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Education

PhD – 2004 Natural Resource Economics, Division of Resource Management, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. Dissertation title: “Integrating Spatial Analysis and Decision Support Systems for Natural Resource Management.”

MS - 1995 Agricultural and Resource Economics, Division of Resource Management, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. Thesis title: “Prioritizing Acid Mine Drainage Affected Watersheds for Reclamation: A Compromise Programming Approach.”

BS - 1992 Agriculture Business Management, College of Agricultural Science, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Student research: “Small Fruit Grower Willingness to Adopt Alternatives to Chemical Controls.”

Positions

- 2017 – present Professor
Division of Resource Economics and Management
West Virginia University
- 2016 – present Program Coordinator
GIS and Spatial Analysis Certificate
West Virginia University
- 2016- present Faculty Associate
Teaching and Learning Commons
West Virginia University
- 2011 - 2017 Associate Professor
Division of Resource Management
West Virginia University
- 2007 - 2011 Assistant Professor
Division of Resource Management
West Virginia University
- 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor
Joint position with the Division of Resource Management and the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2004 - 2005 Landscape Scientist

- Canaan Valley Institute, Thomas, WV
- 1999 - 2004 Research Coordinator
Natural Resource Analysis Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 1999 - 2003 Principal
Spatial Analytics LLC, Cheat Lake, WV
- 1995 - 1999 GIS Analyst
Natural Resource Analysis Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 1992 (4 months) GIS Technician
Water's Edge Technologies, A Division of Gannet Flemming, Lemont, PA.

Recognition and Awards

- 2020- Davis and Michael Professor of Resource Economics and Management, Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, West Virginia University.
- 2019–2020 James and Karen Caveney Alumni Association Faculty Excellence Award, West Virginia University. <https://faculty.wvu.edu/home/internal-awards-fellowships-and-grants/caveney-award-recipient>
- 2018 Keynote at the West Virginia Water Conference, WATER: Exploring the Understanding, Significance, and Power of Life's Critical Resource, The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of West Virginia Pipelines. Morgantown, WV.
- 2018 WV Public Radio, The Allegheny Front, Interviewed story about the impact of pipeline and well pad construction on water quality. <https://www.alleghenyfront.org/are-pipelines-to-blame-for-decline-in-ancient-salamanders/>
2017. Neuron: The West Virginia Quarterly Journal of Science and Research. Higher Education Policy Commission. Cover story, Stream of Potential with WVU's Michael Strager. Winter 2017. Available at <https://wvresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/winter-2017-Neuron-1.pdf>
- 2016 Nominated for the American Water Resource Association 2016 Integrated Water Resources Management Award. The submitted project was titled "Integrated Water Resource Management to Ensure the Protection of Surface Water Supplied for West Virginia Residents."
- 2016 Best Professional Poster, WV Association of Geospatial Professionals, Annual Conference for the poster titled "Terrestrial Vertebrate Species Distribution Modeling for the Mountaintop Removal Mining Region of Appalachia. Co-authored with Jacquelyn M. Strager.
- 2016 Nominated for a National Food and Agricultural Sciences Excellence in College and University teaching as part of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and American Association of State Colleges and Universities.
- 2016 Expert witness for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for work in response to the 2014 chemical spill in Charleston, WV in January of 2016. The final

- ruling by the WV Environmental Quality Board supported my scientific approach to delineating zones of critical concern above public water intakes.
- 2015 Protecting water resources research was featured in the Association of American Colleges and Universities national production of The Academic Minute posted in the earth science, ecology, and geology section and broadcast on public radio at <http://academicminute.org/2015/05/michael-strager-wvu-protecting-water-resources/>
- 2015 Spring Semester Faculty Development Leave
- 2015 West Virginia University Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award
- 2014 The paper titled “Combining RapidEye Satellite Imagery and LiDAR for Mapping of Mining and Mine Reclamation with A. Maxwell, T. Warner, and M. Pal was the recipient of the Talbert Abrams Award for best paper published in 2014 in Photogrammetry Engineering and Remote Sensing.
- 2014 Faculty Enhancement Grant Award, Kaye C. Daniel Faculty Development, Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Design, West Virginia University.
- 2014 College Teaching Award, Davis College
- 2014 Division Teaching Award, Division of Resource Management, Davis College
- 2014 Division Research Award, Division of Resource Management, Davis College
- 2013 Division Teaching Award, Division of Resource Management, Davis College
- 2013 Division Research Award, Division of Resource Management, Davis College
- 2013 The paper titled “Hierarchical classification of stream condition: a house–neighborhood framework for establishing conservation priorities in complex river scapes” with G. Merovich, J. T. Petty, and J. B. Fulton was recognized as the spotlight article in the Journal of Freshwater Science.
- 2012 Recipient of a Davis-Michael Mid-Career Faculty Development Program Grant. Spatial Optimization.
- 2009 Division Research Award, Division of Resource Management, Davis College
- 2008 Accepted application in a Center for Spatially Integrated Science Workshop with \$1,200 travel stipend to attend *Geographically Weighted Regression* at Penn State University, University Park, PA, June 2008.
- 2006 Accepted application in a Center for Spatially Integrated Science Workshop with \$1,000 travel stipend to attend *GIS and Spatial Modeling for the Undergraduate Social Science Curriculum* at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, June 2006.
- 1995 Outstanding Thesis Award from the College of Agriculture and Forestry 1995, Northeast Resource and Environmental Economics Thesis Representative from WVU.
- 1992 Graduate Research Assistantship, Division of Resource Management, College of Agriculture and Forestry, West Virginia University from Aug 92 through May 95.

Summary of Research Interests

My research interests are in using appropriate spatial and decision analysis techniques to aid in the analysis and management of natural resources. I have applied Geographic Information Systems, spatial analysis, and remote sensing for forestry, water quality, wildlife, recreation and conservation planning. Much of my work has resulted in the development of spatial decision support to aid in prioritizing areas, evaluating alternatives and examining trade-offs when managing natural resources.

