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EDUCATION:

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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

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Professional Research Assistant (Associate Scientist III), 2004-Present

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Professional Research Assistant (Associate Scientist I), 1998-2000

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Graduate Research Assistant, June 1996- May 1998
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NOAA/National Weather Service, Camp Springs, MD
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Mesoscale and global numerical modeling, physics parameterization development and evaluation, microphysics parameterizations, stochastic physics parameterization, atmospheric boundary-layer modeling, land-surface modeling, surface-layer flux parameterization, air-sea coupled modeling, mesoscale forecast validation and evaluation, air-quality forecast/modeling, coastal precipitation prediction, tropical cyclone studies and mesoscale data assimilation.

Extensive experience with the UFS, MM5, WRF-ARW, WRF-NMM, HWRF, FIM and NIM modeling systems.

PEER-REVIEWD PUBLICATIONS:

Bao, J.-W, **S. A. Michelson**, and E. Grell, 2019: Microphysical Process Comparison of Three Microphysics Parameterization Schemes in the WRF Model for an Idealized Squall Line Case Study'. *Mon. Wea. Rev.* [doi: https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-18-0249.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-18-0249.1)

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Lynn, B. H., A. P. Khain, J.W. Bao, **S.A. Michelson**, T. Yuan, G. Kelman, D. Rosenfeld, J. Shpund and N. Benmoshe, 2016: The Sensitivity of Hurricane Irene to Aerosols and Ocean Coupling: Simulations with WRF Spectral Bin Microphysics *J. Atmos. Sci.*, **73** (2), 467-486, [doi:10.1175/JAS-D-14-0150.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JAS-D-14-0150.1), issn: 0022-4928, ids: DH8DW, FEB 2016

Bao, J. W., S.G. Gopalakrishnan, **S. A. Michelson**, F. D. Marks and M. T. Montgomery, 2012: Impact of Physics Representations in the HWRF on Simulated Hurricane Structure and Pressure-Wind Relationships. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, **140** (10), 3278-3299, [doi: 10.1175/MWR-D-11-00332.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR-D-11-00332.1), issn: 0027-0644, ids: 013PQ, OCT 2012

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[doi: 10.1007/s10546-011-9617-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10546-011-9617-1), issn: Jun-14, ids: 807TW, SEP 2011

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Bao, J.-W., **S. A. Michelson**, and J. M. Wilczak, 2002: Sensitivity of Numerical Simulations to Parameterizations of Roughness for Surface Heat Fluxes at High Winds Over the Sea. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, **130**, 1926-1932.

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BOOK CHAPTERS:

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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUMS:

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HONORS AND AWARDS:

CIRES Bronze Award Team, 2009

Chi Epsilon Pi National Meteorological Honor Society, 1995

The American Meteorological Society's Howard H. Hanks, Jr. Scholarship in Meteorology, 1994