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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Washington
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Fisheries Scientist. 2002 to present. Ecosystem Analysis Program, Fish Ecology Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries, Seattle, WA

Aquatic Biologist. 1998 to 2002. Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh, NC

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests include thermal diversity in streams and the effect of climate change on Pacific salmon and aquatic systems; the spatial structure of aquatic populations, especially those living in stream networks; the relationship between spatiotemporal scale and ecological patterns and processes; the influence of nonindigenous species on native aquatic fauna; and ways that science can contribute to improved decision-making.

PUBLICATIONS

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RECENT PRESENTATIONS (First author)

- Multiscale considerations in the physics and ecology of riverine thermal regimes. Joint-plenary at EPA thermal complexity workshop webinar, virtual.
- Filling a data need: daily regional stream temperature predictions to inform salmon recovery planning. Southwest Fisheries Science Center seminar.
- We must *turn and face the strange*, as fish encounter serial disturbances and global *ch-ch-ch-changes*. Plenary at Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society conference, virtual.
- Mechanistic simulations suggest riparian restoration can partly offset climate impacts to juvenile salmon. American Water Resources Conference, Snohomish Recovery Planning Technical Committee, and Mississippi State University, virtual.
- Synthesizing stream temperature research for managing thermal habitats for Pacific salmon. Upper Columbia Science Conference, Wenatchee, WA.
- Advances, insights, and ecological application of thermal research in Pacific Northwest rivers. American Geophysical Union meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Pacific salmon in hot water: past, present and future of thermal diversity in rivers. NWFSC Science Symposium & One-NOAA Webinar.
- Resilient responses by Pacific salmon to climate change require diverse thermal landscapes. Oregon American Fisheries Society conference, Portland, OR.
- Incorporating spatial heterogeneity in temperature into climate vulnerability assessments for coastal Pacific rivers. North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative Webinar.
- Assessing longitudinal thermal connectivity for Pacific salmonids. Specialty conference of the American Water Resources Association, Snowbird, UT.
- Managing (cold) water for salmon and people. University of Oregon, Water Science Seminar, Corvallis, OR.
- Spatiotemporally variable thermal landscapes and implications for Pacific salmon in a changing climate. MtnClim Conference, Leavenworth, WA.
- Perspectives on the riverscape concept. Riverscape Ecology workshop, Antony, France.
- Network shape influences the strength of growth and phenology responses to climate change in juvenile salmon. International Statistical Ecology Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Spatio-temporal complexity of stream temperature and potential consequences for salmon. Seminar, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, WA & Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz, CA.

RECENT SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- NOAA West Leadership Development Program 2023-4; Detail as acting Team Lead in the NWFSC Ecosystem Analysis Program; NWFSC Internal Grants Program Director FY22-24 and review panel FY17-19; Seattle University Environmental Science Program Advisory Board; Washington State Instream Flows Science Panel; SESYNC Coldwater refuges workshop participant; Co-hosted a workshop on Pacific salmon bioenergetics modeling; Co-chaired special session on climate and biological connectivity at AWRA, AFS, and IALE conferences; Guest lectured at local universities; Regular peer review for journals; NWFSC research visioning and planning process; NOAA Western Regional (Climate) Action Plan Implementation Team; Snoqualmie Science Coordination and Advisory Team; Ad hoc advisory for natural resource managers on coldwater resources;

NSF-sponsored Resiliency Coordination Network's Spatial Analysis Workgroup; Technical Advisory Team on riparian science for WDFW; Mentored Hollings Scholars, interns, volunteers, and graduate students.

RECENT FUNDING

An e-Library of salmon ecology relationships to support life cycle modeling of Pacific salmon. NOAA National Protected Species Toolbox Initiative

Impacts of climate change on coldwater habitat, and implications for native salmonid populations: An assessment and resilience plan. Snoqualmie Tribe.

Workshop: Scaling up from individual-based models of organismal physiology to populations and ecosystem management. California State University.

Competing water use in the face of climate change: integrated analysis to support water resource planning for extreme events. NOAA, PNNL.

Handbook: Using data and models to assess impacts and adapt to climate change. Focus: current and future stream temperatures. Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center.

Elwha floodplain and fisheries monitoring support. Elwha-Sklallam Tribe.

Monitoring paired air and stream temperature in the Snoqualmie and Wenatchee watersheds, WA. NWFSC, USFS.

Incorporating spatial heterogeneity in temperature into climate vulnerability assessments for coastal Pacific streams. North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative.