



# NCAS-M II News: February 2025

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## NCAS-M II Spotlight



### NCAS-M at AMS Annual Meeting

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NCAS-M fellows and faculty made an impression at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society. Thirty-eight fellows and faculty presented, and two fellows received awards.

Jean Carlos Peña received a Best Poster Award at the Numerical Weather Prediction Conference. Lauren Taylor Received an Outstanding Student Oral Presentation Award.

## News and Announcements



### Jean Carlos Peña Receives Best Poster Award

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Jean Carlos Peña, NCAS-M fellow at the State University of New York at Albany, received a "Best Poster Award" at the Numerical Weather Prediction Conference. His poster was titled "Lifecycles of Coastal Urban Thunderstorms from a Modelling Perspective."



### Lauren Taylor Receives AMS Outstanding Student Oral Presentation Award

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Lauren Taylor, NCAS-M Fellow at Howard University, received an "Outstanding Student Oral Presentation Award" at the 105th AMS Annual Meeting. Her presentation was titled "The Fire Next Time: Investigating Wildfire Disaster Resilience in Lahaina, HI."

### Celebrating Howard University’s Groundbreaking R1 Designation

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The American Council on Education (ACE) announced that Howard University has been officially conferred a Carnegie Classification Research Activity Designation of Research 1, often referred to as "R1." NCAS-M is honored to be part of this historical moment.

### Article Highlight: Tuskegee (Weather) Airmen

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In celebration of Black History Month, NCAS-M is highlighting a journal article from Air Power History that discusses the contributions of Black Meteorologists during World War II.

# Recent and Upcoming Events

- NOAA Skills and Competencies Training | Feb 10-20
- [Extreme Weather Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Summit](#) | Feb 18-21
- NCAS-M II Interdisciplinary Research Seminar | Feb 19 (4-5pm ET)  

Dr. Aara'L Yarber (NCAS-M) & Dr. Andrea Ray (NOAA Physical Sciences Laboratory)
- NOAA CSC Education Experts Seminar | Feb 20 (2-3:30pm ET)  

2025 EPP Pre-Forum Virtual Workshop

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# Opportunities

## NOAA Student Opportunities and Scholarships

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Learn more about NOAA student opportunities, such as the Hollings Scholarship Program and Lapenta NOAA Internship Program.

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