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Curriculum Vitae – September 2024

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Geography and Environmental Sustainability
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EDUCATION

- 2018 – Ph.D., Geography, University of Georgia
Dissertation: “Urban Flooding Vulnerability: A Multifaceted Comparative Assessment of the Charlanta Megaregion”
GPA: 4.0
- 2014 – M.S., Geography, University of Georgia
Thesis: “Quantifying Urban Form via Spatial Metrics and its Climatic Implications”
GPA: 4.0
- 2012 – B.A., Geography, University of Georgia
Geographic Information Science Certificate
GPA: 4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Present – Associate Professor of Geography and Environmental Sustainability,
Department of Political Science and Geography, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2018 - 2023 – Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, Department
of Political Science and Geography, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2012 - 2018 – Teaching & Research Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Georgia
- 2013 – Summer Intern, Esri Professional Services Department, Redlands, CA
- 2009 - 2011 – Summer Intern, Geographic Information Services, Guilford County, NC

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Student Co-Author

- In Revision – Debbage, N., Atasoy, M., Mitra, C., and Byahut, S. Urban Climate Action Plans in the United States: A Textual Content Analysis and Evaluation. *Sustainable Cities and Society*.
(Journal Impact Factor = 10.5)

- 2023 – *Dumlao, A., and Debbage, N. Examining the Spatial Proximity of Vulnerable Communities to Cooling Centers across the Texas Triangle Megaregion. *Weather Climate and Society*, 15(4), 1085–1098, doi: 10.1175/WCAS-D-22-0125.1.
(Journal Impact Factor = 1.9)
- 2023 – Miller, P., and Debbage, N. Weakly Forced Thunderstorms in the Southeast U.S. are Stronger Near Urban Areas. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 50(18), doi: 10.1029/2023GL105081.
(Journal Impact Factor = 5.2; Article Citations = 2)
- 2022 – *Forney, R., Debbage, N., Miller, P., and *Uzquiano, J. Urban effects on weakly forced thunderstorms in the Southeast United States. *Urban Climate*, 43: 101161, doi: 10.1016/j.uclim.2022.101161.
(Journal Impact Factor = 6.0; Article Citations = 9)
- 2021 – Wang, M., and Debbage, N. Urban morphology and traffic congestion: Longitudinal evidence from US cities. *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, 89: 101676, doi: 10.1016/j.compenvurbsys.2021.101676.
(Journal Impact Factor = 7.1; Article Citations = 61)
- 2021 – *Guerra, J., and Debbage, N. Changes in urban land use throughout the Edwards Aquifer: A comparative analysis of Austin, San Antonio, and the Interstate–35 corridor. *Applied Geography*, 133: 102480, doi: 10.1016/j.apgeog.2021.102480.
(Journal Impact Factor = 4.0; Article Citations = 6)
- 2019 – Debbage, N. Multiscalar spatial analysis of urban flood risk and environmental justice in the Charlanta megaregion, USA. *Anthropocene*, 28: 100226, doi: 10.1016/j.ancene.2019.100226.
Invited Paper for the Special Virtual Collection on Urban Hydroclimate Risks
(Journal Impact Factor = 3.3; Article Citations = 40)
- 2019 – Debbage, K., and Debbage, N. Aviation carbon emissions, route choice and tourist destinations: Is flying non-stop a remedy? *Annals of Tourism Research*, 78: 1027652, doi: 10.1016/j.annals.2019.102765.
Invited Paper for Virtual Special Issue on Air Transport and Tourism
(Journal Impact Factor = 10.4; Article Citations = 43)
- 2019 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. Urban influences on the spatiotemporal characteristics of runoff and precipitation during the 2009 Atlanta flood. *Journal of Hydrometeorology*, 20: 3–21, doi: 10.1175/JHM-D-18-0010.1.
(Journal Impact Factor = 3.1; Article Citations = 43)

