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RESEARCH EXPERTISE and INTERESTS

- **Applied coastal research and engineering**
- **Hydraulic engineering and environmental fluid mechanics**
- **Field and laboratory experiments**
- **Process-based numerical modeling**
- Nearshore and estuary hydrodynamics, sediment transport, beach and barrier island morphodynamics, dune and structure wave overtopping, sediment overwash and beach recovery mechanisms, nature-based solutions to coastal risk reduction, vessel-induced hydro- and sediment dynamics.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Civil Engineering (Coastal Engineering Major), University of Delaware, USA** 02/2007 – 08/2010
Expertise: Coastal, hydraulic and environmental engineering, sediment transport.
Adviser: Prof. Nobuhisa Kobayashi
Dissertation: “Coastal morphological evolution in the wet and dry zone.”
- Master of Civil Engineering (M.C.E.), University of Delaware, USA** 02/2006 – 02/2007
Fulbright scholarship for graduate studies.
Major: Coastal Engineering.
Adviser: Prof. Nobuhisa Kobayashi
Thesis: “Nourished beach evolution on the Delaware Atlantic coast”.
- Dipl.-Ing., Civil Engineering, University of Karlsruhe (now KIT), Germany** 10/2000 – 08/2005
Tulla medal and award (department of civil & environmental engineering).
Major: Environmental fluid mechanics and hydraulic engineering.
Advisers: Prof. Wolfgang Rodi and Prof. Gerhard H. Jirka
- University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia** 03/2005 – 08/2005
German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) scholarship to complete German Diploma thesis at the Water Research Laboratory (WRL) of the UNSW.
Advisers: Dr. Bill Peirson and Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
Thesis: “Experimental investigation on steep rock protected slopes subject to overtopping flow.”

TEACHING and ADVISING EXPERIENCE

**Texas A&M University – Department of Ocean Engineering
(prior to 9/2015: Maritime Systems Engineering Department)**

*Associate Professor
since Fall 2019*

Graduate and undergraduate courses taught:

*Assistant Professor
2012 - 2019*

OCEN 672 – Coastal Engineering (SP2020)
 OCEN 682 – Coastal Sediment Processes (FA2017, SP2022, FA2025)
 OCEN 685 – Coastal Numerical Modeling (SP2024)
 OCEN 400 – Basic Coastal Engineering (FA2012-2019, FA2021-2024)
 OCEN 410 – Ocean Engineering Laboratory (SP2013-2026)
 MASE 482 – Seminar (SP2013)
 MASE 217 – Electrical Engineering: Circuits (SP2013)
 CVEN 365 / OCEN 265 – Intro to Geotech. Eng. (SP2014-2015, SP2025)
 CVEN 311 – Fluid Dynamics (SP2014, SP2015)
 MASE 406/407 – Capstone Design Group Adviser (FA & SP 2012-2017)

Industry short course lectures taught:

- Fluid Mechanics Review – Dredging Short Course (2015-2026)
- Dune Management Considerations – Dredging Short Course (2015-2026)
- Beach Nourishment Review – Dredging Short Course (2024-2026)
- Introduction to Coastal Engineering – Coastal Engineering & Nature-Based Solutions Short Course (2023-2025)
- Inlet and Harbor Hydrodynamics – Coastal Engineering & Nature-Based Solutions Short Course (2023-2025)
- Sediment Transport and Sediment Budgets – Coastal Engineering & Nature-Based Solutions Short Course (2023-2025)
- Cohesive Sediments – Coastal Engineering & Nature-Based Solutions Short Course (2023-2025)
- Coastal Protection Structure Types and Considerations – Coastal Engineering & Nature-Based Solutions Short Course (2023-2025)

