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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr. Heidi Dierssen focuses on the development and application of ocean color remote sensing to understand ecological processes, biogeochemical cycling, and air-sea interactions across the global ocean. She currently serves as President-Elect of The Oceanography Society and was the Science and Applications Team Leader for NASA's Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission, a flagship hyperspectral satellite mission designed to advance observations of ocean ecosystems. She also contributes her expertise to numerous international steering committees and working groups focused on aquatic hyperspectral remote sensing.

EDUCATION

Stanford University,	Stanford, CA	Biology with Honors	B.S./M.S.	1989
Advisor: Harold Mooney. Comparison of Male and Female Function in a Dioecious Shrub				
University of California, Santa Barbara,	Santa Barbara, CA	Geography	Ph.D.	2000
Advisor: Raymond Smith. Ocean Color Remote Sensing along the Antarctic Peninsula				
Moss Landing Marine Laboratory,	Moss Landing, CA	Optical Oceanography	Postdoc	2001-2002
Advisor: Richard Zimmerman. Remote Sensing of Seagrass in the Bahamas Banks				
Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Inst.,	Moss Landing, CA	Optical Oceanography	Postdoc	2002-2003
Advisor: John Ryan. Imaging Spectroscopy of Algal Blooms in Monterey Bay				

APPOINTMENTS

2016-present	Professor, Dept. of Marine Sciences/Geography. University of Connecticut.
2018-2019	Fulbright Scholar & Visiting Scientist, Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ). Belgium.
2011-2016	Associate Professor. Dept. of Marine Sciences/Geography. University of Connecticut.
2005-2011	Assistant Professor. Dept. of Marine Sciences/Geography. University of Connecticut.
2011-2012	Visiting Professor. Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim Biological Station, Norway.
2003-2005	Assistant Professor in Residence. Dept. of Marine Science. University of Connecticut.
1999-2000	Visiting Research Scientist. Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Science. University of Miami.
1997-2000	NASA Earth System Science Fellow. Institute for Computational Earth System Science. University of California Santa Barbara.

STEERING COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS and BOARDS

Leadership

2024-2026	President-elect, The Oceanography Society. President role 2026-2028.
2026-2029	co-Lead, NASA Network for Ocean Worlds (NOW) to advance comparative studies to characterize Earth and other ocean worlds across their interiors, oceans, and cryospheres
2020-2024	Lead, NASA Plankton Aerosol Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Mission Science and Applications Team. Led the 100+ team members producing aquatic and atmospheric algorithms and products from OCI, SPEXone, HARP2.
2021-present	Lead, International Ocean Colour Coordinating Committee (IOCCG) Working Group on Benthic

	Reflectance Measurements. Producing an international consensus report for the community on benthic reflectance.
2023-2024	Co-lead. Network for Ocean Worlds (NOW) Annual Retreat: Exploring the Science and Technology of Ocean Worlds Across the Solar System: Missions, technologies and instruments between Earth and Planetary sciences. August 19-24, 2023. Wrigley Marine Science Center Catalina Island, CA.
2018-2023	Lead/Member, NASA Advanced Strategic Planning for NASA Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry.
2019-2020	Chair, International Foresight Workshop. Hyperspectral Data Needs for Discrimination of Phytoplankton Groups. Euromarine Funded.
2008-2010	Chair, International Ocean Optics XX Conference. Anchorage, Alaska.