- 2018 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. The influence of urban development patterns on streamflow characteristics in the Charlanta Megaregion. *Water Resources Research*, 54(5): 3728–3747, doi: 10.1029/2017WR021594.
(Journal Impact Factor = 5.4; Article Citations = 59)
- 2017 – Debbage, N., *Miller, P., *Poore, S., *Morano, K., *Mote, T., and *Shepherd, J. M. A climatology of atmospheric river interactions with the southeastern United States Coastline. *International Journal of Climatology*, 37(11): 4077–4091, doi: 10.1002/joc.5000.
(Journal Impact Factor = 3.6; Article Citations = 43)
- 2017 – Debbage, N., Bereitschaft, B., and Shepherd, J. M. Quantifying the spatiotemporal trends of urban sprawl among large U.S. metropolitan areas via spatial metrics. *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy*, 10(3): 317–345, doi: 10.1007/s12061-016-9190-6.
(Journal Impact Factor = 2.0; Article Citations = 44)
- 2015 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. The urban heat island effect and city contiguity. *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, 54: 181–194, doi: 10.1016/j.compenvurbsys.2015.08.002.
(Journal Impact Factor = 7.1; Article Citations = 408)
- 2015 – Debbage, N., *McLeod, J., *Rackley, J., *Zhu, L., Mote, T., and Grundstein, A. The role of point source aerosol emissions on atmospheric convective activity in the vicinity of power plants in Georgia, USA. *Papers in Applied Geography*, 1(2): 134–142, doi: 10.1080/23754931.2015.1012430.
(Journal Impact Factor = NA; Article Citations = 3)
- 2014 – Debbage, N., *Gonsalves, N., Shepherd, J. M., and Knox, J. Superstorm Sandy and voter vulnerability in the 2012 US presidential election: A case study of New Jersey and Connecticut. *Environmental Hazards*, 13(3): 181–199, doi: 10.1080/17477891.2014.891500.
(Journal Impact Factor = 1.7; Article Citations = 13)
- 2013 – Debbage, N. Sky-view factor estimation: A case study of Athens, Georgia. *The Geographical Bulletin*, 54(1): 49–57.
(Journal Impact Factor = NA; Article Citations = 16)

BOOK CHAPTERS

*Student Co-Author

- 2022 – Debbage, K., and Debbage, N. Sustainable Innovation in the Global Airline Industry, *Handbook of Innovation for Sustainable Tourism*, Booyens, I. and Brouder, P. (Eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing.
(Book Chapter Citations = 1)

2021 – Debbage, K., and Debbage, N. Air Freight Logistics, *International Encyclopedia of Transportation*, Vickerman, R. (Ed.), 361–368, UK: Elsevier.
(Book Chapter Citations = 4)

2019 – Haupt, S., Hanna, S., Askelson, M., Shepherd, J. M., *Fragomeni, M. A., Debbage, N., and *Johnson, B. 100 Years of Progress in Applied Meteorology Part II: Applications that Address Growing Populations, Chapter 23, *Meteorological Monographs, A Century of Progress in Atmospheric and Related Sciences: Celebrating the American Meteorological Society Centennial*, doi: 10.1175/AMSMONOGRAPHS-D-18-0007.1.
(Book Chapter Citations = 9)

CONTRACTED REPORTS

*Student Co-Author

2024 – Debbage, N., Zhai, W., Lopez Ochoa, L., Lee, R. J., *Pineda, A., *Jones, E., *Clearwater, T., *Rueda, S., *Pursch, T., *Renteria, J., *Kenney, M. Evaluating the Urban Heat Mitigation Potential of the San Antonio Cool Pavement Pilot Program. Available Online: <https://www.sa.gov/files/assets/main/v/2/sustainability/documents/shared/pavement-report.pdf>

RESEARCH GRANTS/CONTRACTS

*Student Co-Author

Submitted – CO-I, *Leveraging NASA data to enable a climate smart septic system hydrometeorology and environmental justice (SHADE) framework in the south-eastern U.S.*, NASA ROSES IDS, \$824,468 million (UTSA \$118,140).

Submitted – CO-I, *Extreme heat events at urban scales: An interdisciplinary approach*, NSF Growing Convergence Research, \$1.5 million.

2024 - 2025 – CO-I, *Measuring atmospheric variability to manage intra-urban heat and air quality*, NSF Civic Planning Grant, \$74,493.

2024 - 2025 – Senior Personnel, *Create an ethical urban digital twin to co-design heat mitigations for integrated indoor and outdoor environments*, NSF Civic Planning Grant, \$75,000.

2024 - 2025 – PI, *Continued evaluation of cool pavement as an urban heat mitigation measure*, City of San Antonio, \$120,723.

2023 - 2024 – PI, *Evaluating the urban heat mitigation potential of the San Antonio cool pavement pilot*, City of San Antonio, \$143,520.

