

Colin Evans Bio

Colin became immersed – *no pun intended!* – in studying the potential water impacts of climate change after his then-hometown of Owego NY experienced a 100-year flood, a 500-year flood, and a 1000-year flood in the span of just six years. Colin realized that “something far from normal was going on, and [he] wanted to learn more about climate change to get a better understanding of what is happening and how we can prepare ourselves better for the new realities.”¹

Colin earned his B.A. in Environmental Studies from Wells in 2012. In 2015, he completed a Master’s program in Atmospheric Science and Meteorology at UMASS Lowell.

In 2017, Colin was accepted into the doctoral program in Cornell University’s Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (EAS) and began his studies with Associate Professor Toby Ault’s *Emergent Climate Risk Lab* (ECRL).

Dr. Ault’s primary research focus is drought in the Southwestern United States and its connection to the El Nino/La Nina cycles in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, and Colin contributes to that research work. But Colin has broadened his own focus to understanding how seasonal and longer-term droughts develop in the Northeastern United States.

¹ Source: <https://www.engineering.cornell.edu/spotlights/meet-colin-evans>