



# OIL SPILL SCIENCE

## SEA GRANT PROGRAMS OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

### TECHNOLOGY USED TO STUDY OIL SPILLS, PART 2

#### SPEAKER BIOS



**Guillaume Novelli** is an assistant scientist at University of Miami-Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Before coming to Miami, I got a PhD in Chemical Engineering and Environmental Processes from the University Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain) on the topic of *Numerical Simulation of Oil Spills in Coastal Areas*. As a member of the CARTHE consortium his research is focused on understanding how hydrocarbons released at the bottom of the ocean will rise and mix in the water column, and how ocean currents, winds, and waves, will transport these pollutants thousands of kilometers from the source to remote coastlines and sensitive areas.



**Adam Greer** is an Assistant Research Professor in the Division of Marine Science at the University of Southern Mississippi working for the CONCORDE consortium. He received a BA (Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, 2007) from Vanderbilt University, a PhD degree (Marine Biology and Fisheries, 2013) from the University of Miami, and further postdoctoral training at the University of Georgia and USM. His research interests include zooplankton and larval fish ecology, planktonic food webs, plankton patch dynamics, and biological sampling technology, particularly imaging systems and acoustics.



**Samira Daneshgar-Asl** holds a B.S. degree in Geomatics Engineering, M.S. degree in Photogrammetry Engineering, and Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography. She is currently a Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Geography at the University of California Santa Barbara, where she develops a semi-automated algorithm to classify supraglacial hydrologic features on Arctic glaciers using high-resolution WorldView satellite imagery. During the past seven years at Florida State University, Dr. Daneshgar-Asl's main research was focused on analyzing satellite images and modeling the movement and fate of natural and unnatural oil slicks in the Gulf of Mexico as a function of air-sea interaction.



**Oscar Garcia-Pineda** is the director of the environmental consulting firm, WaterMapping and has worked with Dr. Ian McDonald at Florida State University's Coastal Marine Laboratory. As part of the GoMRI consortia DEEP-C and ECOGIG I and II, his work involves using different types of technology from satellites to drones to help detect and determine the path of oil on the ocean's surface. His firm provides services in the areas of GIS and remote sensing, deep-water geophysical exploration of energy resources, assessment and monitoring of the coastal and marine environments.



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**Brooke Jones** received her PhD from USM at Stennis Space Center where she is currently a postdoctoral research associate. She is the project lead for the Dynamic Anomaly Project at USM's Ocean Weather Lab, and is a member of the CONCORDE research consortium. Her research focuses on biogeochemical impacts of land-ocean interactions and the development of novel marine surface products derived from satellite observations and ocean model estimates. Her previous projects have included the off-shelf transport of Mississippi River plume filaments, dipole eddy interactions, and hypoxia/anoxia modeling in Chesapeake Bay.