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I am a Senior Ecological Modeler with over 40 years of experience in software engineering and the natural sciences. My specific areas of research include wildfire ignitions, dynamic global vegetation models, and the application of modeled climate and ecological processes to hierarchical, fuzzy logic-based decision support modeling.

EDUCATION

2014-Present – Ph. D. Candidate, Oregon State University, Environmental Sciences. Projected graduation date June, 2019.

2011 – Master of Science, University of Oregon, Biology.

1993 – Master of Science, University of Colorado, Computer Science.

1989 – Master of Science, University of Missouri, Geology.

1982 – Bachelor of Science, University of Missouri, Geology.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2011-Present – Senior Ecological Modeler, Conservation Biology Institute Corvallis, Oregon.

2009-2011 – Research Assistant, University of Oregon, Eugene and Oregon State University, Corvallis Oregon.

2008-2010 – Ecological Model Programmer, Conservation Biology Institute Corvallis, Oregon.

2008-2009 – Instructor, Lane Community College Eugene, Oregon.

2001-2007 – Software Engineer, NASDAQ Stock Market and Brut ECN.

1998-2000 – Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

1996-1998 – Director of Special Projects, Center for Computational Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

1993-1996 – Parallel Applications Programmer, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

1992-1993 – Applications Programmer (Student Assistant), National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado.

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Environmental Evaluation Modeling System (EEMS). I designed and lead the development and maintenance of the EEMS and EEMS Online software frameworks for hierarchical fuzzy logic modeling on multiple computer platforms.

Integrated Scenarios of Climate, Hydrology and Vegetation for the Northwest. Using the MC2 DGVM, I modeled and analyzed future potential vegetation across the western conterminous United States under a variety of climate futures and management scenarios, with a concentration on the Pacific Northwest. (Funded by U.S. Department of the Interior via the Northwest Climate Science Center)

LandCarbon. I contributed to the development, testing, and tuning of the MC2 dynamic global vegetation model (DVGM) and its utilization for carbon flux modeling over the conterminous United States. (Funded by United States Geological Survey)

Utah/Colorado Plateau Stepdown. Worked with managers and fellow scientists to design fuzzy logic models for site sensitivity, climate exposure, and potential impacts. (Funded by U.S. Bureau of Land Management)

Rapid Ecological Assessments of Colorado Plateau and Sonoran Desert Ecoregion. I implemented the Environmental Evaluation Modeling System (EEMS), a hierarchical, fuzzy-logic decision support modeling framework to analyze different aspects of the present and projected ecological condition of the Colorado Plateau and Sonoran Desert ecoregions. (Funded by U.S. Bureau of Land Management)

Wind, Wings, and Wilderness. I created and executed fuzzy logic decision support models for the ecological evaluation of wind energy impacts in the

Southern Sierras and Tehachapis. I also co-designed interactive tools for the on-line exploration and analysis of data. (Funded by the Packard Foundation**)**

Willamette Valley Coupled Natural Human Systems – National Science Foundation. I developed a plug-in module to link the FlamMap spatially explicit fire model with the Envision agent-based modeling system. Modeled wildfire ignition probabilities within the Willamette Watershed, showing that the spatial probabilities of lightning and human ignitions are driven by different factors. (Funded by the National Science Foundation**)**

Linked Computing Project – Oak Ridge National Laboratory. I oversaw and performed software engineering to link two geographically separated massively parallel computers to run a single application. At the time the computers – an Intel Paragon at Oak Ridge, National Laboratories in Oak Ridge, TN, and an Intel Paragon at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM – were two of the largest supercomputers in the world. (Funded by U.S. Department of Energy)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATES

- American Geophysical Union
- Ecological Society of America
- Natural Areas Association
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Sheehan, T., D. Bachelet, K. Ferschweiler (2019). Fire, CO_2, and climate effects on modeled vegetation and carbon dynamics in western Oregon and Washington. *PloS one*, *14*(1), p.e0210989.

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Zanocco, C., M. Brown, D. Bachelet, M. Gough, T. Mutch, T. Sheehan (2018). Great Basin land managers provide detailed feedback about usefulness of two climate information web applications. *Climate Risk Management,* 20.

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Rabin, S.S. et al. (including T. Sheehan,) (2017). The Fire Modeling Intercomparison Project (FireMIP), phase 1: experimental and analytical protocols with detailed model descriptions, *Geoscientific Model Development*, 10.

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Koch, J., J.M. Sulzman, J.P. Bolte, R.J. Pabst, T.A. Spies, T. Sheehan, K.A. Olsen, J.D. Kline (2012). An agent-based modelling approach to project future habitat suitability for northern spotted owl in central Oregon. *Proceedings of the 2012 International Congress on Environmental Modelling and and Software*, Leipzig, Germany.

Sheehan, T. (2011). *Modeling Wildfire and Ignitions for Climate Change and Alternative Land Management Scenarios in the Willamette Valley, Oregon*. Unpublished Masters Thesis: University of Oregon – Eugene.

Sheehan, T., A. Malony, S. Shende (1999). A Runtime Monitoring Framework for the TAU Profiling System. *Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Computing in Object-Oriented Parallel Environments* (ISCOPE'99), San Francisco, CA, December 1999.

Sheehan, T., W. Shelton, T. Pratt, P. Papadopoulos, P. LoCascio, T. Dunigan (1998). The locally self consistent multiple scattering method in a geographically distributed linked MPP environment. *Parallel Computing*, 24, 12-13.

Sheehan, T., R. Pennington, P. Papadopoulos, G. Geist, R. Alexander (1997). The Seamless Computing Environment. *Intel Supercomputer Users Group Thirteenth Annual Conference Proceedings*.