Graduate student committees chaired or co-chaired at TAMU:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Date</i>
Sigren, Jacob	Ph.D.	MARB	SU2017	West, Nick	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2014
Alrushaid, Tariq	Ph.D.	OCNG	FA2018	Harter, Craig	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2015
Almarshed, Badreyah	Ph.D.	OCEN	SP2019	Frost, Kevin	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2015
Whitley, Andrew	Ph.D.	OCNG	SP2021	Power, Matthew	M.Sc.	OCEN	SP2019
Tong, Fangzhou	Ph.D.	OCEN	FA2024	Fuller, William	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2021
Turnbaugh, Jaclynn	Ph.D.	OCEN	FA2025	Martin, Craig	M.Sc.	OCEN	SP2025
Joubert, Joshua	Ph.D.	OCEN	FA2025	Gokoglu, Murat	M.Sc.	OCEN	SU2025
Mostaghiman, Amir	Ph.D.	OCEN	FA2027	Lawrence, Aaron	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2025
Razzaque, Sadmina	Ph.D.	OCEN	FA2027	Stephen, Elizabeth	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2026
Ilami, Dariush	Ph.D.	OCEN	FA2027	Kottarath, Ritwik	M.Sc.	OCEN	FA2025

Graduate student committees co-chaired or joined at other institutions:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Department, University</i>	<i>Date</i>
Chardon-Maldonado, Patricia	Ph.D.	Civil Engineering, University of Delaware	FA2016
Wellmann, Nina	M.Sc.	Civil Engineering, University of Leipzig, Germany	FA2014
Gloeckner, Olga	Dipl.-Ing.	Civil Engineering, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany	FA2014
Anarde, Katherine	Ph.D.	Civil & Environm. Engineering, Rice University	FA2019
Van Schaijk, Malou	M.Sc.	Hydraulic Structures, Delft Technical University, Netherlands	FA2022

Undergraduate student researchers supervised:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>UG Res. Scholar</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Tyler, Robert	OCSE	Y	D'Amore, Melissa	MARB
Hennessy, Taylor	OCSE		Vaughn, Adam	OCSE
Myres, Bryan	OCSE	Y	McNeal, Clayton	OCSE
Power, Matthew	OCSE	Y	Sager, Michael	OCSE
Prouse, William	OCSE	Y	Dittmar, Deidra	OCSE
Hinojosa, Zachary	OCSE		Cooper, Trent	OCSE
Booth, Ryan	OCEN		Conner, James	AERO
Hill, Daniel	OCEN		Roddy, James	OCEN
Lawrence, Aaron	OCEN		Neill, Bryce	OCEN
Berckmueller, August	OCEN	Y	Mosquera, Mateo	OCEN
Opry, Carson	OCEN		Kovar, Sean	OCEN

Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware

*Teaching Assistant
2006 – 2009*

- Undergraduate course “Fluid Mechanics Laboratory”.
- Supervised student researchers including diploma and master theses.

RESEARCH and WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University – Department of Ocean Engineering

*Associate Professor
since Fall 2019*

- Teaching, engineering research and service to the university, engineering profession, and community with an emphasis on water and coastal related issues.
- Head of the Coastal Engineering Laboratory (CEL).
- Faculty fellow with the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas (IDRT)

*Assistant Professor
2012 - 2019*

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) – Institute for Hydromechanics (IfH)

*Visiting Professor
2020 - 2021*

- Conducted PIV measurements of rigid stem patch and wake flows in open channel systems.

Gauff Engineering Group (Germany – USA)

- Business development, acquisition, contract execution and project management for the U.S. branch of the German Gauff Engineering Group.
- Project coordination and supervision for U.S. subsidiary company HKC.
- Technical lead for Organizational Change Management project with Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).
- Supervised personnel and lead project work groups.

*Sr. Civil Engineer,
Director of
Business Development USA
09/2010 – 6/2012*

Center for Applied Coastal Research, University of Delaware, Newark

- Experimental investigation and numerical program development related to sediment transport during wave-induced dune overwash and ridge-runnel migration in the coastal zone.
- Independently designed and conducted physical model tests.
- Analyzed field data on wave climate and beach morphology.

*Graduate
Research Assistant
01/2006 – 08/2010*

*Research Assistant
01/2004 – 06/2004*

Institute for Hydromechanics, University of Karlsruhe (TH), Germany

- Designed ocean outfall port (CORMIX and Delft3D hydrodynamic coupling).
- Conducted hydraulic model experiments for industrial water-cooling system.
- Participated in two joint projects funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG): “Experimental Investigation on Mass Transport in the Vicinity of Obstacles within a Flow” and “Large Turbulent Structures in Shallow Water Flows”.

