Deterministic Dynamics of the Subsurface Anomalies in the North Pacific using an Ensemble Modeling Approach*. 64th Annual Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference, California, U.S. September 2017.

Oral presentation: *Natural vs. Anthropogenic controls on Coastal Hypoxia along the U.S. West Coast*. International Long-Term Ecological Research (ILTER) Network 1st Open Science Meeting. Kruger National Park, South Africa. October 2016.

Oral presentation: *Deterministic Dynamics of the North Pacific Ocean Subsurface Anomalies: a Physical Basis for Decadal Predictability*. 63rd Annual Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference, Oregon, U.S. September 2016.

Poster presentation: *Decadal predictability of hypoxia along the U.S. West Coast*. Poster presentation. Ocean Sciences Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S. February 2016.

Oral presentation: *The Warm BLOB: generation, propagation and persistence dynamics between 2013-2015*. 62nd Annual Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference, California, U.S. September 2015.

Oral presentation: *Decadal prediction of hypoxia along the U.S. West Coast*. ASLO Aquatic Sciences Meeting. Granada, Spain. February 2015.

Oral presentation: *Decadal prediction of hypoxia along the U.S. West Coast*. 61st Annual Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference. Oregon, U.S. September 2014.

Poster presentation: *Subsurface Ocean Climate Variability and controls on Northeast Pacific Upwelling*. Ocean Sciences Meeting. Hawaii, U.S. February 2014.

Poster presentation: *Using a Regional Ocean Model to simulate the Mediterranean Outflow Water Spreading in the Gulf of Cadiz*. Poster presentation. Marine Sciences International Symposium. Cadiz, Spain. February 2012.

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

Future Earth and Global Young Academy Early Career Fund Fellowship to virtually attend the Sustainability Research & Innovation Congress 2021 (SRI2021), June 2021

Inclusive Inquiry STEM Education Certificate. Institute for Scientist and Engineer Educators. University of California, Santa Cruz, September 2019

Summer School Fellowship granted by ICTP-CLIVAR to attend Summer School on Oceanic Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems. Trieste, Italy. July 2019

Fellowship granted by US CLIVAR to attend the Large Ensemble Workshop. Topic: "Fostering usage of large initial-condition ensembles with Earth System Models". Boulder, Colorado. July 2019

Travel Fellowship granted by the Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention (MPOWIR) to attend Pattullo Conference. Virginia. October 2017.

Travel Fellowship granted by California Current Ecosystem LTER to attend International Long-Term Ecological Research Network 1st Open Science Meeting. Kruger National Park, South Africa. October 2016.

Summer School Fellowship, granted by Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Center for Climate Sciences at California Institute of Technology, Keck Institute for Space Studies. Topic: "Using Satellite Observations to Advance Climate Models". August 2016.

Advanced Level Teaching Certificate. Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Institute of Technology. Spring 2016.

Mobility Fellowship for Researchers, for short research stays in Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S., granted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport, Spanish Government. Fall 2010 and 2011.

Ph.D. fellowship, by the Ministry of Education and Culture Spanish Government. 2009-2012.

Fellowship for Master's Degree Studies, granted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport, Spanish Government. 2008-2009.

Collaboration fellowship granted by Vice-Chancellor of Research, Technology Development and Innovation of the University of Cadiz to participate in a R&D project directed by Dr. Ignacio Hernández Carrero. 2006

Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, granted by Ministry of Education and Science, Spanish Government. 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Participant in the Professional Development Program**, *Institute for Scientist and Engineer Educators, University of California Santa Cruz* 2019
- Leading, designed, created, and taught climate variability 2 day-workshop for incoming transfer students at UCSC
- Participant in the Professional Development Program**, *Institute for Scientist and Engineer Educators, University of California Santa Cruz* 2018
- Designed, created, and taught isotope proxy 2 day-workshop for incoming transfer students at UCSC
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *School of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Tech* Fall 2017
- Advance Environmental Data Analysis. Graduate course. Graded lab reports and exams. Tutoring.
- Course Instructor**, *Center for Academic Enrichment, Georgia Tech.* Fall 2017
- GT-1000 First-Year Seminar (Section *Earth & Atmospheric Sciences*).
- Fall 2016
- GT-1000 First-Year Seminar (Section B-22). Assisted first-year students in transitioning successfully to Georgia Tech: study strategies, time management skills and learning strengths, resume and cover letter.
- Undergraduate Mentoring**, *Georgia Tech*
- Matt Barr, independent undergraduate project. Guided calculation and mapped of water properties along isopycnals using CESM and CMPI5 models Fall 2016
 - Aishwarya Joshi, independent undergraduate project. Argo data extraction. Interpolation of data to isopycnals layers. Guided calculation and mapped of water properties along isopycnals. Summer 2016
- Teaching Practicum**, *Georgia Tech*
- Introduction to Oceanography. Guest Instructor. Designed and delivered six lessons: Heat Balance, Bathymetry, Seawater properties, Waves, Equatorial Circulation, and Fisheries. Prepared lesson material, homework, and questions for exams. Fall 2015
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *Georgia Tech*
- Introduction to Environmental Science. Undergraduate course. Laboratory Instructor. Led tutorial lessons. Graded lab reports and exams. Tutoring. Spring 2014
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *University of Cadiz, Spain*
- General Ocean Circulation. Graduate level. Laboratory Instructor. Led tutorial lessons. Problem solving demonstration. Spring 2012
 - Fluids Mechanics. University of Cadiz, Spain. Senior undergraduate course. Led tutorial lessons. Prepared answer keys for problems. Problem solving demonstration. Spring 2012
 - Marine Dynamics, Senior undergraduate courses. Laboratory Instructor. Led laboratory lessons. Graded homework. Problem solving demonstration. Spring 2011
 - General Physics. Freshmen undergraduate course. Laboratory Instructor. Lab setup. Led laboratory lessons. Graded and prepared answer keys for problems. Tutoring. Spring 2011

FIELD EXPERIENCE

- “Mediterranean-Outflow-2011”* (R/V García del Cid, 5 days). Checking and evaluation of the data recorded by the CTD profiler. June 2011

“*Economic Exclusive Zone of Spain 2006*”. (R/V Hespérides, 17 days). Checking and evaluation of the acoustic backscatter data recorded by multibeam sonar system. September 2006

“*ARSA 0306*”. (R/V Cornide de Saavedra, 15 days). Biological and size sampling of demersal fish species. Statistical analysis of the sampling. March 2006

LEADERSHIP

Reviewer for AGU: GRL and JGR, Oceans, and Frontiers

Session Primary Chair: *Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems: present and future changes and their impacts on marine ecosystems* at the Ocean Sciences Meeting 2022

Session Primary Chair: *Water Mass Variability in Eastern Boundary Upwelling Systems: Climate Drivers and Ecosystem Impact* at the Ocean Sciences Meeting 2020

Co-Organizer of the 66th Eastern Pacific Ocean conference 2019 in Lake Tahoe, California

Session Co-chair: *Trends in the eastern North Pacific Ocean: beyond interannual variability* at 65th Eastern Pacific Ocean Conference 2018

Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention (MPOWIR), member since 2016

Hands-on activities on the 4th Annual Latino College and STEM Fair (Gatech, Spring 2016).

Guest Speaker, Earth Systems theme in Radloff Middle School (Fall 2016).

Graduate Student Representative for student government GEAS (Gatech, 2015-2016).

Committee member of EAS Graduate Symposium (Gatech, 2015)

SKILLS

Modeling experience: ROMS

Programming Languages: MatLAB, Fortran, Unix shell, CDO

Statistical and Geographic Information Systems software: R, SPSS, ArcGIS

Language: fluent in English and Spanish (native)