

# KARA JAMES

*Meteorologist*



Most of my career has been focused in severe weather-centric markets, where my specialties of forecasting and radar analysis were on full display. I spent four years at a national network, which gave me experience with winter weather forecasting and coverage, along with many severe weather and tropical events. My goal has always been to communicate important and life-saving information to viewers in a calm and relatable way.

## SKILLS

- Baron Lynx
- WSI MAX graphics system
- Baron VIPIR radar

## MEMBERSHIPS & AWARDS

- Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) Seal from the American Meteorological Society (2013)
  - Member, AMS Board of Broadcast Meteorology (2022-2025)
  - Co-Organizer of AMS Broadcast Conference (2025)
  - First female broadcast meteorologist in the state of Mississippi to earn the CBM Seal
- Emmy Nomination, NATAS Southeast: Team Coverage Weather (2014)

## EDUCATION

Masters of Science: Geosciences  
Emphasis: Broadcast Meteorology)  
Spring 2012  
Mississippi State University

Bachelor of Science: Meteorology (Cum Laude) Minor: Broadcast Journalism  
Spring 2009  
University of Oklahoma

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## National On-Camera Meteorologist

WeatherNation

Denver, CO

August 2020 - July 2024

- Forecast, produced and presented daily weather segments and breaking severe weather for regions around the United States using a variety of digital platforms.
- Created special packages for historic weather events and terminology explainers
- Crafted content and articles for social media platforms and website to increase viewer awareness

## Morning Meteorologist

WAPT

Jackson, MS

June 2017-July 2020

- Forecast, produced and delivered daily weathercasts
- Assistant to Chief Meteorologist during severe weather and tropical weather coverage: controlling the radar, offering additional storm analysis, storm report and new information distribution. Notable events: Easter Sunday tornado outbreak (April 2020), Southeast Mississippi deadly tornado outbreak (April 2020)
- Built new weather graphics and converted library of old graphics during graphics overhaul

## Meteorologist and Traffic Anchor

WBTW

Myrtle Beach, SC

June 2015-May 2017

- Forecast, produced and presented daily weather segments
- Primary fill in for Chief Meteorologist and assistant during severe weather coverage
- Notable events: Thousand Year Flood (Oct. 2015), Hurricane Matthew (Oct. 2016)

## Morning Meteorologist

WTVA

Tupelo, MS

February 2012 - May 2015

- Forecast, produced, and presented daily weather segments
- Primary assistant to Chief Meteorologist during severe weather
- Trained and mentored new weather employees to improve on-air presence

## Published Author

- Co-author, "Using a Dual-Polarimetric Weather Radar Simulator to Investigate Microwave Backscatter from Birds", Presented by Dr. Phillip Chilson (University of Oklahoma) at a 2009 Radar Conference
- Portions of the above research were published in the May 2012 Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society article "Partly Cloudy with a Chance of Migration" by Chilson, et al.



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