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Education

Laurea Cum Laude (with honors), University of Milan, Italy (Physics), 1992
Ph.D. University of Washington (Physical Oceanography), 1999

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, IMGA-CNR (National Research Institute, Modena, Italy), 1992–1993
Teaching Assistant, (with C. Bretherton), University of Washington, 1996
Teaching Assistant, (with K. Aagaard), University of Washington, 1997
Research Assistant, University of Washington, 1993–1999
Postdoctoral Scholar, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 1999–2002
Assistant Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 2002–2006
Associate Scientist without tenure, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 2006-2009
Associate Scientist with tenure, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 2009–2015
Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 2015-present

Awards and Fellowships

Leopold Leadership Fellow, Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University, 2013
Bjerknes Visiting Scientist Fellowship, 2006.
Best Poster by a Scientist, Bjerknes Centenary Conference, *Climate Change in High Latitudes*, Bergen, Norway, 2004.
Bjerknes Fellow, Bjerknes Center for Climate Research, Bergen Norway, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.
Ferruccio Mosetti Prize for the best physical oceanography work by a young scientist, University of Trieste, Italy, 2002.
Awarded a Fellowship to attend the Colloquium on Decadal and Centennial Climate Variability, NCAR, Boulder, CO, 2000.
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Cooperative Institute for Climate and Ocean Research Postdoctoral Scholarship, 1999–2001.
Best Student Paper: Honorable Mention, 11th Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics (AMS), Tacoma, WA, 1997.
WHOI Fellowship for the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Summer Program on *Rotating Convection*, 1995.

Research Interests

Dense water formation and convection, poleward heat transport, overturning circulation, freshwater fluxes, climate variability, arctic and sub-arctic regions, air-sea interaction, eddy dynamics, straits, western boundary currents and ice.

Publications

Straneo, F., and M. Kawase, 1999. Comparisons of localized convection due to localized forcing and preconditioning. *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, **29**, 55–68, doi: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/1520-0485\(1999\)029<0055:COLCDT>2.0.CO;2](http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/1520-0485(1999)029<0055:COLCDT>2.0.CO;2)

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Non-refereed Publications

Straneo, F., N. Pinardi, 1992. Ring-stream interaction in the Gulf Stream region. *CNR Technical Report* 9-92.

Straneo, F., 1995. Circulation in a 2D convective chimney. *WHOI Technical Report*, WHOI-96-09.

Straneo, F., and R. S. Pickart, 2001. Interannual variability in Labrador Sea water formation and export: How does it correlate with the atmospheric forcing? *U.S. CLIVAR Atlantic Meeting*, Extended Abstract Volume, 125–127.

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Straneo, F., G. Hamilton, R. Curry, D. Sutherland, L. Sterns, 2009. Did changes in the subpolar North Atlantic trigger the recent mass loss from the Greenland Ice Sheet? *U.S. CLIVAR Variations Newsletter*, **7**(2), 1-4.

Ph.D. Thesis

Dynamics of Rotating Convection Including a Horizontal Stratification and Wind Ring Absorption in the Gulf Stream, Univ. of Washington, Seattle.

Educational Activities

MIT-WHOI Graduate Joint Program in Oceanography

Over the last ten years Straneo has served on the Physical Oceanography Program advisory committee, the graduate admissions committee, the Curriculum Revision committee and the JP Strategic Review Committee. She has taught an average of a course a year, including core and elective courses, developed a new interdisciplinary course on the Arctic System which she co-taught with a biological and a chemical oceanographer, a climatologist and a glaciologist and one on Climate Change.

Graduate Students Advised or co-Advised:

Nathaniel Wilson (PhD Candidate, MIT-WHOI JP); Rebecca Jackson (Ph.D. Candidate, MIT-WHOI Joint Program), Marilena Oltmanns (PhD Candidate, MIT-WHOI Joint Program); Roberta Sciascia (Ph.D. Candidate, Politecnico di Torino, co-advisor), Renske Gerderloos (Ph.D. candidate, Utrecht University, Netherlands – co-advisor); Tatiana Rykova (Ph.D. 2010, MIT-WHOI Joint Program); Pierre St. Laurent (Ph.D. 2010, Univ. of Quebec at Rimouski, Canada); Dorotea Iovino (Ph.D. 2007, University of Bergen, Norway – co-advisor).

Post-docs Advised

Mattias Cape (2014-present); Mattias Cape (2014-present); Ken Mankoff (2014-present); Nicholas Beard (2014-present); Clark Richards (2013-2015); James Holte (2013, 2015-present), Xujing Davis (2009-2011); Dave Sutherland (2008-2009; now Assistant Professor, U. Oregon, OR, USA); Carlos Moffat (2008-2009; now Assistant Prof. at U. of Concepción, Chile), Julie Deshayes (2006-2008; now Researcher at Laboratoire des Physique des Océans, CNRS, France)

Summer Schools:

2010 Advanced Course in Climate Dynamics, Lyngen, Norway. Topic: Ice-Sheet/Ocean Interactions, Principal Lecturer.

2011 Regional Climate Dynamics in the Mediterranean and beyond: An Earth System perspective, Valsavarenche, Italy, Principal Lecturer.

Synergistic Activities

National and International Committees

Co-Chair: SEARCH Land-Ice Action Team; GRISO Science Network (2014-present)

Ice-Sheet/Ocean Interactions in Greenland – U.S. CLIVAR Working Group (2011-2014)

Science Team: Science Team: U.S. CLIVAR Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC)

International Steering Committee: Arctic-Subarctic Ocean Fluxes (ASOF)

Nominating Committee for the Ocean Sciences Section – American Geophysical Union, 2009.

Steering Committee MPOWIR (Mentoring Physical Oceanography Women to Increase Retention) (2008-present)

Reviewer: Science, Geophysical Research Letters, Nature, Nature Climate Change, Nature Geoscience, J. of Climate, J. Physical Oceanography, Atmosphere-Oceans, Deep-Sea Research, Journal of Geophysical Research, NSF, Journal of Marine Systems, Journal of Marine Research, NSERC (Canada), NERC (UK).

Outreach and Science Dissemination Activities

Over the last year Straneo has given talks about her Greenland work to numerous journalists, policy makers (Senate Visitor's Center), independent research organizations (Stockholm Environment Institute) and public outreach venues including several K-12 schools, the Museum of Science Boston, NECN cable network, the Weather Channel and WBZ Boston. Her Greenland research has been featured in numerous media including The New York Times, Der Spiegel, Liberation, The Guardian, German Public Radio and Television and Italian Public Television.