Member

2026-present	Arctic Ocean 2050. Member of International steering committee developing Arctic research priorities.
2022-present	Member, Japan, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ). International Expert Working Group on Marine Plastic Monitoring Methods using Remote Sensing Technologies (SmartMLRST)
2020-present	Member, Australia, International Science Advisory Team for Australian Aquawatch Mission to provide near real-time updates and predictive forecasting – a weather service for water quality.
2024-present	Member, IOCCG Task Force on Aquatic Hyperspectral Remote Sensing. International community working on new advances in methods.
2021-present	Member, IOCCG Task Force on Remote Sensing of Marine Litter and Debris. International community working on new advances in methods.
2020-present	Member, Aquatic Cross-Mission Exchange (ACME), investigating synergies between NASA missions PACE, SBG, GLIMR, and Landsat NEXT.
2020-present	Member, NASA, Surface Biology and Geology Mission (SBG) Space-based Imaging Spectroscopy and Thermal Mission.
2020-2025	Member, Scientific Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR) Working Group C-GRASS coordinating seagrass research.
2019-2024	Member, Ocean Sciences Across the Solar System Working Group. NASA. Investigating synergies between sampling technology for Earth with applications to other oceans in the solar system.
2023	Member, Science Peer Review Board, NASA Surface Biology and Geology Mission. August 2023.
2021	Member, STEREO III Evaluation: Societal Impact Workshop. Belgium. 10/5/2021.
2018-2022	Member, Alliance for Coastal Technologies. Hyperspectral Imaging of Coastal Waters Working Group.
2019-2020	Member, Remote Sensing & Mapping of Seagrass Expert Workshop. Oxford. Pew Charitable Trust.
2019-2020	Co-Chair. Townhall. Hyperspectral phytoplankton community structure. Ocean Optics.
2019	Panel, Townhall on Marine Litter, ESA Living Planet. Milan.
2015-2017	Chair, NASA Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Advance Science Plan Committee for 2017-2027.
2015-2017	Member, Steering Committee and Panel. Belgian Science Policy Office.
2016-2017	Member, NASA Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems Area Priority Science Questions and Measurement Targets Working Group.
2013-2017	Member, IOCCG Committee.
2016-2017	Member, NASA Earth Science Senior Review Subcommittee.
2008-2011	Member, National Academy of Science. Committee on Earth Studies, Space Studies Board.
2009	Member, Naval Research Laboratory. External Review Panel for the Battlespace Environments Focus Area 6.1/6.2 (Ocean Technology) Research Program Stennis Space Center.
2005-2007	Member, NASA Biological Oceanography and Biogeochemistry Advance Plan Working Group

SCIENCE MISSION TEAM MEMBER

2022-2025	Surface Biology and Geology (SBG) Satellite Mission Team Member. NASA
2014-2024	Phytoplankton Aerosol Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Mission Science and Applications Team Member/Lead. NASA
2018-2021	Surface Biology and Geology (SBG) Algorithm & Aquatic Science Working Groups. NASA
2015-2018	Earth Venture Coral Reef Ecosystem (CORAL) Airborne Campaign. NASA.
2014-2017	O ₂ /N ₂ Ratio and CO ₂ Airborne Southern Ocean (ORCAS) Experiment. NSF/NASA
2015-2017	Snow Water Imaging Spectrometer (SWIS) Hyperspectral Cubesat Mission. NASA
2010-2017	Airborne Portable Remote Imaging SpectroMeter (PRISM) Development Team. NASA
2010-2014	Multiple University Research Initiative (MURI). Dynamic Camouflage. Office of Naval Research.
2007-2016	Hyperspectral Infrared Imager (HyspIRI) Satellite Team. NASA.
2007-2009	Southern Ocean Gas Exchange Experiment (SOGasEx). NASA, NOAA.
2004-2008	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer Mission (MODIS). NASA.
2001-2002	Coastal Benthic Optical Properties (CoBOP). Naval Research Laboratory. Office of Naval Research.
1994-2000	Western Antarctic Peninsula Long Term Ecological Research Project (PAL-LTER). NSF.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Strategic Planning

2023-2025	Member, Marine Sciences Strategic Planning Committee
2021-2022	Chair, Marine Sciences Strategic Planning Committee
2016-2017	Member, Marine Sciences Diving Program (MSDP) Strategic Plan
2013-2014	Member, Strategic Planning. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Academic Planning Committee

Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment (PTR)

2026-2029	Member, Marine Sciences PTR Committee
2022-2024	Member, Marine Sciences PTR Committee
2016-2021	Member, Dean's PTR Committee for CLAS
2013-2014	Chair, Marine Sciences PTR Committee
2012-2013	Member, Marine Sciences PTR Committee

