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Mark's primary goal as a statistician is to use data science, Bayesian modeling, and computational tools to identify and quantify climate change. His research generally involves climate, spatial/ environmental statistics, and Bayesian modeling, but he also has interests in extreme value analysis, multiple testing, computational methods, and data visualization.

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In this seminar, Mark will give you a glimpse of what it's like to be a statistician at a federal research laboratory and his career path to date.