*Graduate
Research Assistant
11/2004– 12/2005*

*Research Assistant
10/2002 – 08/2003*

Water Research Laboratory, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

- Conducted experiments on rock protected slopes subject to overtopping flow (funded by DAAD scholarship).

*Professional Practicum
03/2005 – 08/2005*

SKILLS

Experimental Instrumentation	Acoustic Doppler velocimetry (ADV / ADCP), laser Doppler anemometry (LDA), laser induced fluorescence (LIF), optical backscatter (OBS), laser line scanner, current profiler, unmanned aerial vehicle and ground GPS surveying equipment, capacitance wave gauges, wave maker facilities, ferrimagnetic and fluorescent sediment tracer systems, 2D PIV, directional wave buoys
Computer	Windows / UNIX OS; MS Office applications, MATLAB, FORTRAN, LabView, Maple, Corel Draw, LaTeX, HYBEKA, STWAVE, CSHORE, XBeach, SMS, CORMIX, Delft3D, ArcGIS, FUNWAVE
Languages	German (native speaker), English (bilingual), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)
Leadership	Acquired valuable expertise in personnel management and strategic company development as Director of Business Development USA for the Gauff Engineering Group.

GRANT FUNDING

National Science Foundation (NSF)	Collaborative Research: Ridge-Runnel Post-Storm Beach Recovery – Hydrodynamics, Sediment Transport, and Morphodynamics (PI)	\$110,641 <i>8/1/2013 – 7/31/2017</i>
	PIRE: Coastal Flood Risk Reduction Program: Integrated, Multi-Scale Approaches for Understanding How to Reduce Vulnerability to Damaging Events (Co-PI, PI: Sam Brody)	\$3,722,982 <i>10/1/2015 – 9/30/2023</i>
	RAPID: Hurricane Harvey Rapid Response: In-Situ Barrier Island Storm Impact and Recovery Measurements of Hydrodynamics, Morphodynamics, and Sedimentation across Hog and Follets Island, Texas (PI)	\$36,207 <i>10/1/2017 – 9/30/2018</i>
	US GO-SHIP 2018 (107N) Cruise (A. Whitley)	\$12,113 <i>7/1/2018 – 10/31/2018</i>
	Collaborative Research: IRES: Flood Resilience Program – Integrated Research Experiences to Foster Understanding on How to Increase Resilience in Flood-Prone Communities (Co-PI, PI: Sam Brody)	\$345,815 <i>9/1/2022 – 8/31/2025</i>
	Collaborative Research: IRES: Global Flood Resilience Program – Convergent Research Experiences to Increase Resilience in Flood-Prone Communities (Co-PI, PI: Yoon Lee)	\$424,099 <i>10/1/2025 – 9/30/2028</i>
Department of Defense (DoD)	ESTCP: Comparative Assessment of Total Water Levels for Coastal Military Facility Readiness and Resilience using Numerical Models (Co-PI, PI: Jack Puleo, UD)	\$2,177,395 <i>4/13/2022 – 9/1/2026</i>
Department of Transportation (DOT)	CREATE: Quantifying Vessel Propeller Wash Impacts on Sedimentation in Shallow-Bay Ports and Waterways (PI, CREATE Center PI: Stacey Kulesza, TSU)	\$109,999 <i>6/1/2023 – 5/31/2025</i>
	CREATE: Transportation Access over Dunes: Nature-based Coastal Infrastructure for Flood Protection and Beach Access (PI, CREATE Center PI: Stacey Kulesza, TSU)	\$100,282 <i>6/1/2024 – 5/31/2026</i>