Advisory Committee to the Head

2024-2026	Marine Sciences Department
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Faculty Search Committees

2023-2024	Chair. Assistant Professor. Marine Sciences.
2019-2020	Assistant Professor in Residence. Physics Department
2013-2014	Head/Director. Marine Sciences
2012-2013	Cluster Hire for 3 Assistant Professors. Marine Sciences
2010-2011	Physical Oceanography Assistant Professor. Marine Sciences

Courses and Curriculum

2012-present	Member, CLAS Courses and Curriculum
2012-present	Chair, Department of Marine Sciences Courses and Curriculum
2015-present	Chair, Bachelor of Science Subcommittee for CLAS
2020-2021	Member, Ocean Engineering Certificate Committee
2010-2015	Liaison, University Early College Experience (ECE)

Faculty Teaching Review

2024 Review faculty teaching

International Evaluation Committees for Faculty Recruitment

2017 Biological Oceanographer. University of Bergen Norway
2015 Marine Biologist. Norwegian Technical University
2012 Marine Biologist. Norwegian Technical University

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Courses

2021-2025 MARN 1002E/1003E. Introduction to Oceanography with Environmental Literacy (Avery Point)
2024, 2025 MARN 4010/5010. Biological Oceanography (Storrs and Avery Point)
2008-2024 MARN 3505/5505. Remote Sensing of Marine Geography (Storrs and Avery Point)
2007-2023 MARN 1002/1003. Introduction to Oceanography (Storrs and Avery Point)
2016 MARN 4002. Science and the Coastal Environment (Avery Point)
2003-2012 MARN 3014. Marine Biology (Storrs and Avery Point)
2009,12,15 MARN 5898. Light and Photosynthesis in Aquatic Ecosystems
2007 MARN 210. Coastal Systems Science I (Avery Point)
2006 MARN 260/380. Biological Oceanography (Storrs)

National/International Teaching

2023 Network for Ocean Worlds (NOW) Annual Retreat: Exploring the Science and Technology of Ocean Worlds Across the Solar System. August 19-24, 2023. Wrigley Marine Science Center, Catalina Island, CA
2017 Guest Instructor, Ocean Optics Summer Bootcamp Univ. Maine. Darling Marine Station, Maine
2016 Instructor, International Ocean Colour Coordinating Group Third Summer Lecture Series in Villefranche, France
2014 Instructor, University Centre of Svalbard (UNIS) for field course on aerosols. Svalbard.
2013 Instructor, University Centre of Svalbard (UNIS) for field course on ocean color. Svalbard.

UNIVERSITY SUPERVISION & MENTORING

Major Advisor

Ph.D. students: D. Aurin (2010), K. Randolph (2015), B. Russell (2016), E. Scrivner (exp. 2028), Xavier Warren (exp. 2028)

M.S. students: C. Buonassissi (2009), K. Bostrom (2011), M. Mirhakak (2021), G. Trolley (2023), J. Werdell (exp. 2027)

Postdoctoral scholars: J. Turner (2021-2024), S. Garaba (2015-2018), K. Randolph (2016-2018), B. Russell (2016-2019), F. Henderikx-Freitas (2016-2017)

International scholars: David G. Rivas (2022-2024) Trevor Platt International Scholar

Associate Advisor

Ph.D. students: A. Branco (2006), H. Brown (2017, EEB), M. Fogarty (2018), V. Haynes (2019), H. Frye (2023, EEB)
M.S. students: C. Zimmerman (2007, CAHNR), R. Perry (2015), A. Chlus (2015 CAHNR), J. Grzywacz (2021)

Undergraduate Project Advising

REU Students: D. Zitomer (2024), C. Scrivner (2021), E. Perry Summer (2017)

Independent Study Projects: W. Huffman (2017), T. Bateman (2015-2016), C. Kunz (2010-2012), B. Ritchie (2009-2010), M. McNichol (2008)