Research Grants

Project Title	Investigators (PI listed first followed by co-PIs)	Funding Period	Source	Project Total
Modeling Interdependent FEW Systems in the US and China: Nexus for Sustainability, Markets and Trade of Energy and Agricultural Commodities	L. Elbakidze X. Etienne J. Hubbart M. Strager	Sept 2019 to Aug 2022	National Science Foundation	\$494,888
Critical Planning Areas: Quantifying Water Use and Water Stress Across Multiple Scales	N. Zegre M. Strager	Aug 2019 to Dec 2020	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$50,348
Unmanned Aerial Systems for Pipeline Inspection, Monitoring, and Landscape Analysis	M. Strager P. Kinder S. Grushecky	Oct 2019 to Dec 2022	US Department of Transportation	\$206,920
Development of Wetland Water Quality Standards for West Virginia	J. Anderson J. Hubbart M. Strager E. Kellner	Oct 2018 to Dec 2022	US Environmental Protection Agency	\$453,731
Spatial Decision Support: Optimizing Drone Data Acquisition for Natural Resource Management	M. Strager C. Yuill L. Elbakidze	Jan 2018 to Dec 2023	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture HATCH Accession number: 1015648	NA
Modeling Flood Risk Potential in West Virginia	M. Strager N. Zegre	Mar 2018 to Feb 2019	US Geological Survey, State Water Resources Research Institute Program	\$50,823
Statewide High-Resolution Land Cover Classification for West Virginia	M. Strager P. Kinder	June 2018 to June 2019	WV Division of Natural Resources	\$20,000
Updating Zone of Critical Concern for Source Water Area Protection plans	M. Strager	Oct 2017 to Sept 2018	WV Bureau for Public Health: Office of Environmental Health Services State	\$15,114

Water and energy; applying state of-the-art spatial technologies to minimize impacts to surface water in oil and gas development	E. Merriam M. Strager J. T. Petty P. Ziemkiewicz P. Kinder	Mar 2018 to Feb 2019	Estate of Albert O'Brien Energy Research Fund West Virginia University	\$22,699
Quantifying the Success and Long-Term Ecological and Socioeconomic Benefits of Watershed-Scale AMD Remediation Efforts within West Virginia	M. Strager J. T. Petty E. Merriam P. Ziemkiewicz	Sept 2016 to Dec 2018	U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	\$199,960
Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research: Appalachian Freshwater Initiative (WVU Davis College award listed only)	J. Taylor F. King U. Toledo J. Maher M. Strager is a Research Task Leader	Aug 2015 to July 2020	U.S. National Science Foundation -	\$2,802,173
Delineating Zones of Critical Concern for Source Water Protection in WV	M. Strager N. Zegre	July 2014 to Sept 2016	WV Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health	\$65,432
Stream Stats development for West Virginia: FY16 ongoing support	M. Strager J. Strager J. Fletcher	Sept 2015 to Sept 2016	U.S. Geological Survey	\$25,000
Geospatial Technical Assistance toward the Development and Implementation of a StreamStats Hydrologic Modeling Framework for West Virginia	J. Fletcher M. Strager	Sept 2014 to June 2016	U.S. Geological Survey	\$50,000
Updating Zones of Critical Concern for Source Water Protection in WV	M. Strager N. Zegre	July 2014 to June 2015	WV Division of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health	\$50,000
Delineating Zones of Peripheral Concern to Protect Source Water in WV	M. Strager	Apr 2015 to Dec 2015	WV Division of Environmental Protection	\$30,686
Mapping Stream Corridor Characteristics in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.	M. Strager	June 2014 to June 2015	U.S. Geological Survey	\$60,000
Developing Updated Hydrological Inputs for Streamstats in WV	J. Fletcher M. Strager	May 2013 to Dec 2015	U.S. Geological Survey	\$46,006
Mapping Fluvial Landforms in Floodplains Related to Ecosystem Functions	M. Strager	June 2013 to Dec 2014	U.S. Geological Survey	\$40,000
Development of the Watershed Futures Model Decision Support Tool	M. Strager	Apr 13 to June 2014	WV Water Research Institute	\$41,000

Value Added Data and Models for Streamflow calculations of WV Watersheds	S. Lamont M. Strager	Feb 2012 to Jun 2013	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$32,745
Wetland Modeling in WV Phase II	M. Strager J. Strager	April 2012 to June 2013	WV Division of Natural Resources	\$38,370
Development of a Spatially Explicit Surface Coal Mining Predictive Model	M. Strager	Oct 2012 to Oct 2013	The Nature Conservancy	\$96,459
Predicting fire severity and impacts to ephemeral and intermittent streams after large-scale prescribed fire	M. Strager	Jan 2013 to Dec 2016	U.S. Forest Service	\$26,000
Impacts of Mountaintop Mining on Terrestrial Ecosystem Integrity	P. Wood M. Strager	Jan 2012 to Dec 2013	U.S. Geological Survey	\$52,181
Assessment and mining impacts on ecosystem health and diversity: Subtask 1 Landscape Characterization	M. Strager	Jan 2012 to Dec 2015	Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Science	\$250,242
Value Added Data and Models for Hydrological Analysis of WV Watersheds	M. Strager S. Lamont J. M. Strager	Jun 2011 to Dec 2013	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$105,395
Wetland Inventory of West Virginia	M. Strager J. Strager	May 2011 to Jul 2011	WV Division of Natural Resources	\$34,000
Pilot Test the Ecological Approaches to Environmental Protection Developed Capacity Research Projects C-06(A) and C-06(B)	J. Anderson W. Veselka M. Strager H. Ghadimi L. Lin J. T. Petty T. Katzner D. Welsch T. Miller	Mar 2011 to May 2012	National Academy of Sciences Strategic Highway Research Program II	\$360,628
West Virginia Forest Regeneration Project: Pilot Assessment	D. McGill M. Strager E. Heitzman	Jan 2011 to Dec 2011	WV Division of Forestry	\$18,500
Appalachian Assessment of Natural Assets – Forests	F. Boettner M. Strager J. Deng K. Arano	Oct 2010 to Dec 2011	Appalachian Regional Commission	\$149,911
DNR-Based Population Demographics of Black Bears in Maryland	J. Edwards M. Strager J.T. Petty	May 2010 to May 2012	WV Division of Natural Resources	\$87,990
A Hierarchical Alternative Futures Analysis for the Mountaintop Removal Valley Fill Mining Region of West Virginia	J. T. Petty M. Strager J. Futon P. Ziemkiewicz	Jun 2010 to Dec 2012	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	\$355,628
Development of a Zone of Critical Concern Decision Support System for WV	M. Strager J. Fletcher	Apr 2010 to Jun 2011	WV Division of Health and Human Resources	\$93,247