Shelton, B., T. Sheehan, P. Papadopoulos, D. Mackay, P. LoCascio, T. Pratt (1997). Linked supercomputing between ORNL and SNL. *HPCU News* 1, 1.

Sheehan, T. (1993). *Porting the NCAR CCM2 from the Cray Y-MP to the Connection Machine*. Unpublished Masters thesis: University of Colorado – Boulder.

Sheehan, T. (1989). *Petrogenesis of Selected Migmatites from the Vermillion Granitic Complex of Northeast Minnesota*. Unpublished masters thesis: University of Missouri – Columbia.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Sheehan, T., D. M. Bachelet, K. Ferschweiler (2018). Herding DGVM cats: A fuzzy logic modeling approach to incorporate the implications and uncertainty

of DGVM results into resource management decisions. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 10-14, 2018.

Sheehan,T. H. L. Romsos, W. D. Spencer (2017). Optimizing a fuzzy logic model of forest resilience in the Sierra Nevada, California. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, August 6-11, 2017.

Degagne, R. S., J. D. Brice, M. O. A. Gough, T. Sheehan, J. R. Strittholt (2017). California's landscape condition: Spatial modeling to support conservation and renewable energy planning across the state. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, August 6-11, 2017.

Sheehan, T., D. M. Bachelet, K. Ferschweiler (2016). Who's driving?: Separating fire, CO_2, and climate change cnfluences on vegetation and carbon dynamics on MC2 results for western Oregon and Washington, United States. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 12-16, 2016.

Bachelet, D. M., B. Baker, M. Brown, M. Gough, T. Mutch, T. Sheehan (2016). Navigating the high seas of federal programs to ensure usable science delivery. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 12-16, 2016.

Hantson, S. et al. (including T. Sheehan) (2016). The status of global fire modeling: results from the Fire Model Intercomparison Project (FireMIP). American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 12-16, 2016.

Sheehan, T., B. Baker (2016). A clearer vision from fuzzy logic: metrics for climate change sensitivity, exposure, and potential impacts in Utah and the Colorado Plateau. Natural Areas Conference, Davis, CA, Oct. 18-21, 2016.

Bachelet, D., K. Ferschweiler, T. Sheehan, B. M. Sleeter, Z. Zhu (2015). From carbon numbers to ecosystem services: usable results comparing natural versus managed lands. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 14-18, 2015.

Sheehan, T., D. Bachelet, K. Ferschweiler (2015). Fire in a changing climate: stochastic versus threshold-constrained ignitions in a dynamic global vegetation model. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 14-18, 2015.

Sheehan, T., B. Baker, R. DeGagne (2015). Taming data to make decisions: using a spatial fuzzy logic decision support framework to inform conservation and land use planning. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 14-18, 2015

Sheehan, T., D. Bachelet, K. Ferschweiler, J. Abatzoglou (2015). The possible futures of PNW ecosystems. Sixth Annual Northwest Climate Conference, Coeur D'Alene Nov 3-5, 2015.

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Bachelet, D., K. Ferschweiler, T, Sheehan, W. Peterman, B. Sleeter, J. Abatzoglou (2014). Coupling stress and fire to predict forest change. 98th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Sacramento, CA, August 10-15, 2014.

Degagne, R., M.O.A. Gough, T. Sheehan, J. Strittholt (2014). Tools for balance: using EEMS logic modeling to support conservation and renewable energy planning in California's deserts. Ecological Society of America Annual meeting, Sacremento, CA, Aug 10-15, 2014.

Sheehan, T., M.O.A. Gough, J. Abatzoglou, K. Ferschweiler, D. Bachelet (2014). Utilization of projected climate data in conservation planning decision support models. Ecological Society of America Annual meeting, Sacremento, CA, Aug 10-15, 2014.

Spencer, W.D., H.L. Romsos, R. Degagne, T. Sheehan, D. Bachelet (2014). A strategy and decision support framework for conserving isolated fisher (Pekania pennant) population during an era of change. Ecological Society of America Annual meeting, Sacremento, CA, Aug 10-15, 2014.

Sheehan, T., D. Bachelet, K. Fershweiler, M. Gough, J. Abatzoglou (2014). MC2 DGVM regional results. Integrated Scenarios of the Future Northwest Environment Conference, Portland, Oregon, April 17, 2014.

Bachelet, D., N. Coop, D. Turner, T. Sheehan and K. Ferschweiler (2014). Simulating vegetation change, carbon cycling and fire over the western US using CMIP5 climate projections. Integrated Scenarios of the Future Northwest Environment Conference, Portland, Oregon, April 17, 2014.

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Bachelet, D., K. Ferschweiler, T. Sheehan, Z. Zhu, B. M. Sleeter (2013). Humans and fire shape the land: climate change only exacerbates the trends. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 9-13, 2013.

Bachelet, D. K. Ferschweiler, T. Sheehan, D. Turner (2013). Simulating vegetation change, carbon cycling and fire over the western US using CMIP5 climate projections. 4th PNW Climate Science Conference, Portland OR, Sep 5-6, 2013.

Bachelet, D., K. Ferschweiler, T. Sheehan, D. Conklin, K. Henifin, W. Peterman (2012). Facilitating climate change assessments by providing easy access to data and decision-support tools on-line. 3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Climate Science Conference, Boise, ID, Oct 1-2, 2012.

Bachelet, D., J. Strittholt, B.C. Ward, T. Sheehan, T. Comendant, J.M. Lenihan, J. Osborne-Gowey (2009). Data Basin Climate Center: where to get datasets, manipulate them, and generate practical answers. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec 14-18, 2009.