



FIG. 1. Monthly mean difference in precipitation (mm day<sup>-1</sup>) between the 1979–98 period and the 1950–78 period. Contours are drawn at 1 mm day<sup>-1</sup> intervals. The 100°W and 30°N lines are shown for reference. The 100°W line is labeled "100°W" and the 30°N line is labeled "30°N".