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Stouffer first came to GFDL in 1977 from the Pennsylvania State University where he received both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Meteorology. During his tenure at GFDL, he has worked closely with Syukuro Manabe, who was the first scientist to develop a numerical model that joined the atmosphere and ocean into a single coupled model to represent the earth's climate system. Since his arrival at GFDL, Stouffer has published a number of ground-breaking papers on global climate change

In addition to his responsibilities as IPCC chapter author, Stouffer is a member and chair of the World Climate Research Program (WCRP) Coupled Model Intercomparison Panel (CMIP), an editor of the journal, *Climate Dynamics*, and has received a number of awards, including the WMO Norbert Gerbier-Mumm International Award (1999), the NOAA Administrator's Award (1996), the Department of Commerce Gold (2002), Silver (2005) and Bronze (2007) medals and four NOAA Distinguished Authorship Awards. He is a member of the American Geophysical Union and fellow of the American Meteorological Society.