Understanding Ice Shelf Collapse

Catastrophic scenes of ice shelves collapsing are powerful evidence of climate change. These ice shelves create epishelf lakes, a rare lake system where freshwater overlies seawater. Assistant Professor Alex Forrest will present on his team's usage of autonomous robotics to explore an epishelf lake in the remote Canadian Arctic and discuss how these "last of their kind" water bodies and ice shelves are rapidly melting. Understanding melting events in these locations is critical in predicting how the environment will react as our climates continue to change.