International/National Thesis Review

2026	Bermuda Biological (U Ariz.), M.S.	2020	James Cook University, Australia, Prospectus
2026	University of Quebec, Ph.D.	2019	University of Massachusetts Boston, USA. Ph.D.
2025	University of Arab Emerites, Ph.D.	2019	University of Gent, Belgium. M.S.
2024	University of Twente, Netherlands, Ph.D.	2018	University of Queensland, Australia, Ph.D.
2023	University of Laval, Quebec Canada Ph.D.	2015	Curtin University, Australia, Ph.D.
2023	Norwegian Technical University, Ph.D.	2015	University of Tasmania, Tasmania, Ph.D.
2021	King Abdullah University of Science & Technology, Saudi Arabia, Ph.D.	2014	Capetown University, South Africa. Ph.D.
2021	Norwegian Technical University, Norway, Ph.D.	2011	Norwegian Technical University, Norway. Ph.D.

Employment of Former Students and Scholars:

Jessie Turner – Assistant Professor, Old Dominion University
Fernanda Henderikx-Freitas – Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii
Graham Trolley – Scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Shungu Garaba – Scientist, University of Oldenburg, Germany
Kaylan Randolph – Scientist, University of Connecticut
Dirk Aurin- Scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Brandon Russell – Scientist, MIT Lincoln Laboratories
Adam Chlus – Scientist, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

GRANTS

Current

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Co-PI. “PACE hyperspectral mapping of ice algae on the Greenland Ice Sheet and potential feedbacks from aerosol nutrient deposition” 8/1/2025 –7/29/2029. ~\$100K to Dierssen.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Lead PI. “Assessment of floating marine debris remote sensing using hyperspectral features in the near and shortwave infrared” 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2028. \$700K.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Lead PI. “Exploring the role of phytoplankton community composition in air-sea carbon exchange west of the Antarctic Peninsula through field and satellite measurements” \$1.7M. 1/16/24-1/15/28.

NIUVT (Navy). Co-I. “Coastal and Offshore Biogeochemical Oceanographic Observatories Enabled with Distributed Sensing.” 4/15/2025.

Revolution Wind. Co-I. “Ecosystem connectivity in the Revolution Wind project area.” 7/1/23-12/1/25

NSF; Co-I. “Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Site Mystic Aquarium: Collaborative Research: Investigating the Consequences of Global Change on Marine Animals and their Ecosystem.” 03/01/2017 – 02/29/2024.

Supervisor Role

NSF. Graduate Research Fellowship Programs (Eva Scrivner). H. Dierssen Supervisor. 2023-2026

NSF. Postdoctoral Award (Jessie Turner). Postdoctoral Fellowship: OPP-PRF: Linkages among Sea Ice, Phytoplankton, and Carbon in the Marginal Ice Zone. H.Dierssen supervisor. 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2025

Past 5 Years

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Lead PI. "Advancing Remote Sensing of Microplastics on the Surface Ocean." \$520K. 3/1/21-2/29/25.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Lead PI. "Quantifying linkages between sea ice, phytoplankton community composition, and air-sea carbon fluxes west of Antarctic Peninsula through field, airborne and satellite measurements." \$900K. 7/1/2020-6/30/2024.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Lead PI. "PACE Science Team Leader." \$400K 7/1/2020-6/30/2024.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Collaborator. "Commercial Sensor Evaluation for Detection and Mapping of Snow Algae." 2021.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Co-I. "FINESST: Evaluation of hyperspectral techniques for quantifying taxonomic and functional diversity in coastal and shrubland ecosystems." 9/1/2020-8/31/2023.