			Bureau for Public Health	
Kanawha River Basin Nutrient Trading Feasibility Assessment	R. Herd M. Strager A. Collins N. Zegre	Jun 2009 to Jun 2011	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	\$190,952
Appalachian Assessment of Natural Assets – Water	J. Deng M. Strager R. Jackson J. Anderson T. Harris	Oct 09 – Sept 10	Appalachian Regional Commission	\$200,000
An Inventory and Recreational Analysis for Cheat Lake, WV	M. Strager C. Pierskalla	May 09 – Jun 10	Allegheny Energy	\$25,000
WCMS Development Maintenance and Training for FY 2009	J. Fletcher M. Strager J. Strager	Nov 08 – Jun 09	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$125,000
Determining the Scale Dependency of Soil Quality Indicators and Specific EPIC Output Parameters for Selected BMP's Using Field and Map Information – Objective 1 – Areas of Concern	M. Strager	Jul 08 – Sep 09	Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$10,000
Decision Support System for Sage Grouse Management	M. Strager	Jul 08 – Sep 09	Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$22,784
Modeling Impacts of Produced Water from CBNG E&P Activities	J. Fletcher M. Strager C. Yuill, R. Eli	Apr 08 – Jan 10	U.S. Department of Energy	\$342,180
Using GIS Technology to Identify and Rank the Risk and Susceptibility of Sites in the Mid-Atlantic Area to the Emerald Ash Borer	M. Strager J. Strager J. McNeel	Sept 07- Dec 10	U.S. Forest Service	\$100,000
Development of a WCMS-HSPF Groundwater Model Component for Underground Mine Hydrologic Assessment	J. Fletcher R. Eli M. Strager	Sept 07 – Mar 09	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	\$99,963
WCMS Low flow Calculations Update	J. Fletcher M. Strager	Jun 07- Dec 07	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$50,000
West Virginia Wetland Inventory and Modeling Project	M. Strager C. Yuill P. Mazik	Jun 07- Dec 10	WV Division of Natural Resources	\$50,000
WV 244 – Strategies for Restoring West Virginia Streams Impaired by Historic Acid Mine Drainage: Technical Support of WVDEP Implementation of AML	R. Herd J.T. Petty M. Strager P Ziemkiewicz	May 07 – Nov 08	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$472,148
Identifying and Delineation of Conservation Areas in Six WV Counties and Refinement and Customization of a Conservation Area GIS Tool to Assist in County-Level Planning	M. Strager P. Mazik	Jun 07 – Dec 10	WV Division of Natural Resources	\$75,000

Decision Support System for Sage Grouse Management	M. Strager	May 06 – Jun 09	Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$107,350
Development of a Habitat Restoration and Conservation Prioritization Tool for Songbirds and Mussels in the Appalachian Mountains	P. Wood M. Strager P. Mazik	Sept 06 – Dec 09	U.S. Geological Survey	\$169,450
WCMS Development, Maintenance and Training for FY 2007	J. Fletcher M. Strager J. Strager	Sep 06 – Jun 07	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$100,000
Witness and Corner Tree Mapping for Identifying Pre-settlement Vegetation Conditions in the Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia	M. Strager	Jun 06 – May 08	US Forest Service	\$25,000
Effective Strategies for Reducing Nutrient Loads from the Opequon Creek Watershed	D'Souza A. Collins M. Strager	Jun 06 – Jun 09	U.S. Geological Survey	\$100,542
Visual Nature Studio Land Model Simulation and Analysis of the New River Gorge	M. Hasenmyer M. Strager	Sep 06 – Feb 07	National Park Service	\$2,450
Combining a Pairwise Comparison Approach and Statistical Analysis to Aid Land Conservation in the Northern Neck, Virginia	M. Strager	Feb 06 – Dec 06	U.S. National Park Service – Chesapeake Bay Program	\$4,663
Estimating Ambient Water Quality in AMD Impacted Watersheds and WCMS/Updates/Training	J. Fletcher M. Strager Cromwell J. Strager	Jan 06 – Jun 06	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$100,000
Adapting a Landscape-Scale Predictive Model for Cerulean Warbler Abundance to the Central Appalachian Coalfields Region	P. Wood M. Strager J. Strager	Oct 04 – Jun 06	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$12,000
Determining the Scale Dependency of Soil Quality Indicators and Specific EPIC Output Parameters for Selected BMP's Using Field and Map Information	Pena-Yewtukhiw M. Strager	May 04 - Jun 09	Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$30,714
Invasive Species Mapping and Modeling for the Kiski-Conemaugh River Basin, PA	M. Strager C. Yuill	Apr 04 – Dec 05	U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	\$41,000
A Hierarchical Watershed Classification System for Identifying Restoration Priorities and Impact Vulnerability in Mined Watersheds of the Mid-Atlantic Highlands	J. T. Petty M. Strager P Ziemkiewicz J. Stiles	Jan 04 – Jan 07	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results	\$607,566
Wetland Vegetation Monitoring Study Along the Conemaugh River/Reservoir, PA	M. Strager J. Rentch C. Yuill	Aug 03 – Dec 06	U.S. Geological Survey	\$38,421
Parcel Prioritization for the Cacapon Watershed, West Virginia	M. Strager	Apr 02 – Sept 03	Canaan Valley Institute	\$11,000