US Army Corps of Engineers (DoD)	In-Situ Measurements of Physical Forces and Biological Parameters in Coastal and Estuarine Systems, Galveston District (PI)	\$99,972 9/1/2017 – 5/31/2019
	Sand Tracer Study of a Nearshore Berm in South Padre Island, Texas - Laboratory Tracer Analysis (PI)	\$46,969 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020
	Hydrodynamic Field Measurements in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (PI)	\$159,213 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2020
	Microbially-Induced Calcium Carbonate Precipitation (MICP) Supporting Nearshore Dellanera Reef Design for Galveston Island (PI)	\$109,988 9/16/2020 – 9/15/2021
	Sediment Dynamics in Shallow-Bay Ship Channels (PI)	\$199,965 7/16/2021 – 7/15/2022
	In-Situ Measurements of Physical Forces and Biological Parameters in Coastal and Estuarine Systems, Galveston District (Co-PI, PI: Tim Dellapanna)	\$130,000 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	NTHMP: Implementing NTHMP-MMS Strategic Plan in Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Products for the Gulf of Mexico (Co-PI, PI: Juan Horrillo)	\$71,679 9/1/2014 – 8/31/2015
	NTHMP: Development of Two Additional Tsunami Inundation Maps and Updating Existing Ones with Maritime Hazard Mitigation Products (Co-PI, PI: Juan Horrillo)	\$178,277 9/1/2015– 8/31/2016
	NTHMP: Development of Two Additional Tsunami Inundation Maps and Updating Port Aransas, TX inundation maps with the full set of tsunami sources (Co-PI, PI: Juan Horrillo)	\$245,325 9/1/2016– 8/31/2017
	NTHMP: Development of Two Tsunami Inundation Maps in the Gulf of Mexico and inclusion of the USGS Yucatan landslide tsunami sources (Co-PI, PI: Juan Horrillo)	\$233,344 9/1/2017– 8/31/2018
	NTHMP: Development of Two Tsunami Inundation Maps in the Gulf of Mexico and inclusion of the Meteotsunami Characterization for Panama City, FL (Co-PI, PI: Juan Horrillo)	\$246,720 9/1/2018– 8/31/2019
Texas Sea Grant (NOAA / US Dept. of Commerce)	If We Lose Follet’s Island, We Lose Coastal Communities and Christmas Bay: A Geological Framework and Numerical Model Study of the Sustainability of Follet’s Island (PI)	\$261,793 2/1/2014 – 1/31/2018
	Guaranteeing Coastal Wetland Survival under Sea Level Rise through Nature-Based Beneficial-Use Dredged Sediment Placement: A Galveston Bay Living Laboratory (PI)	\$297,737 2/1/2020 – 1/31/2024
Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)	Port Aransas Ferry – Impact to Operation Analysis (PI)	\$77,154 3/1/2020 – 12/31/2020

Texas General Land Office (GLO)	CEPRA: Innovative Technology Seaweed Prototype Dunes (PI)	\$148,775 2/1/2014 – 8/31/2015
	CEPRA: Innovative Technology Sustaining Dune Growth with Seabales (PI)	\$239,461 2/1/2016 – 8/31/2017
	CMP: Geological Framework Study of Follet’s Island (Co-PI, PI: Tim Dellapenna)	\$92,712 10/1/2013 – 3/31/2015
	CEPRA: Carancahua Bay Habitat Preservation and Enhancement (TX), Including Full Surveys, Design, and Permitting (Co-PI, PI: Rusty Feagin)	\$30,872 11/19/2019 – 6/30/2021
	CMP: Quantifying erosion and pollution from rainfall runoff on urbanized beaches – Galveston Island study (PI)	\$59,483 10/1/2020 – 6/30/2023
	CMP: Prediction of wetland erosion through remote sensing, field surveys, and numerical modeling (Co-PI, PI: Kuang-An Chang)	\$714,742 10/1/2021 – 8/31/2023
	CEPRA: Nearshore Circulation and Sediment Dynamics on the Upper Texas Gulf Coast (PI)	\$191,552 8/1/2024 – 8/31/2028
	CEPRA: Developing a Framework for Modeling Texas Coast Waves and Validation (Co-PI, PI: Chang Xu)	\$316,868 9/1/2024 – 3/31/2026
Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas (IDRT)	Simulation of Core-Enhanced Dune Evolution for Flood Risk Reduction	\$58,345 9/1/2024 – 5/31/2025
Center for Texas Beaches & Shores	Physical Model Study of Hybrid Coastal Structure Design in 3D Wave Basin using Sediment-Covered Rubble Mound	\$15,000 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017
Wortham Foundation	Process-Based Modeling of Hybrid Coastal Structures	\$25,000 12/1/2020 – 5/31/2021
Coastal Beach and Bay Foundation	Barrier Design and Landscape Integration for Galveston’s West End (Co-PI, PI: William Merrell)	\$25,000 4/1/2013 – 4/1/2015
State of Texas	Research Development Funding: Laboratory Acoustic Doppler Velocimeters and Wave Flume Instrumentation (PI)	\$51,462 FY2013
	Research Development Funding: Field Acoustic Doppler Velocimeter (PI)	\$15,000 FY2015
Texas Institute of Oceanography	Instrumentation Grant: Subsurface Wave Buoy and Current Profiler (PI)	\$15,000 FY2016
Texas A&M University	Global Initiatives 2021 – GEG Match: Flood Resilient Aggies Program (FRAP)	\$10,000 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023