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration; "PACE Science Team: Atmospheric Correction over Bright Water Targets with Non-Negligible Radiances in the Near Infrared"; \$431,771; 11/19/2014-11/18/2019; 1 summer month in 2015, 2016, and 2017

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration; "Hyperspectral remote sensing of coral reefs: Assessing the potential for spectral discrimination of coral symbiont diversity" \$232,740; 11/16/2014-11/18/2019; 0.5 summer month in 2016, 2017

NASA/National Aeronautics & Space Administration; "Coral Reef Airborne Laboratory" \$469,517; 08/11/2015-08/11/2019; 0.5 summer month in 2015, 2016, 1 month 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Submitted

*Connors et al. Submitted. Unveiling drivers of Antarctic primary production using machine learning. *Geophysical Research Letters*.

Oliver et al. Revise and Resubmit. Light stress-triggered phytoplankton bloom collapse in a productive Antarctic coastal polynya. *Science Advances*.

Published or In press (indicates graduate student or postdoctoral scholar)*

Schofield et al. In press. From white to green to blue? Trajectories of phytoplankton communities in a warming Southern Ocean. *Annual Reviews of Marine Science*.

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- Isobe, A, S Aliani, U Andriolo, H Dierssen, et al. 2024. The Guidelines for Harmonizing Marine Litter Monitoring Methods Using Remote Sensing Technologies Version 1.0. Tokyo, Japan, Ministry of the Environment Japan, 89 pp. (including Annex and Appendix). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25607/OBP-2042>
- Thanabalan, P, K Gayathri, M. Hidaka, D. Matsuoka, P. Mishra, H. Dierssen, SK Dash, T. Usha, MV Ramanamurthy. 2024. Spatial Quantification of Marine Litter Using Satellite and Drone Data through Empirical and Deep Learning Techniques—A Case Study from India. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-4255724/v1>
- Goddijn-Murphy, L., V. Martínez-Vicente, H.M. Dierssen, V. Raimondi, E. Gandini, R. Foster, V. Chirayath. 2024. Emerging technologies for remote sensing of floating and submerged plastic litter. *Remote Sensing*. 16(10): 1770. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs16101770>.
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Invited Plenary Talks

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- Dierssen, H.M. 2025. Southern Ocean Bio-optics Workshop. 10-14 November 2025. Hobart, Tasmania. Keynote addressing the bio-optical properties of coastal Antarctic phytoplankton and implications for remote sensing of chlorophyll-a and carbon dioxide uptake.
 - Dierssen, H.M. 2022. Coast Guard's Climate Evergreen Strategic Event. 30-31 Aug 2022. Keynote addressing remote sensing and new sensor technology for advancing Coast Guard priorities in a changing world
 - Dierssen, H.M. 2022. March 8. Coastal Perspectives Meeting. University of Connecticut. Rethinking the Blue Marble – the Colour of the Sea and Sky. <https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/recording/service/sites/uconn-cmr/recording/103ba775816f103ab9cc0050568fa8a9/playback>
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 - Ocean World: Overview of Optical Technology. Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry Summer Workshop. June 18, 2021.
 - Seagrass Monitoring with remote sensing: uncertainty of methods, science needs, future growth. All-Atlantic Summit on Innovation for Sustainable Marine Development and the Blue Economy: Fostering Global Economic Recovery in a Post-pandemic World. October. October 8, 2020
 - New Directions in Ocean Color Research, Invited plenary panel, American Meteorological Society, 2019 Joint Satellite Conference, Boston, MA October 3 2019.
 - How Green is "Blue Carbon": Optics and Remote Sensing of Coastal Vegetation. Santa Monica College. Distinguished Scientist Lecture Series. 3 March, 2016.
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 - Overview of Hyperspectral Remote Sensing for Mapping Marine Benthic Habitats from Airborne and Underwater Sensors. 2014. Imaging Spectrometry VXIII. SPIE Optics and Photonics. San Diego August 19-21 2013.
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Invited Academic Seminars