2023 - 2024 – CO-I, *Enabling informed site selection for environmental harm mitigation*, City of San Antonio, \$49,445.

- 2022 - 2027 – CO-I, *An air quality monitoring station to expand NASA’s Pandora Network to South Texas*, NASA Increasing Participation of Minority Serving Institutions in Earth Science Division Surface-Based Measurement Network’s, \$590,000.
- 2020 - 2025 – CO-I, *Toward conceptualization and predictability: A multi-scalar analysis of urban-influenced hydrometeorological processes*. NASA ROSES IDS, \$1.75 million (UTSA \$84,285).
- 2020 – Debbage, N., *Spatiotemporal assessment of San Antonio’s surface urban heat island*. UTSA INTRA Seed Grant, \$5,000.
- 2020 – *Guerra, J., and Debbage, N. *Visualizing UTSA campus energy usage via GIS*. UTSA Office of Sustainability, \$3,200.
- 2019 – *Guerra, J., and Debbage, N. *Changes in urban land use throughout the Edwards Aquifer: A comparative analysis of Austin, San Antonio, and the I-35 Corridor*. UTSA Office of Sustainability, \$1,245.
- 2017 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. *Quantifying the relative contributions of the physical mechanisms responsible for the Atlanta 2009 flood*. Georgia Water Resources Institute, \$18,000.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 – Debbage, N. Panelist. *Green Horizon Symposium: Heat in the Heart of the City – Strategies for a Cooler Urban Future*. San Antonio, Texas
- 2023 – Debbage, N. San Antonio cool pavement pilot findings. *Joint UTSA and UT-Austin Urban Heat Workshop*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. San Antonio cool pavement pilot findings. *City of San Antonio UHI Mitigation Delivery Team*. Virtual.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. San Antonio cool pavement pilot. *Urban Sustainability Directors Network*. Virtual.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. San Antonio cool pavement pilot. [Texas Public Ratio Think Science](#). San Antonio, Texas.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. San Antonio and the urban heat island. *The Climate Initiative: San Antonio Community Conversation*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. Graduation ceremony speaker. *University of Geography Department of Geography Graduation Ceremony*. Virtual.

- 2023 – Debbage, N. Urban climate action plans in the United States: A textual content analysis and evaluation. *UTSA Department of Political Science and Geography Speaker Series*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. Urban climate action plans in the United States: A textual content analysis and evaluation. *UTSA Climate Research Interest Group*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2022 – Debbage, N. Panelist. Some like it hot: Planning for the impact of extreme weather. *The Health Cell*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2022 – Debbage, N. The urban heat island effect and San Antonio. *San Antonio City Council Special Session on the City Budget*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2022 – Debbage, N. Summer heat and health in cities. [Texas Public Radio Think Science](#). San Antonio, Texas.
- 2022 – Debbage, N., Climate change policy: From Paris to Texas. *Climate Reality Project Texas Chapter Coalition Earth Day Celebration*. Virtual.
- 2021 – Debbage, N. Panelist. Briefing on the global impact, sustainability, and U.S. policy implications of COP-26. *UTSA Department of Political Science and Geography Speaker Series*. Virtual.
- 2021 – Debbage, N. Panelist. Code red texas: Climate change projections for Texas on sea level rise, hurricanes and heat waves from the 2021 IPCC Sixth Assessment Report. *UTSA NASA MIRO Center for Advanced Measurements in Extreme Environments*. Virtual.
- 2021 – Debbage, N. Climate change policy: From Paris to San Antonio. *Academy of Learning in Retirement*. Virtual.
- 2021 – Debbage, N. The influence of urbanization on hydrometeorology and flooding vulnerability in Charlanta. *Florida State Department of Geography Colloquium Series*. [Virtual](#).
- 2020 – Debbage, N. Urban climatological processes and their role in San Antonio. *Academy of Learning in Retirement*. Virtual.
- 2019 – Debbage, N. The influence of urbanization on the hydrometeorology of the Charlanta megaregion. *UTSA Department of Geological Sciences Colloquium Series*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2019 – Debbage, N. Urban climatological processes and their role in San Antonio. *Academy of Learning in Retirement*. San Antonio, Texas.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 – Debbage, N. Panelist. Interdisciplinary work, teaching, and research in climatology. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2024 – Debbage, N. Weakly forced thunderstorms in the Southeast US are stronger near urban areas. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2023 – Debbage, N. Weakly forced thunderstorms in the Southeast US are stronger near urban areas. *Southwestern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Laredo, Texas.
- 2023 – Debbage, N., Atasoy, M. Mitra, C., and Byahut, S. Urban climate action plans in the United States: A textual content analysis and evaluation. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Denver, Colorado.
- 2019 – Debbage, N., and Debbage, K. Aviation carbon emissions, route choice and tourist destinations: Are non-stop routes a remedy? *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Wilmington, North Carolina.
- 2019 – Debbage, N. Multiscalar spatial analysis of urban flood risk and environmental justice in the Charlanta Megaregion, USA. *Southwestern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Fort–Worth, Texas.
- 2019 – Debbage, N., and Debbage, K. Aviation carbon emissions, route choice and tourist destinations: Are non-stop routes a remedy? *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Washington, D.C.
- 2019 – Debbage, N. Multiscalar Assessment of Flood Zone Occupation and Environmental Justice: A Case Study of the Charlanta Megaregion. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*. Phoenix, Arizona.
- 2018 – Debbage, N. Multiscalar Assessment of Flood Zone Occupation and Environmental Justice: A Case Study of the Charlanta Megaregion. *Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference*. Austin, Texas.
- 2018 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. Flood hazards and environmental justice in the Charlanta megaregion. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. Quantifying the relative contributions of the physical mechanisms responsible for the Atlanta 2009 flood. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*. Austin, Texas.