Bureau of Mines Abandoned Mine Land and Watershed Modeling System	J. Fletcher M. Strager C. Yuill	Sept 00 – Jul 02	Maryland Department of Environment	\$35,000
Wetland and Stream Mitigation Banking Program Feasibility Study	J. Anderson M. Strager J.T. Petty S. Kite R. Fortney	Oct 02 – Oct 07	WV Division of Highways	\$251,726
Parcel Prioritization for the Cacapon Watershed, WV	M. Strager R. Rosenberger	Dec 02 – Jul 03	Canaan Valley Institute	\$19,800
GIS Tools for Cumulative Hydrological Impact Assessment	J. Fletcher M. Strager R. Eli	Oct 01 – Jan 06	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$762,469
Canaan Valley Institute Master Affiliation Agreement	J. Fletcher M. Strager J. Strager	Dec 01 – Dec 02	Canaan Valley Institute	\$80,000
GIS Technical Support for Managing Camp Dawson US Army Training Grounds	J. Fletcher M. Strager	Dec 00 – Jul 02	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	\$42,934
Enhanced Decision Support for TMDLs	P. Ziemkiewicz M. Strager	Apr 00 – Dec 01	WV Department of Environmental Protection	\$101,015
GIS Spatial Modeling Support and Consultation	J. Fletcher M. Strager	Aug 00 – Aug 02	Canaan Valley Institute	\$44,000
Mountaintop Removal Mining and Land Use	C. Yuill M. Strager	Oct 99 – Jan 01	WV Legislature Joint Comm. on Government and Finance	\$45,000
Abandoned Mine Pool Flooding of the Pittsburgh, Ohio, and Irwin Pools	P Ziemkiewicz J. Fletcher J. Donovan M. Strager	Mar 99 – Oct 02	Parsons Infrastructure Technology Group	\$149,945
TOTAL:				\$11,071,148

Working Publications

Strager, M. P., J. M. Strager, N. Zegre. Flood potential and prediction modeling in WV using terrain variables. Water, IN PREP.

Strager, M. P. Forest composition changes in WV. Natural Science. IN PREP.

Wang, J., Y. Wang, **M.P. Strager**. A Multi-Stage Spatial Analysis Decision Approach to Facility Siting for Biomass Energy Production in the Northeastern United States. Renewable Energy. IN REVIEW.

Pourmohammadi, P., **M. P. Strager**, M. Dougherty, D. Adjero. Analysis of Urban-Rural Land Development Drivers Using Multi-Source Spatial Data and Regression Models. Landscape and Urban Planning, IN REVIEW.

Pourmohammadi, P., **M. P. Strager**, H. Ghadimi, C. Yuill, and M. Dougherty. Mapping ecosystem services through land use/cover change; a non-monetary investigation of landscape change trade-offs. Land. SUBMITTED.

Ajanaku, B., **M. P. Strager**, A. R., Collins. GIS-based Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis of Utility-Scale Wind Farm Site Suitability in West Virginia. Submitted to Applied Energy Special Issue on Geographic Information Technologies for Renewable Energy. IN REVIEW

Published Peer Reviewed Publications

60. Oliver, M., **M. P. Strager**. 2020. A Spatial Analysis of high and low farmer participation in the USDA NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance Program. Journal of Water and Soil Conservation. ACCEPTED.
59. **Strager, M. P.**, A. M. Klein Hentz, P. Kinder, S. Grushecky. 2020. Using unmanned aerial vehicles to model surface runoff during well pad development. Journal of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation. ISSN Number 2328-8744. Vol 9, No. 1.pp. 51-69.
58. Pourmohammadi, P., D. Adjero, and **M. P. Strager**. 2020. Predicting developed land expansion using deep convolutional neural network. Environmental Modeling and Software. ACCEPTED.
57. **Strager, M. P.** 2019. GIS&T and Natural Resource Management. The Geographic Information Science & Technology Body of Knowledge (4th Quarter 2019 Edition), John P. Wilson (ed.). DOI: 10.22224/gistbok/2019.4.2
56. Maxwell, A. E., **M. P. Strager**, T. A. Warner, C. A. Ramezan, A. N. Morgan, C. E. Pauley. 2019. Large-Area, High Spatial Resolution Land Cover Mapping using Random Forests, GEOBIA, and NAIP Orthophotography: Findings and Recommendations. Remote Sensing, Vol. 11, 1409, 1-27, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs11121409>.
55. Kinder, P. J., S. Selin, **M. P. Strager**. 2018. Social network structure and dynamics in adaptive natural resource governance: A case study of stream restoration in West Virginia, USA. Int J Recent Sci Res. 9(11), pp. 29,499-29,507. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.24327/ijrsr.2018.0911.2872>.
54. Hentz, A. M. K., C. A. Silva, A. P. Dalla Corte, S. P. Netto, **M. P. Strager**, C. Klauberg. 2018. Estimating forest uniformity in Eucalyptus spp. and Pinus taeda L. stands using field measurements and structure from motion point clouds generated from unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) data collection. *Forest Systems*, Vol 27, Issue 2, e005. <https://doi.org/10.5424/fs/2018272-11713>
53. Hentz, A. M. K., **M. P. Strager**. 2018. Cicada (*Magicicada*) tree damage detection based on UAV spectral and 3D data. Natural Science, Vol. 10, (1). 31-44.
52. Liebermann, H., J. L. Schuler, **M. P. Strager**, A. K. Hentz, A. E. Maxwell. 2018. Using unmanned aerial systems for deriving forest stand characteristics in mixed hardwoods of West Virginia. *Journal of Geospatial Applications in Natural Resources*. Vol 2, (1). 23-52.