- Potentials and challenges of SBG VSWIR-TIR in assessing aquatic ecosystems. SBG Science & Applications Technical Interchange Meeting. Washington, DC. May 29 – 31, 2024.
- Advancing remote sensing of marine microplastics. CISE. Ensenada, Mexico. May 10, 2024.
- Exploring the need for hyperspectral imagery: A perspective from Long Island Sound. NTNU. Trondheim Norway. 5 September 2023
- Technology for Exploring Ocean Worlds: Ocean Optics Perspective. NOW Retreat. Catalina Island, CA. 24 August 2023.
- Advances in Remote Sensing of Microplastics. NASA Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Meeting. College Park Maryland, 9 May 2023.
- Satellite ocean color measurements in the Western Antarctic Peninsula: A retrospective analysis. Rutgers University. Palmer Long Term Ecological Research Project Meeting. April 27, 2023
- Filling the gap: Hyperspectral lessons from the great wet barnyard of Long Island Sound. Old Dominion University. April 11, 2023
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 - Better quantification of the “lungs” of the ocean: Hyperspectral remote sensing from the great wet barnyard of Long Island Sound. University of California Santa Cruz. February 12, 2021
 - Foresight Workshop - Data needs for hyperspectral detection of algal bloom diversity across the globe. Euromarine General Assembly. Piran, Slovenia. January 16, 2020
 - Bright Oceans: Differentiating whitecaps, plastics on the sea surface. University of Connecticut. Geography Department. November 1, 2019
 - Google Earth and Beyond: Interpreting spectral imagery of seagrass, corals and other coastal ecosystems. University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, September 11, 2019
 - Hyperspectral remote sensing of bright surface features: whitecaps and plastics. Flanders Marine Institute. Oostende, Belgium. 13 December 2018
 - Assessing Seagrass Dynamics using Hyperspectral Remote Sensing. University of Sao Paulo, CEBIMar. Brazil. Nov 10 2017
 - The 2017-2027 Advanced Science Plan for NASA’s Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry Research. NASA Ocean Research Science Team Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal. May 2017
 - Sources of Backscattering in the Southern Ocean. International Ocean Colour Science Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal. May 2017
 - Out of the Box Applications for Hyperspectral Imagery. International Ocean Colour Science Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal. May 2017
 - Backscattering in the Southern Ocean. University of Maryland Baltimore County. April, 2017.
 - Town Hall: Defining Priorities for NASA in Ocean Ecology and Biogeochemistry. 2016 Ocean Sciences Meeting. New Orleans. 25 February, 2016.
 - NASA Hyperwall: Airborne Remote Sensing of Coastal Zone. 2016 Ocean Sciences Meeting. New Orleans. 24 February, 2016.
 - Global Café: Water, Water, Everywhere. Melding Art and Science. University of Connecticut. 23 November, 2015.
 - Using Remote Sensing Methods to Assess Seagrass Ecosystems and Potential Export of “Blue” Carbon. University of Rhode Island. 15 October 2015.
 - Using Remote Sensing Methods to Assess Seagrass Ecosystems and Potential Export of “Blue” Carbon. University of Connecticut. 25 September 2015.
 - Using Remote Sensing Methods to Assess Seagrass Ecosystems and Potential Export of “Blue” Carbon. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. 16 September 2015
 - Assessing blue carbon from hyperspectral remote sensing. Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS). Brussels, Belgium. 1 July 2015.
 - Airborne remote sensing in high latitude systems. International Ocean Colour Meeting. High Latitude Presentation/Panel. 16 June 2015.
 - Airborne hyperspectral instrument PRISM and observations of submerged aquatic vegetation. 2014 Hypsiri Data Product Symposium. 6 June 2014.
 - Using hyperspectral airborne PRISM imagery to map vulnerable coastal salt marsh and seagrass habitats. 2013 HypsIRI Products Symposium. NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. 29 May 2013.
 - Seagrass is always greener: Optical remote sensing of the seafloor. NATO Undersea Research Centre. La Spezia Italy. 13 June 2012.
 - Akvaplan-niva Fram Centre for Climate and the Environment. Tromsø, Norway. 7 May 2012.