- 2017 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. Quantifying the relative contributions of the physical mechanisms responsible for the Atlanta 2009 flood. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Starkville, Mississippi.
- 2017 – Debbage, N. The influence of urban development patterns on streamflow characteristics: A case study of the Charlanta megaregion. Student Poster Session. *Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Climate Change Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2017 – Debbage, N. The influence of urban development patterns on streamflow characteristics. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2017 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. The influence of urban development patterns on streamflow characteristics. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*. Seattle, Washington
- 2016 – Debbage, N., Miller, P., Poore, S., Morano, K., Mote, T., and Shepherd, J. M. A climatology of atmospheric river interactions with the southeastern United States. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2016 – Debbage, N., Bereitschaft, B., and Shepherd, J. M. Sensitivity of spatial metrics to land use classification scheme when assessing urban sprawl among large U.S. metropolitan areas. GISS Specialty Group Honors Student Paper Competition Session. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, California.
- 2016 – Debbage, N. Spatiotemporal analysis of segregation within major US metropolitan areas utilizing landscape metrics. *UGA Geography Graduate Research Symposium*. Athens, Georgia.
- 2015 – Debbage, N., Gonsalves, N., Shepherd, J. M., and Knox, J. Superstorm Sandy and voter vulnerability in the 2012 US presidential election. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 – Debbage, N., Gonsalves, N., Shepherd, J. M., and Knox, J. Superstorm Sandy and voter vulnerability in the 2012 US presidential election. *UGA Geography Graduate Research Symposium*. Athens, Georgia.
- 2014 – Debbage, N. The urban heat island effect and city contiguity. Graduate Student Honors Paper Session. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Athens, Georgia.
- 2014 – Debbage, N., McLeod, J., Rackley, J., Zhu, L., Mote, T., and Grundstein, A. The role of point source aerosol emissions on atmospheric convective activity in the vicinity of power plants in Georgia, USA. *Applied Geography Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia.

- 2014 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. Urban heat/dry islands: The role of density and spatial contiguity. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Tampa Bay, Florida.
- 2014 – Debbage, N., and Shepherd, J. M. Quantifying urban form via spatial metrics and its climatic implications. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2014 – Debbage, N., Gonsalves, N., Shepherd, J. M., and Knox, J. Superstorm Sandy and voter vulnerability in the 2012 US presidential election. Poster Session. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2013 – Debbage, N. Urban heat island and urban dry island analysis of the 50 largest metropolitan statistical areas. Graduate Student Honors Paper Session. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Roanoke, Virginia.
- 2012 – Debbage, N. Sky-view factor estimation: A case study of Athens, Georgia. *UGA Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, Georgia.
- 2011 – Debbage, N. Sky-view factor estimation: A case study of Athens, Georgia. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Savannah, Georgia.
- 2011 – Debbage, N., and Spear, T. Railroad accessibility for southeastern states: A matrix analysis. Poster Session. *UGA Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, Georgia.