Since 2013 PI or Co-PI on grants totalling: \$11,4527,033

PUBLICATIONS

*Journal Publications (refereed, * denotes supervised student or post-doc):*

1. Robbins, C., **Figlus, J.**, and Dellapenna, T. M. (2026). Implications of subsurface soil characteristics for a planned Texas storm surge barrier. *Journal of Coastal Research* [ahead of print online version].
2. *Turnbaugh, J., **Figlus, J.**, Kamalanathan, M., Labonte, J. M., and Jonkman, S. N. (2026). Increasing rock revetment slope stability through microbially induced bio-cementation. *Journal of Coastal Research* [ahead of print online version].
3. *Joubert, J. and **Figlus, J.** (2026). Vessel wake induced suspension of bed sediment in a shallow bay. *Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering*, 152(3), 04026005, 1-14.
<https://doi.org/10.1061/JWPED5.WWENG-2399>
4. Tso, G. L., Narayan, S., Geesin, M. E., Sirianni, H., Reidenbach, M. A., **Figlus, J.**, and Gittman, R. K. (2025). Oyster recruitment and growth increases wave attenuation by breakwaters. *Scientific Reports* 16(17).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-29349-9>
5. Christiaanse, J. C., Antolínez, J. A. A., Marshall, C. D., **Figlus, J.**, Dellapenna, T. M., and Reniers, A. J. H. M. (2025). Beach groundwater response to ocean processes and rain on a mild-sloping barrier island: implications for sea turtle nest flooding. *Coastal Engineering*, 201, 104795.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.coastaleng.2025.104795>
6. van der Grinten, M. J., Christiaanse, J. C., Reniers, A. J. H. M., Taal, F., **Figlus, J.**, Antolínez, J. A. A. (2025). Wave runup extraction on dissipative beaches: New video-based methods. *Coastal Engineering*, 200, 104757.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.coastaleng.2025.104757>
7. Christiaanse, J. C., Antolínez, J. A. A., van der Grinten, M. J., Taal, F., **Figlus, J.**, Dellapenna, T. M., Ritt, B., Marshall, C. D., Tereskiewicz, P. A., Cohn, N., Majzlik, E. J., and Reniers, A. J. H. M. (2025). Measurements of groundwater, hydrodynamics, and sand characteristics at a dissipative sea turtle nesting beach. *Scientific Data*, 12(1), 123. Nature Publishing Group. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-025-04455-5>
8. *Tong, F., **Figlus, J.**, *Joubert, J. J., & *Fuller, W. P. (2025). Field measurements and numerical simulations of deep-draft vessel wake hydrodynamics in a shallow bay system. *Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering*, 151(3), 04025011.
9. *van Schaijk, M. M. J., Jonkman, S. N., van Berchum, E. C., and **Figlus, J.** (2024). The Shade Curtain Barrier, a new storm surge barrier concept for the San Luis Pass (Texas). *Shore & Beach*, 92(4), 34–38.
10. *Joubert, J. J., **Figlus, J.**, and Mohan, R. (2024). Review of design guidance and past practices of confined aquatic placement within United States harbors and estuaries. *Journal of Dredging*, 21(1): 1–25.
11. Feagin, R.A., Innocenti, R.A., Bond, H., Wengrove, M., Huff, T.P., Lomonaco, P., Tsai, B., Puleo, J., Pontiki, M., **Figlus, J.**, Chavez, V., and Silva, R. (2023). Does vegetation accelerate coastal dune erosion during extreme events? *Science Advances* 9/24: [eadg7135](https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adg7135).
12. **Figlus, J.**, McKee Smith, J., Tomiczek, T., and McFall, B. C. (2023). Editorial: Natural and nature-based features for flood risk management. *Frontiers in Built Environment – Coastal and Offshore Engineering*, <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fbuil.2022.1128508/>
13. **Figlus, J.**, *Sigren, J. M., Feagin, R. A., and Armitage, A. R. (2022). The unique ability of fine roots to reduce vegetated coastal dune erosion during wave collision. *Frontiers in Built Environment – Coastal and Offshore Engineering*, 8. <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fbuil.2022.904837>
14. Huff, T. P., Feagin, R. A., and **Figlus, J.** (2022). Delft3D as a tool for living shoreline design selection by coastal managers. *Frontiers in Built Environment – Coastal and Offshore Engineering*, 8. <https://www.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fbuil.2022.926662>
15. Innocenti, R. A., Feagin, R. A., Charbonneau, B. R., **Figlus, J.**, Lomonaco, P., Wengrove, M., Puleo, J., Huff, T. P., Rafati, Y., Hsu, T.-J., Moragues, M. V., Tsai, B., Boutton, T., Pontiki, M., and Smith, J. (2021). The effects of plant structure and flow properties on the physical response of coastal dune plants to wind and wave run-up. *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, 261: 107556.
16. Feagin, R. A., Bridges, T. S., Bledsoe, B., Losos, E., Ferreira, S., Corwin, E., Lodder, Q., Beck, M. W., Reguero, B., Sutton-Grier, A., **Figlus, J.**, Palmer, R., Nelson, D. R., Smith, C., Olander, L., Silliman, B., Pietersen, H., Costanza, R., Gittman, R. K., Narayan, S., Pontee, N., Donahue, M., McNeill, D., and Guidry, T.

- (2021). Infrastructure investment must incorporate Nature's lessons in a rapidly changing world. *One Earth*, 4(10): 1361–1364. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.oneear.2021.10.003>
17. *Whitley, A.E., **Figlus, J.**, Valsamidis, A., and Reeve, D.E. (2021). One-line modeling of mega-nourishment evolution. *Journal of Coastal Research*, online pre-print: <https://doi.org/10.2112/JCOASTRES-D-20-00157.1>
 18. **Figlus, J.**, Song, Y.-K., Maglio, C.K., Friend, P.L., Poleykett, J., Engel, F.L., Schnoeblen, D., and Boburka, K. (2021). Particle tracer analysis for submerged berm placement of dredged material near South Padre Island, Texas. *Journal of Dredging*, 19/1: 14–30.
 19. Valsamidis, A., **Figlus, J.**, Ritt, B., and Reeve, D. E. (2021). Modelling the morphodynamic evolution of Galveston beach, Gulf of Mexico, following Hurricane Ike in 2008. *Continental Shelf Research*, 104373. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.csr.2021.104373>
 20. *Anarde, K., Cheng, W., Tissier, M., **Figlus, J.**, and Horrillo, J. (2021). Meteotsunamis accompanying tropical cyclone rainbands during Hurricane Harvey. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 126/1, e2020JC016347. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JC016347>
 21. *Anarde, K., **Figlus, J.**, Sous, D., Tissier, A.M. (2020). Transformation of infragravity waves during hurricane overwash. *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, 8, 545.
 22. Huff, T., Feagin, R., and **Figlus, J.** (2020). Enhanced Tide Model: Improving tidal predictions with integration of wind data. *Shore & Beach*, 88(2), 40–45.
 23. Briggs, T. M. R., **Figlus, J.**, Torres-Freyermuth, A., Puleo, J. A., Warren, W., and *Alrushaid, T. (2020). Variability in onshore sediment transport on a natural beach during a Central American cold surge event. *Journal of Coastal Research*, 36/3, 487–497.
 24. *Almarshed, B., **Figlus, J.**, Miller, J., and Verhagen, H. J. (2020). Innovative coastal risk reduction through hybrid design: combining sand cover and structural defenses. *Journal of Coastal Research*, 36/1:174–188.
 25. Smallegan, S. M., **Figlus, J.**, Stark, N., Sasanakul, I., Monslave, L. G. A., Shafii, I., Jafari, N., Ravichandran, N., and Bassal, P. (2019). Post-2017 hurricane season assessment of civil infrastructure impacts on beach and near-beach environments. *International Journal of Geoengineering Case Histories*, 5/4, 47–61.
 26. Stark, N., Smallegan, S., Jafari, N., Shafii, I., **Figlus, J.**, and Bassal, P. (2019). Scour at the seawall in Surfside, Texas, during Hurricane Harvey (2017). *International Journal of Geoengineering Case Histories*, 5/4, 62–76.
 27. Feagin, R. A., *Furman, M., Salgado, K., Martinez, M. L., *Innocenti, R. A., Eubanks, K., **Figlus, J.**, *Huff, T. P., *Sigren, J., and Silva, R. (2019). The role of beach and sand dune vegetation in mediating wave run up erosion. *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, 219: 97–106
 28. **Figlus, J.**, *Song, Y.-K., *Chardon-Maldonado, P., and Puleo, J. A. (2018). “Numerical simulation of post-storm recovery and time-averaged swash velocity on an engineered beach with ridge-runnel system.” *International Journal of Offshore and Polar Engineering*, 28/2, 143–153.
 29. *Sigren, J.M., **Figlus, J.**, Highfield, W., Feagin R.A., and Armitage, A.R. (2018). “The Effects of Coastal Dune Volume and Vegetation on Storm-Induced Property Damage: A Hurricane Ike Case Study.” *Journal of Coastal Research*, 34/1, 164–173.
 30. Torres-Freyermuth, A., Puleo, J. A., DiCosmo, N., Allende-Arandía, M. E., Chardón-Maldonado, P., López, J., Figueroa-Espinoza, B., de Alegria-Arzaburu, A. R., **Figlus, J.**, Roberts Briggs, T. M., de la Roza, J., and Candela, J. (2017). “Nearshore Circulation on a Sea Breeze Dominated Beach During Intense Wind Events.” *Continental Shelf Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.csr.2017.10.008>
 31. Pieterse, A., Puleo, J. A., McKenna, T. E., and **Figlus, J.** (2017). “In situ measurements of shear stress, erosion and deposition in man-made tidal channels within a tidal saltmarsh.” *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*, 192: 29–41.
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AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS and SERVICE

