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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA   2023 – Present
- Doctorate of Philosophy in Earth Sciences

University of California-Los Angeles Extension, Los Angeles, CA   2020
- Certificate in Data Science

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI   2014 – 2018
- Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering and Geophysics
- Certificate in Environmental Studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Scientist | TRC Engineers Inc.   Dec. 2022 – Aug. 2023
- Analyzed CMIP5/6 data in R to provide physical risk assessments to clients across the U.S.

Project Engineer/Climate Analyst | TRC Engineers Inc.   Nov. 2021 – Dec. 2022
- Prepared climate change vulnerability assessment reports and proposed mitigation and green remediation strategies for long term environmental monitoring and remediation sites across New York State for NYSDEC.
- Assist in developing a physical risk assessment tool, focusing on incorporating GCM data in R.

Independent Contractor | National Parks Service   Aug. 2021 – Oct. 2021
- Developed a tool in GEE to project biomass using gridded precipitation projections.

Nowcasting Intern | National Parks Service   May 2021 – Aug. 2021
- Researched environmental thresholds and climatic predictors in the Northern Colorado Plateau.
- Developed forecasting tools in Python, R and GEE to help Nation Park managers adapt to climate change.

Staff Geologist | Apex Companies, LLC.   Jun. 2019 – Apr. 2021
- Planned, permitted, scheduled, managed, and executed field assignments such as treatment system installation, treatment system O&M, groundwater well installation, soil vapor sampling, and groundwater monitoring.
- Assisted in programing and setting up Arduinos for remote sensing networks.

Research Assistant | Hydroecology Lab, Dept. of Civil Engineering   May 2018 – Dec. 2018
- Developed programs in R and MATLAB to analyze groundwater data and estimate evapotranspiration.
- Assisted in programming and installing a variety of scientific equipment for data collection.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS & LANGUAGES

• Python	• R	• C++
• MATLAB	• Google Earth Engine (GEE)	• ArcGIS Pro
• QGIS	• SQL	• Microsoft Office
• AWS	• JavaScript	• Tableau
• TensorFlow	• PyTorch	• Keras
• Rockwoks		• EQuIS

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

National Quality Award | TRC Engineers Inc.   Nov. 2022

Excellence in Project Management | TRC Engineers Inc.   Sep. 2022

Engineer-In-Training | California Board of Professional Engineers   Mar. 2019

Eagle Scout with Gold Palm Distinction | Boy Scouts of America   Dec. 2011

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter | National Parks Service NCPN Annual Conference   Apr. 2022