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Gershunov was born in Moscow, USSR, on June 10, 1966. He has lived in California since 1978. He received a BS in mathematics at UC Irvine in 1986, an MS in applied probability and statistics (1989) and a PhD in geography (1996), both at UC Santa Barbara (UCSB). Gershunov taught courses in climate change and tropical meteorology at UCSB before he joined Scripps later in 1996.

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Gershunov is a member of the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, and the International Association of Hydrological Sciences. He has authored over two dozen peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He enjoys human interaction and teaching; he has given numerous presentations at professional meetings, lectures and invited seminars.

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