



PROFILES IN DIVERSITY

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ABOUT CHRIS CORNWALL

A Colorado native, Chris Cornwall started working at NOAA Boulder in 1997 as a CIRES Research Assistant, and was later hired to a Federal position working in solar radiation research for OAR's Air Resources Laboratory. He is currently the Senior IT Manager for the Global Monitoring Laboratory, while also continuing his work supporting data collection. Prior to NOAA, Chris worked in solar research for the National Renewable Energy Lab, and Colorado State University, where he had received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. His work has taken him to many exotic locales, including various small islands, Saudi Arabia, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Mediterranean.

In addition to his regular duties, Chris runs the NOAA Boulder Gift Shop, chairs the Boulder IT Council, and helps maintain the popular NOAA solar calculator web page. He enjoys opportunities to encourage young people from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue STEM careers, and believes strongly that workplace diversity is vital, from both a moral and a practical standpoint. Diverse backgrounds inherently foster a broader variety of possible solutions.

He lives in Lafayette with his partner of 21 years (married five years now) and two rescue dogs. Chris currently volunteers as a mentor with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Colorado. In his spare time, he enjoys photography, virtual reality, writing, social distancing, and wearing a mask in public.