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## AMS ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EDITOR

**AUGUST 30, 2017, Boston, MA** - The American Meteorological Society (AMS) announced that Professor Gary M. Lackmann of North Carolina State University has been appointed chief editor of *Weather and Forecasting (WAF)*. Professor Lackmann succeeds Professor Paul Markowski of Penn State University, who served as the journal's chief editor from January 2012 through July 2017.

In addition to his faculty appointment as full professor, Lackmann also served as director of graduate programs for the Department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences at NCSU from 2011-2016. Lackmann is the author of *Midlatitude Synoptic Meteorology: Dynamics, Analysis, and Forecasting (2011, Amer. Meteor. Soc./U. Chicago Press)*. Lackmann's research is focused on the analysis and prediction of midlatitude cyclones and other high-impact weather events, and on how the frequency and intensity of such weather systems are affected by climate change.

*WAF* was established in 1986 and publishes research that can lead to improvements in operational forecasting. This includes research on significant weather events, forecasting techniques, forecast verification, model parameterizations, data assimilation, model ensembles, statistical postprocessing techniques, the transfer of research results to the forecasting community, and the societal use and value of forecasts.

"I can't think of anyone better to take the reins of *Weather and Forecasting* than Dr. Lackmann." said the journal's previous chief editor Paul Markowski. Ken Heideman, AMS director of publications, noted: "Dr. Lackmann has an outstanding track record of service to the operational forecasting research community, and to the broader society served by that research. AMS is proud of the outstanding work our volunteer editors bring to *WAF* and to all of our journals."

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Headquartered in Boston, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across 11 peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 4,000 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of the latest scientific understanding and high-impact research, and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K–12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.