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- Institut für Chemie und Biologie des Meeres (ICBM) Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg. Germany. 28 March 2012.
 - National Oceanography Centre, The Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, United Kingdom. 13 March 2012.
 - Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Trondheim, Norway. 16 February 2012.
 - Coccoliths versus bubbles: Backscattering in the Southern Ocean. Marine Atmospheric Chemistry Seminar. University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography. 8 April, 2011.
 - The airborne sensor PRISM. NASA Ocean Color Research Team Meeting. 4-5 May 2009. Invited Presentation.
 - Remote sensing of seagrass. NASA Coastal Habitat Assessment Workshop. Aug. 2008.
 - “Shedding Light” on the Mysterious Bahamian Sediment Whiting. University of Connecticut. Geosciences Colloquium. March 25, 2008.
 - Seeing Red: The Optics of Red and Black Tides. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Marine Biological Laboratory. Colloquium. 8 March 2007
 - Seeing Red: The Optics of Red and Black Tides. University of Southern California. Biology Department. Colloquium. 20 February, 2007.
 - Benthic Ecology from Space. Bigelow Laboratories. Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Seminar. 6 December, 2006.
 - Parting the Red Seas: the Optics of Red Tides. University of Connecticut. Geography Dept., Mar. 17, 2006
 - Parting the Red Seas: the Optics of Red Tides. University of Rhode Island. Biological Sciences, Sept. 2005
 - Parting the Red Seas: the Optics of Red Tides. University of Rhode Island. Graduate School of Oceanography. Feb., 2005.
 - From melt water to red water: New tools for coastal ocean observing Old Dominion University, Ocean, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Norfolk, VA, October 7, 2004
 - Whittings and Windrows: Optics of the Bahamas Banks State University of New York Stony Brook, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, NY, October 1, 2004
 - Benthic Ecology from Space: Remote Sensing of Seagrass from Different Platforms and Scales. Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory, New York, April 23, 2004
 - Benthic Ecology from Space: Remote Sensing of Seagrass from Different Platforms and Scales. University of Rhode Island. Graduate School of Oceanography. January 21, 2004.
 - Multi-platform remote sensing in coastal waters. Pacific Fisheries Laboratory. NOAA. Monterey, CA. March 15, 2002
 - Remote sensing benthic algal in optically shallow waters. Moss Landing Marine Labs. April 13, 2000.
 - SeaWiFS, Sea Ice and Seagrass: Challenges of remote sensing in coastal waters. Naval Postgraduate School. March 8, 2000.
 - SeaWiFS, Sea Ice and Seagrass: Challenges of remote sensing in coastal waters. University of California Santa Cruz. March 7, 2000.
 - Bio-optical properties of Antarctic coastal waters. University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Marine Sciences. April 28, 1999.

PACE Related Invited Talks

Dierssen, H.M. 2023. May 9. NASA Ocean Color Research Team Meeting. College Park Maryland.

Dierssen, H.M. 2022. April 13. Australia Aquawatch. Overview of PACE mission.

Dierssen, H.M. 2022. April 11. PACE Early Adopters. Challenges and Opportunities of Remote Sensing at the Air-Sea Boundary.

Dierssen, H.M. 2022. March 8. Coastal Perspectives Meeting. University of Connecticut. Rethinking the Blue Marble – the Colour of the Sea and Sky. <https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/recording-service/sites/uconn-cmr/recording/103ba775816f103ab9cc0050568fa8a9/playback>

Remer, L.A. et al. 2022. February 28. Ocean Sciences Meeting. Remer et al. Why PACE is an atmospheric mission and why it matters to you, an ocean scientist

Dierssen, H.M. et al. 2022. February 28. Invited. Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud and ocean Ecosystem (PACE) hyperspectral mission: Synergies in Data, Science, and Applications. Ocean Sciences Meeting.

Dierssen, H.M. 2022. February 23. Ocean Sciences Joint NASA PACE, SBG, GLIMR Townhall. Opportunities presented by mission synergies.