51. **Strager, M. P.** 2018. Protecting Surface Water Drinking Supplies in WV with Zones of Critical Concern. West Virginia Emergency Management Approaches. In Valcik, N., and D. Dean – (Eds.), Using Geospatial Information Systems for Public Organizations. Chapter 9, pp. 266-290. Routledge/ Taylor and Francis, New York, NY.
50. Nottingham, A. C., J. A. Thompson, P. F. Wood, **M. P. Strager.** 2018. Mapping pedomemory of spodic morphology using a species distribution model. *Geoderma*. (IN PRESS) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoderma.2017.10.044>
49. Thompson, P. A., S. A. Welsh, **M. P. Strager,** A. A. Rizzo. 2018. A multiscale investigation of habitat use and within-river distribution of sympatric sand darter species. *Journal of Geospatial Applications in Natural Resources*. Vol 2, (1). 1-22.
48. Hopkins, K. G., S. Lamont, P. R. Claggett, G. B. Noe, A. C., Gellis, C. B. Lawrence, M. J. Metes, J. M. Strager, **M. P. Strager.** 2018. Stream Channel and Floodplain Metric Toolbox: U.S. Geological Survey data release, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7X34WF4>.
47. **Strager, M. P.,** Hentz, A., Strager, J. M., Kinder, P., Kimmet, J. 2017. Use of UAVs for the Inventory and Analysis of Stream Habitat. Wildtrout 2017. <https://www.wildtroutsymposium.com/>
46. Dhami, I., J. Deng, **M. P. Strager,** J. Conley. 2017. Suitability-sensitivity analysis of nature-based tourism using geographic information systems and analytic hierarchy process. *Journal of Ecotourism*. 16(1):41-68.
45. Tri, A. N., J. W. Edwards, C. W. Ryan, C. P. Carpenter, P. C. Carr, M. A. Tennent, **M. P. Strager,** J. T. Petty. 2017. Harvest rates and cause-specific mortality of American black bears in the wildland-urban interface of the Mid-Atlantic region, USA. *URSU*, 28(2):1-13.
44. **Strager, M. P.,** M. Thomas -Van Gundy, A. E. Maxwell. 2016. Predicting post-fire change in West Virginia, USA from remotely-sensed data. *Journal of Geospatial Applications in Natural Resources*. 1(2): 1-17.
42. Maxwell, A. E., T. Warner, **M. P. Strager.** 2016. Predicting palustrine wetland probability using random forest machine learning and digital elevation data-derived terrain variables. *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*. 82(6):437–447.
42. Merriam, E. R., Petty, J. T., **M. P. Strager.** 2016. Watershed planning within a quantitative scenario analysis framework. *Journal of Visual Experiments* (113), e54095, doi:10.3791/54095.
41. Tri, A. N., J. W. Edwards, **M. P. Strager,** J. T. Petty, C. W. Ryan, C. P. Carpenters, M. A. Ternent, P. C. Carr. 2016. Habitat use by American black bears in the urban-wildland interface of the Mid-Atlantic, USA. *Ursus*. 27(1):45-56.
40. Dhami, I., J. Deng, **M. P. Strager,** J. Conley. 2016. Suitability-sensitivity analysis of nature-based tourism using geographic information systems and analytic hierarchy process. *Journal of Ecotourism*. pp. 1-28. doi:10.1080/14724049.2016.1193186. Available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14724049.2016.1193186>.

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38. Pitchford, J., **M. P. Strager**, A. Riley, L. Lin, and J. T. Anderson. 2015. Modelling streambank erosion potential using maximum entropy in a central Appalachian watershed. *Proceedings of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences* 367:122-127. Gottingen: Copernicus GmbH.
37. Maxwell, A. E., T. Warner, **M. P. Strager**, J. Conley. 2015. Assessing machine learning algorithms and image- and LiDAR-derived variables for GEOBIA classification of mining and mine reclamation. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*. 36(4):954-978. doi: 10.1080/01431161.2014.1001086.
36. Shultz, C., J. C. Hall, **M. P. Strager**. 2015. Production of wind energy and agricultural land values: Evidence from Pennsylvania. *Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly*. 64(2): 267-274.
35. Merriam, E. R., J. T. Petty, **M. P. Strager**, A. E. Maxwell and P. F. Ziemkiewicz. 2015. Complex contaminant mixtures in multistressor Appalachian riverscapes. *Environmental Toxicology Chemistry*, 34(11):2603–2610. doi:10.1002/etc.3101.
34. Becker, A. D., P. B. Wood, **M. P. Strager**, C. Mazarella. 2015. Impacts of mountaintop mining on terrestrial ecosystem integrity: identifying landscape thresholds for avian species in the central Appalachians, United States. *Landscape Ecology*. 30:339–356. DOI 10.1007/s10980-014-0134-8.
33. Merriam, E. R., J. T. Petty, **M. P. Strager**, A. E. Maxwell, and P. F. Ziemkiewicz, 2015. Landscape-based cumulative effects models for predicting stream response to mountaintop mining in multi-stressor Appalachian watersheds. *Freshwater Science*, 34(3): 1006-1019.
32. Maxwell, A. E., **M. P. Strager**, T. A. Warner, N. P. Zegre, C. B. Yuill. 2014. Comparison of NAIP orthophotography and RapidEye satellite imagery for mapping of mining and mine reclamation. *GIScience and Remote Sensing*. 51(3): 301-320. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15481603.2014.912874>.
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Environmental Management Software

The following systems were designed to aid in the management of water resources, perform landscape analysis, and help guide land conservation and planning.

Lake Management Information System, 2019

A web-based lake management information system was developed for Cheat Lake to allow Cube Hydro, the hydropower operator of Cheat Lake to better manage recreational assets and environmental quality at the lake.

Stream Channel and Floodplain Metric Toolbox, 2018

The Stream Channel and Floodplain Metric Toolbox was developed to demonstrate the feasibility of mapping fluvial geomorphic features from high-resolution bare-earth elevation data. A Python toolbox for ArcGIS was built to calculate key metrics describing channel and floodplain geometry. The link to the software

<https://www.sciencebase.gov/catalog/item/59fb02d2e4b0531197b1618a>

WV Surface Water Time of Travel Tool, 2016

This system was developed for the WV Department of Health and the WV Department of Environmental Protection to allow users to query upstream travel times from surface water intake locations to analyze potential threats from spills to drinking water supplies. The framework was based on Strager (2012).

Fish Habitat Decision Support Tool, 2016

In collaboration with Downstream Strategies and Critigen, this decision support tool integrates spatial data, fish habitat models, and a prioritization model to allow alternative future scenarios to be run interactively. My role was to design and build the ranking tool and scenario analysis components as well as the cumulative hydrological analysis of watersheds. The foundation behind this tool was from Strager et al. (2009), Strager et al. (2010), and Merriam et al. (2015). Available at: <http://www.fishhabitattool.org/>.

Spatial Weights Land Conservation Tool, 2014

This analysis tool was created to easily incorporate user input for resource objectives and criteria preferences and output areas for land conservation for consensus building. The foundation behind this tool was from Strager and Rosenberger (2006) (2007).

Watershed Futures Modeler, 2013

This spatial decision support system runs within the GIS platform of ArcGIS and allows resource managers to interactively select segment level watersheds and run boosted regression trees modeling through the R statistical program. The results allow resource managers to determine water quality impacts from changing land cover and use patterns throughout a watershed. The Watershed Futures Modeler has been copy written.

