

## **Biographical Sketch - Michael W. Douglas**

*Independent Researcher and educator*  
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### ***Education:***

Ph.D. Meteorology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1987. Advisor: T.N. Krishnamurti. Dissertation: *Structure and dynamics of monsoon depressions.*

M.S. Atmospheric Science, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 1977. Advisor: M.A. Estoque. Thesis: *Structure and occurrence of disturbances along the ITCZ over the GATE area.*

A.B. Geophysics, University of California, Berkeley, California, 1975.

***Current status:*** *Part-time cruise ship educator. Retired from NOAA on July 31, 2013.*

### ***Recent post-retirement activities:***

8/22-present: Currently providing natural history and science-related talks on select cruises of the Holland America Cruise line. Have provided more than 135 talks on 14 cruises from August 2022 through January 2026.

2019-present: Member of the Education Committee of the [International Biogeography Society](#)

2020-present: Developed and update webpages of [The Norman Environmental Primer](#)

### ***Principal Employment Experience:***

10/92-7/13: Employed at National Severe Storms Laboratory (NOAA), Norman, Oklahoma as Meteorologist. Work was principally related to explaining the warm-season circulations and rainfall patterns over the tropical Americas. Extensive international experience in field research and education. Took early retirement from NOAA at end of July 2013.

07/90-09/92: CIRES, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Work was with the National Severe Storms Laboratory/NOAA and involved analysis of data from Mexico and southwestern U.S. (R. Maddox supervisor)

10/86-12/87 and 06/88-06/90: CIRES, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Work with WPL/NOAA involved participation in field experiments to collect data in the vicinity of polar lows and developing oceanic cyclones and to subsequently analyze this data. (M. Shapiro supervisor)

01/88-05/88: Visiting Assistant Professor in Meteorology Department of Texas A&M University, College Station. Taught classes in 1) Instruments and Observations and 2) Mesoscale Meteorology.

09/77-08/78: Half-time employed at National Hurricane and Experimental Meteorology Laboratory, Coral Gables.

***Additional experience:***

8/22-present: Currently providing natural history and science-related talks on select cruises of the Holland America Cruise line. Have provided talks on 5 cruises from August 2022 through Dec 2023.

8/19-present: Member of the Education Committee of the [International Biogeography Society](#)

2020-present: Developed and update webpages of [The Norman Environmental Primer](#)

07/06 - 09/06 Principal Investigator for NASA-supported measurement campaign involving pilot balloons and radiosondes in four West African countries, and NASA aircraft operations as part of the NASA-AMMA.

04/97 - 05/06 Principal investigator for NOAA-supported pilot balloon observation network (PACS-SONET) involving ~20 stations in Latin America. Program made more than 50,000 observations between 1997 and 2006 at more than 60 locations.

05/04 - 10/04 Principal investigator for 4 NOAA-supported projects associated with the North American Monsoon Experiment (NAME). Projects involved NOAA P-3 aircraft (10 flights), pilot balloon network (22 sites), vegetation monitoring and atmospheric feedback, and a Mexican oceanographic ship activity.

11/02 - 02/03 Principal investigator for three separate NOAA-supported projects involving a NOAA P-3 (13 flights), raingauge networks, and a 20-station pilot balloon network during the South American Low-Level Jet Experiment (SALLJEX).

06/93 - 08/93 Helped to organize the EMVER-93 observational network (9 pilot balloon and 2 special radiosonde sites) over northwestern Mexico and establish a temporary regional analysis center in Obregon, Mexico.

06/90 - 08/90 Participated in Southwest Area Monsoon Project (SWAMP). Was responsible for organizing a network of 11 pilot balloon stations in Mexico and Arizona to describe the southwest North American monsoon circulation.

02/87 - 03/89 Participated in planning and execution of four aircraft field programs using NOAA P-3 aircraft. Programs were Coordinated Eastern Arctic Research Experiment (CEAREX), Experiment on Rapidly Intensifying Cyclones over the Atlantic (ERICA), Ocean Storms, and Alaska Storms Experiment.

**Additional details:** Fluent in Spanish (have taught numerous courses, totaling approximately one year, in Latin America). International exposure: to date have carried out research work in collaboration with meteorological services and researchers in 17 countries.

Teaching experience: Taught Earth Science and Meteorology courses at Tallahassee Community College (1983-5) and an introductory Meteorology class at Florida State University (early 1980's). Taught Mesoscale Meteorology and Instruments and Observations courses at Texas A&M in Spring 1989. Taught tropical meteorology course at University of Oklahoma in mid-1990's. Taught specialized 3-month Tropical Meteorology courses at the University of Mexico, Mexico City, in 1992 and 1996. Taught 3-week full time tropical meteorology courses in Panama City, Panama (2001) and La Paz, Bolivia (2002). Taught 2-week tropical weather and climate courses in Lima, Peru (2006) and 4-week course in Mexico City (2016).

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Higgins, W., ..., M. Douglas, ... and C. Zhang, 2006: The NAME 2004 Field Campaign And Modeling Strategy, *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, **87**, 79–94.

Vera, C., Baez, J., Douglas, M., ...and E. Zipser, 2006: The South American Low-Level Jet Experiment, *Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, **87**, 63-77.

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Peña, M., and M.W. Douglas, 2002: Characteristics of wet and dry spells over the Pacific side of Central America during the rainy season. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, **130**, pp 3054-3073.

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observations collected during the SALLJEX. Preprints, 8th International Conference on Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography (ICSHMO), Foz do Iguazu, Brazil.

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### **Grants:**

#### *IASCLIP related*

5/10 – 4/11 Developing international collaboration for IASCLIP (NOAA, 1 year, \$46K)

#### *Central American-related*

5/07 – 4/10 Explaining the spatial variability of the mid-summer drought over the Inter-American Seas region (NOAA, 3 years, \$280K)

#### *NASA AMMA – related:*

03/06 – 02/09 Measuring the evolution of tropical waves over West Africa into tropical storms over the eastern Atlantic (NASA, 3 years, \$282K)

#### *North American Monsoon related:*

12/03 – 09/05 The role of sea surface temperature and vegetation characteristics in the seasonal evolution of summer rains over northwestern Mexico (NOAA OGP, 2 years, \$172K)

12/03 – 09/04 The role of oceanic processes on the Gulf of California SST evolution during the NAME (NOAA OGP, 1 year, \$244K)

12/03 – 09/06 Mesoscale circulations and moisture fluxes associated with the North American Monsoon System (NOAA OGP, 3 years, \$134K)

12/03 – 09/06 A regional-scale atmospheric sounding network in support of the North American Monsoon Experiment (NOAA OGP, 3 years, \$396K)

#### *South American Low-Level Jet Experiment related:*

05/2002 – 04/2005 Enhanced upper-air measurements in support of the South American low-level jet study (NOAA OGP, 3 years, \$361K)

05/2002 – 04/2005 Enhancement of the daily rainfall network in support of the South American low-level jet study (NOAA OGP, 3 years, \$210K)

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