Dierssen H.M. 2022. January 4. NASA Biodiversity Team Meeting. PACE Mission Overview.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. December 7. Bright Oceans and Atmospheric Correction. American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting. Hybrid.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. December 7. Realizing the potential of hyperspectral remote sensing in coastal and inland waters. American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting. Hybrid.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. October 29. Invited. Hyperspectral remote sensing from the great wet barnyard of Long Island Sound. University of Southern Mississippi.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. October 28. NASA Ocean Color Research Team (OCRT) Virtual Meeting. PACE SAT overview.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. July 23. PACE Early Adopters Water Focus Group. Overview of PACE SAT.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. July 8. Realizing the potential of hyperspectral remote sensing in coastal and inland waters. IGARSS 2021 - IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium Article. July. Brussels, Belgium. 8 July 2021.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. June 18. Invited. Ocean World: Overview of Optical Technology. Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry Summer Workshop.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. June 15. 5th SBG Community Webinar. PACE mission overview.

Dierssen, H.M. 2021. February 12. Invited. Better quantification of the “lungs” of the ocean: Hyperspectral remote sensing from the great wet barnyard of Long Island Sound. University of California Santa Cruz. F

Dierssen H.M. 2020. September 23. PACE Applications Workshop. Moderator of Session 4: Connecting with the PACE Research Community

Dierssen, H.M. 2020. Assessing the lungs of the ocean with the Plankton Aerosol Cloud and ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Mission. AGU Fall Meeting. Virtual December 2020.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- New London Day. Article. “Avery Point professor leading a team of scientists working on a NASA mission.” By Eric Moser. March 14, 2022.
- UCONN Today. Article. “Science and Art Combine on Microplastics Research Effort.” By Anna Zarra Aldrich. June 3, 2021
- NBC Connecticut. 6 pm. 4/9/2021. Interview about marine microplastics and PPE. 2021.
- STEM Mentor for Senior Project Internship. Stonington High School Senior. January-February 2020.
- STEM Forum for Girls. Stonington High School. Science workshops for girl scouts. November 2, 2019.
- This is UConn. University of Connecticut Television Commercial. 2016. Featured in the commercial doing ship-based teaching.
- Aquakids Television Show. 2010. Presented field and laboratory experiments on Light and the Oceans. Aired in Spring 2010.
- Women in Science Day. 2016. Mystic Aquarium, Connecticut. Hyperspectral imaging technology demonstration to public. July.

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- Third Annual COSEE-TEK Ocean Science & Technology Day (OSTD). 2015. Mystic Aquarium, Connecticut. Presented imaging spectrometry technology to the public.
 - National Ocean Sciences Bowl, Moderator, Quahog Bowl: 2015, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, Otter Bowl: 2002, 2003.
 - COSEE-TEK Teacher Technology Experiences Workshop. 11-12 November 2012, Presentation and Interaction with high school teachers.
 - COSEE-TEK Teacher Ocean Technology Institute (TOTI), Developed 3-day workshop "Hiding in the Light," for high school teachers based on research. 27-31 July, 2011. <http://www.coseetek.net/programs/TTE/LIGHT/>
 - Research presentation to UConn Board of Director's spouses (2008, 2013)
 - Birralee International School. Trondheim, Norway. Presentation to Year 5 on light and oceans. 2012.
 - Westerly Middle School. Westerly, RI. Presentations and optics and polarized light to 6th Grade classes.
 - State Street School. Westerly RI. Math Week. Presentation on math in my career. 2011, 2010
 - Long Island Sound Foundation. Marine Science Day Conference. Annual Presenter (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011). Presented remote sensing session to groups of 4-8 graders.
 - Tower Street School, Westerly RI. (2006, 2008). Organized and instructed a day-long Marine Science Field Trip to Avery Point for two Kindergarden classes.
 - John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Day. Nov 12, 2005. Two hour-long workshops for 8th graders.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Oceanography Society (TOS)

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

American Society of Limnology and Oceanography Society (ASLO)

International Ocean Colour Coordinating Group (IOCCG)