Segment Level Watershed Conductivity Model, 2010

An ArcGIS extension for estimating instream conductivity as a result of mine disturbance. It was originally calibrated for the Coal River Watershed of West Virginia. It includes model output from boosted regression tree analysis.

Sage Grouse Decision Support System ArcGIS 9.x extension, 2009

Developed for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, this extension to ArcGIS allows analysts to input and combine raster datasets for prioritizing habitat corridors for Sage Grouse in Wyoming. It integrates the raster datasets with the Maxent Bayesian statistical model.

Overlay Analyst, 2009

This ArcGIS extension was developed for the WV Division of Natural Resources to prioritize and rank landscape areas for conservation. It allows users to aggregate and filter results as well as find multiple function areas that meet multiple objectives and criteria.

Cheat Lake Recreational Inventory System, 2009

Using ArcExplorer, this customized software program allows Allegheny Energy to inventory their leased property at Cheat Lake, WV and integrate a rating system for developing a water-based opportunity spectrum and carrying capacity analysis for better recreational management.

Mass Balance Accumulator ArcGIS 9 extension, 2008

An ArcGIS 9 extension currently in beta status to accumulate upstream attributes for segment-level watersheds and provide mass balance water quality analysis and acid mine drainage treatment cost. It was developed in collaboration with the WV Water Research Institute.

Spatial Compromise Programming ArcGIS 9 extension, 2006

This ArcGIS 9 extension was designed as an optimization tool for ranking spatial features with the compromise programming algorithm. It has been applied to county level parcel ranking for conservation planning and identifying high value landscape areas.

Watershed Characterization and Modeling System 8, 2004

Developed for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Mining and Reclamation, Charleston, WV, this watershed modeling system provides hydrological analysis and water quality prediction tools for watershed managers throughout WV.

Cacapon and Lost River Modeling System, 2003

Developed for the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust and the Canaan Valley Institute, Thomas, WV, this GIS based application allows the Land Trust to evaluate parcels for easement acquisition for rural heritage, water quality, forestry, and agricultural conservation objectives.

St Mary's County Storm Water Management System, 2003

This modeling system integrates spatial data and engineering equations (TR-20 and TR-55) for urban storm water runoff management in St Mary's County, MD. It was developed for the US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, MD.

The Landscape Analyst, 2002

Co-developed and designed with the Canaan Valley Institute, Thomas, WV, this ArcView 3 extension combines landscape ecology indices, water quality prediction tools, and a development model for prediction future growth patterns from urban areas.

Western Maryland Watershed Characterization and Modeling System, 2001

Developed for the Maryland Department of the Environmental, Bureau of Mines, Frostburg, MD, this watershed modeling system provides hydrological analysis and water quality prediction tools for watershed managers throughout Western MD.

Kiski-Conemaugh Forest Management and Analysis Tool, 2000

This ArcView 3 extension was designed to calculate landscape indicators including forest fragmentation, edge, and core areas for wildlife management and ranking watersheds for conservation. Developed for the Kiski-Conemaugh River Basin Alliance, Windber, PA.

Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment Extension, 2000

Developed for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Mining and Reclamation, Charleston, WV, this watershed modeling system provides managers with tools to analyze potential mining permits and their effects throughout WV.

Kiski-Conemaugh Watershed Modeling System, 1999

Developed for the Kiski-Conemaugh River Basin Alliance, Windber, PA, this watershed modeling system provides hydrological analysis and water quality prediction tools for watershed managers in the Kiski-Conemaugh Watershed.

The Strategic Multi-Use Application and Remediation Tool, 1998

Developed for the West Virginia High Tech Consortium, Fairmont, WV, this system uses spatial locations of future road construction cut and fills and calculates volumetric results and the coal seams impacted. Results are presented in interactive 3D visualizations.

West Virginia Abandoned Mine Land Information System, 1996

Developed for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Mining and Reclamation, Nitro, WV, this management system provides query, update and retrieval of the spatial and tabular abandoned mine land information in WV.

Meadow River Wetlands Assessment and Ranking Model, 1995

Using parcel boundaries and landscape information in the Meadow River Watershed, this system prioritizes locations for wetland wildlife habitat using preference weights and input from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Elkins, WV.

Invited Presentations at Scientific Meetings (*denotes presenter)

2020

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2019

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Pourmohammadi*, P., M. P. Strager. An Application of High Performance Computing (HPC) and Deep-Learning in Predicting Developed Land Expansion in an Appalachian Watershed. American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, April 3-7, 2019.

Cribari*, V., M. P. Strager. Assessing Long Term Changes and Landscape Disturbances in the Headwaters of Big Coal River. Nature and Society Facing the Anthropocene Challenges and Perspectives for Landscape Ecology, International Association for Landscape Ecology, Milan, Italy, July 1-5, 2019.

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Strager*, M. P., N. Zegre. A Two-Scaled Approach for Flood Susceptibility Prediction in Appalachia. Appalachian Freshwater Initiative Meeting, Huntington, WV, June 11-13, 2019.

Evans*, A. L., J. W. Edwards, C. W. Ryan, C. T. Rota, and M. P. Strager. Post-release movements of reintroduced elk in West Virginia. American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society Joint Annual Conference, Reno, NV, September 29 – October 3, 2019.

2018

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Klein*, A. M. K., A. P. D. Corte, S P Netto, M. P. Strager, E. R. Schoeniger. 2018. The Development of an automated tree detection tool using UAV-based datasets. ForestSAT Conference Entering a New Era in Forest Observation and Analysis, College Park, Maryland, October 1-5, 2018.

Strager*, M. P., N. Zegre. Terrain derivatives to aid in flood forecasting. AWRA Spring Specialty Conference GIS and Water Resources X: Spatial Analysis of Watersheds: Ecological, Hydrological, and Societal Responses, Orlando, Florida, April 22 – 25, 2018.

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Summary of Teaching

Most of my teaching interests parallel my research interests. My courses fundamentally focus on how to take spatial data and develop it into information and then to aid in decision making. I teach applied courses using geospatial technologies for natural resource management. My teaching approach is based on integrating the presentation of appropriate theory and techniques with applied problem solving for timely local and regional issues. All of the courses listed below except for ARE 629 and FOR 326 are original offerings I initiated. My typical yearly teaching load is 4 classes in the Spring and two in the Fall.