- TEES Young Faculty Fellow Award (Texas A&M College of Engineering) *2018*
- Fulbright Alumni
- Member ASCE, COPRI, ASBPA, ISOPE
- Review Editor for Frontiers in Built Environment *since 1/2021*
- Associate Editor for ASCE Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering *since 9/2024*
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Journal of Coastal and Offshore Science and Engineering (JCOSE) *since 2/2021*
- Member of the Scientific Board for the Short Course and Conference on Applied Coastal Research (SCACR) 2025, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Member on ASCE COPRI task committee on Navigation Engineering education *Since 2/2024*
- Reviewer for a variety of scientific and engineering journals as well as federal and state agency research proposals including NSF panels
- Member of the International Society of Ocean and Polar Engineers (ISOPE) *since 9/2015*
International Coastal Engineering Committee

- Member Local Organizing Committee for International Conference on Coastal Engineering (ICCE) 2018 in Baltimore, MD
- Chair Local Organizing Committee for International Conference on Coastal Engineering (ICCE) 2026 in Galveston, TX
- Voting Member Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC) for the Galveston Park Board of Trustees *9/2012 – 9/2018*
- Recipient of Tulla Medal and Award for best graduate 2005 (Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Karlsruhe, Germany). *01/2006*
- Recipient of German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) scholarship to complete diploma thesis at the Water Research Laboratory (WRL) of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. *03/2005 – 08/2005*
- Recipient of Fulbright scholarship for graduate studies in the United States. *08/2003 – 06/2004*
- ASCE Excellence in Civil Engineering Education (ExCEED) Fellow
- Faculty fellow and distinguished partner of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas (IDRT) *since 2022*
- Member Western Dredging Association (WEDA) conference technical program committee *Since 3/2024*
- Faculty Advisor for ASCE COPRI Texas A&M University Student Chapter *since 9/2022*
- Director of Graduate Programs (Department of Ocean Engineering) *since 9/2024*
- Director for annual 4-day industry short course on Coastal Engineering & Nature-Based Solutions (Department of Ocean Engineering) *since 9/2023*

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