Teaching Experience

RESM 545 Spatial Hydrology (taught 2014 – present)

This course is co-taught with Nicolas Zegre (10%) and focuses on advanced watershed analysis and hydrological modeling with GIS. The main part of the hydrological cycle that is analyzed includes the surface runoff and transport of water across the landscape in a fate transport advection conversion context.

RESM 540 Geospatial Modeling (formerly Spatial Statistics and Regression (taught 2011 – present)

This course covers point pattern analysis, spatial autocorrelation, hot spot analysis, interpolation and kriging methods, and geographically weighted regression. It is an interdisciplinary graduate course which helps students analyze their spatial data.

ARE 629 Quantitative Methods (taught 2011 –2014)

This course focuses on applied decision science and optimization techniques to complement economic and policy analysis. We focus mainly on the mechanics of implementing mathematical programming techniques to aid in decision-making most commonly known as management science or operations research.

RESM 575 Advanced Spatial Analysis (taught 2006- present)

An interdisciplinary course designed to develop advanced Geographic Information System (GIS) and spatial analysis skills while focusing on the use of natural resource and environmental data.

FOR 326 Remote Sensing of the Environment (taught 2006- present)

Undergraduate course introducing remote sensing technology with a focus on applications in forestry and land use management.

RESM 440 Foundations for Applied GIS (taught 2007 - present)

This introductory GIS course builds a foundation of necessary spatial and quantitative analysis methods by emphasizing acquisition, management, manipulation, and analysis of data for the solution of spatial problems. This course is designed to build confidence and familiarity in students with the use of GIS technology with timely and appropriate local applications.

RESM 441 Applied GIS for the Natural Sciences (taught 2007 - present)

The goal of this two credit course is to demonstrate the use of GIS to aid in environmental and natural resource management. The course builds on the foundations of GIS and covers methods to solve problems in forestry, wildlife management, watershed management, landscape ecology, and natural resources applications.

RESM 442 Applied GIS for the Social Sciences (taught by J. M. Strager)

The focus of this one credit course is to on GIS use in the social sciences. Specifically, the course introduces students to GIS analysis methods applied to problems in business and marketing, community planning and development, health care, crime analysis, environmental justice, recreation, and other applications.

RESM 444 Advanced GIS for Natural Resource Management (taught 2019 – present)

Provides advanced training using geographic information systems to address the spatial issues of managing natural resources.

RESM 640 GIS Use for Aquatic Resource Management (taught 2008 to 2012)

This course covers basic methods of aquatic ecosystem characterization and data collection using GIS. In addition, this course also focuses on integrating the analysis capabilities of a GIS with aquatic concepts and models to provide additional insights and information for management.

RESM 585 GIS and Spatial Analysis Project (taught 2016 to present)

This class is primarily intended to provide the capstone experience toward the completion of the Graduate Certificate in GIS and Spatial Analysis. The class is an opportunity for students to pursue a research interest in the spatial sciences with development of an applied spatial project and paper.

Program Development

WVU Graduate Certificate in GIS and Spatial Analysis (effective August 2016).

As the lead on the Graduate Certificate in GIS and Spatial Analysis my intent was to augment the educational tracks of a wide number of students from across West Virginia University with the ability to analyze spatial data at an advanced level. The program provides advanced teaching, research and academic program support for the development of applications of applied GIS and spatial analysis across multiple disciplines. In addition to providing a more focused and deeper treatment of these skills, the certificate program provides recognition for mastery of these tools. I am currently serving as the Program Coordinator of this certificate in which I review all submitted plans of study and guide the students through the completion of the capstone experience (RESM 585) which includes proposal and final project/paper.

National Conservation and Training Center

During the past 11 years, I have been involved with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. I have offered courses in Advanced GIS, Watershed Analysis and Hydrological Modeling, and taught sections of the Species Distribution Modeling course at the NCTC.

WVU Course Development

Course name and credits	Year approved by Faculty Senate	Developed in online format
RESM 444 Advanced GIS Natural Resources	2017	2020
RESM 440 Foundations of Applied GIS 3 credits	2016	2016
RESM 440 Foundations of Applied GIS 2 credits	2009	2015
RESM 441 Applied GIS: Natural Science 2 credits	2011	2015
RESM 442 Applied GIS: Social Science 2 credits	2011	
RESM 444 Advanced GIS for Natural Resource Mgmt	2017	2019
RESM 445/545 Spatial Hydrology 3 credits	2016	2016
RESM 540 Geospatial Modeling 3 credits	2015	2016
RESM 575 Spatial Analysis for Resource Management	2006	
RESM 640 GIS for Aquatic Resource Management	2011	
RESM 585 GIS and Spatial Analysis Project	2016	
FOR 326 Remote Sensing of the Environment	1999	2016

Short Courses and Workshops:

Gunpowder Watershed Conservation Plan Workshop

Presented results and explanation for the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy survey and modeling approach to identify priority lands for easement acquisition. Workshop was held in Baltimore, MD and sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. October 5, 2016.

Capital Region Land Conservation Strategic Planning Workshop

Responsible for leading a discussion of selecting evaluation criteria, weighting using the Analytical Hierarchy Process, and integrated them with spatial data for conservation planning.

Workshop was held in Richmond, VA and sponsored by the Defenders of Wildlife. April 15-17, 2009.

Lower Shore Land Conservation Strategic Planning Workshop

Responsible for leading a discussion of selecting evaluation criteria, weighting using the Analytical Hierarchy Process, and integrated them with spatial data for conservation planning. Workshop was held in Salisbury, MD and sponsored by the Defenders of Wildlife. May 13-15, 2009.

Geostatistical Analyst Workshop

Invited Workshop Instructor for the 2009 National Fish and Wildlife Service GIS Workshop held at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. March 25, 2009.

Demonstration of GIS and Spatial Analysis in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

Organized workshop with Bill Fischer of Oklahoma State University for the Southern Division of American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, Wheeling, WV, Mar 1-2, 2008.

Watershed Characterization and Modeling System (WCMS) Training Class

Two day training course covering watershed modeling and GIS hydrological concepts in the WCMS software, developed and taught for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Mining and Reclamation, May 18-19, 2000, June 15-16, 2004, June 21-26, 2005, Nov 30, 2007.

Multi-Criteria Analysis for Land Use Planning: Theory and Techniques

Half day workshop covering basics of multi-criteria analysis and applications to land use planning integrating smart growth and stakeholder input. Developed for the Canaan Valley Institute Outreach and Highlands Action Program Team, July 22, 2004.

Cumulative Hydrological Impact Assessment ArcView 3 Extension Training Class

One day training course for analyzing impacts of potential mine permits in WV watersheds using the CHIA ArcView 3 GIS extension. Developed and taught for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Mining and Reclamation WV, July 10, 2000.

Introduction to ArcView 3x for Natural Resource Management

As an authorized instructor for the ESRI based Introduction to ArcView 3x two day training course (exercises were rewritten to use West Virginia datasets), I have co-taught over 150 students since 1997.

Watershed Analysis and Hydrological Modeling

This course was offered as a one week 3 credit hour opportunity for US Fish and Wildlife Service personnel to extend their geospatial modeling capabilities to the area of watershed analysis and modeling with GIS. I first taught this course in October of 2014.

Professional Development

2018 National Energy Conference: Climate Issues Update, Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackwater, West Virginia University Law School, Morgantown, WV.

2016 GIS Support for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling and Analyses day long workshop presented at the American Water Resources Association Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.

- 2015 Land Use Change Science: Lessons Learned from Applications of Using the Land Transformation Model day long workshop presented at the American Association of Geographers, Chicago Ill
- 2015 Terra Populus Training workshop at the Association of American Geographers in Chicago, Ill.
- 2015 Camtasia Software Training workshop sponsored by TechSmith and offered in Washington, DC.
- 2009 Ecological Modeling and Decision Support Systems two hour workshop taught by Keith Reynolds at the ESRI Users Conference, San Diego CA.
- 2009 Spatial Statistics I, Intro to Spatial Pattern Analysis taught by Kevin Johnston at the ESRI Users Conference, San Diego CA.
- 2009 Spatial Statistics II, Ordinary Least Squares and Geographically Weighted Regression taught by Kevin Johnston at the ESRI Users Conference, San Diego CA.
- 2008 Globally Weighted Regression week long workshop taught by Stewart Fotheringham, Chris Brundson, Martin Charlton at the Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2007 Bayesian Statistics semester long workshop taught by Dr. Wayne Thogmartin from the USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Science Center.
- 2006 GIS and Spatial Modeling for the Undergraduate Social Science Curriculum, Spatial Perspectives on Analysis for Curriculum Enhancement, six day workshop, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2005 Quantitative Geospatial Analysis in GIS, GEOTEC one day conference workshop, Vancouver, BC
- 2003 Watershed and Water Quality Management, Penn State Land Analysis Laboratory, three day workshop, University Park, PA
- 2002 Advanced ArcGIS 8, ESRI Training Course, five day workshop, Thomas, WV
- 2001 Terrain Analysis, ESRI Users Conference, ½ day workshop, San Diego, CA
- 2000 GIS Hydro–Water Resources Object Model, ESRI Users Conference, ½ day workshop, San Diego, CA
- 2000 Fuzzy Logic and Applications in GIS, ESRI Users Conference, 1 day workshop, San Diego, CA
- 1999 Assessing the Accuracy of GIS Information Created from Remotely Sensed Data: Principles and Practices, 1 day workshop, ASPRS Workshop Portland, OR
- 1997 ESRI Authorized GIS Instructor for ArcView 3x
- 1996 Environmental Resources Imagery, GIS/LIS Conference, 1 day workshop, Denver, CO
- 1996 Avenue Programming, five day ESRI Training Course, Vienna, VA
- 1995 Customizing Arc/Info with AML, five day ESRI Training Course, Vienna, VA

Professional Activity / Service

Reviewer: Environmental Practice (Journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals), Journal of Forest Science, Landscape Ecology, Journal of Environmental Management, Ecological Economics, Land Economics, Environmental Systems and Decisions, Forests, Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, Journal of Water Resources, International Journal of Geographical Information Science, Landscape and Urban Planning, Computers and Geosciences, Education Research Journal, US Geological Survey, Environment Development and Sustainability, Land Economics, Applied Geography, Nature Sustainability, Restoration Ecology, Conservation Biology

- US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, Agricultural Land Easements Subcommittee of the West Virginia State Technical Committee.
- Member of the Pipeline Compliance Surveillance Initiative with the Allegheny Blue Ride Alliance and the Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition with the goal of providing comprehensive & scientific scrutiny of construction and pre-construction activities along the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline route.
- Cube Hydro, coordinating the potential opportunity for WVU to buy green power energy (hydro) from the Cheat Lake Dam hydropower operation.
- The Nature Conservancy, Team Member on the Science for Nature and People Partnership Project Appalachian Coalfields to understand tradeoffs between the region's economy, environment, and social welfare from various economic development scenarios.
- American Geophysical Union, Session Convener for Integrated Modeling and Optimization for Multicriteria Decision Making with Bradley Barnhart
- American Fisheries Society National Meeting, Organizing Committee for GIS Tract with Bill Fisher
- Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society Meeting GIS Symposium chair and organizer
- WV State GIS Steering Committee for Water Resources
- WV Hardwood Conference Organizing Team Member and Track Director
- Freshwater Fisheries and Climate Change Working Group, Member and participant in Climate Change project planning
- Proposal reviewer for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency, US Geological Survey, National Institutes for Water Resources
- Board of directors for the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council representing WV
- WV Invasive Species Working Group committee for the Nature Conservancy
- Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area Science and Research Advisory Committee
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Serving on the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, Agricultural Land Easements subcommittee to the WV State Technical Committee

- American Water Resources Association, Technology Committee GIS and Water Resources
- US Fish and Wildlife National Conservation Training Center Program Consultant and Instructor in the Geospatial division
- WV Association of Geospatial Professionals – Digital Elevation Workgroup Committee Member
- USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture project proposal reviewer

Professional Memberships

- American Geophysical Union 2014-2018
- American Water Resources Association 2008-
- American Fisheries Society 2006-2012
- International Society for Landscape Ecology 2005-2016
- WV Association of Geospatial Professionals 2016-