COURSES TAUGHT

*Both online and face-to-face versions offered

The University of Texas at San Antonio

- Undergraduate: GES 2613 – Introduction to Physical Geography (1 section)
 GES 3314 – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (6 sections) *
 GES 3323 – Spatial Analysis (5 sections) *
 GES 3713 – Weather and Climate (6 sections) *
 GES 3753 – Climate Change (4 sections) *
 GES 4913 – Independent Study (2 sections)
 GES 4983 – Research Practicum (1 section)
- Graduate: GRG 5003 – Research Design and Spatial Analysis – cross listed with Spatial Analysis (5 sections) *
 GRG 5413 – Climatology – cross listed with Climate Change (4 sections) *
 GRG 6951 – Independent Study (1 section)
 GRG 6953 – Independent Study (3 sections)
 GRG 6963 – Internship (2 sections)
 GRG 6983 – Master’s Thesis (7 sections)
 GEO 6983 – Master’s Thesis (2 sections)

Guest Lecture: GRG 5013 – Geographic Thought

University of Georgia

Undergraduate: GEOG 1112L – Introduction to Weather and Climate Laboratory (8 sections)

GEOG 1112 – Introduction to Weather and Climate (1 section)

Graduate: GRSC 7770 – Teaching Seminar for Geography Graduate Teaching Assistants (2 sections)

Guest lecture: GEOG 2011 – Introduction to GIScience

STUDENT MENTORING

Thesis Chair

2024 - Present – Thomas Richardson (M.A. Geography)

2024 – Tabytha Clearwater “Assessing climate change vulnerability in Rio Grande indigenous reservation communities” (M.A. Geography)

2023 – Alex Herrejon, “Proximity of concrete batch plants to marginalized communities in Chicago, Illinois” (M.A. Geography)

2021 – Glenn Porritt, “Assessing drought trends within the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge” (M.S. Geoinformatics)

2021 – Zane Nordquist, “Changes in the future statistical properties of temperature and heatwaves in Texas due to climate change” (M.A. Geography)

2021 – Angelina Dumlao, “Examining potential inequities in the spatial distribution of Texas Triangle cooling centers” (M.A. Geography)

Thesis Committee Member

2023 - Present – Ryan Anhold (M.A. Global Affairs)

2024 – Donald Leisure (M.S. Geography – University of Alabama)

2023 – Blaine Underwood (M.A. Global Affairs)

2022 – Joshua Yates (M.A. Geography)

2021 – Jamie Gillis (M.A. Geography)

2020 – Samantha Rodriguez (M.A. Geography)

Dissertation Committee Member

2024 - Present – Haoming Qin (Ph.D. Civil Engineering)

2024 - Present – Christian Sustayta (Ph.D. Civil Engineering)

2023 - Present – Subhasis Ghosh (Ph.D. Earth System Science – Auburn University)

Non-Thesis Masters Chair

2022 – Christina LaPoint

Non-Thesis Masters Committee Member

2024 – Alexis Arguijo

2023 – Tomas Fernandez

2022 – Robert Williams

2021 – Brandon Stark

2021 – David Westphall

2021 – Michael Powell

Teaching and Research Assistants

2024 – Tucker Curry (NASA IDS Grant RA)

2024 – Tabytha Clearwater (Spatial Analysis TA)

2022 - 2023 – Alex Herrejon (Introduction to GIS and Spatial Analysis TA)

2022 – Joshua Yates (Spatial Analysis TA)

2021 – Zane Nordquist (UTSA Internal Research Award RA)

2021 – Jewel Uzquiano (NASA IDS Grant RA)

2021 – Angelina Dumlao (Spatial Analysis TA)

2020 – David Westphall (Spatial Analysis TA)

2020 – Eli Vela (Introduction to GIS Lab TA)

2018 - 2021 – Christina LaPoint (Introduction to GIS Lab TA)

Undergraduate

2023 – Tyler Pursch (COLFA Undergraduate Research Conference Advisor)

2022 – Erika Dyér (NASA MIRO CAMEE Summer Intern)

- 2022 – Jules Pavliska (COLFA Undergraduate Research Conference Advisor)
- 2021 – Amber Powell (Undergraduate Independent Study Advisor)
- 2020 – Jewel Uzquiano (COLFA Undergraduate Research Conference Advisor)
- 2019 – Justin Guerra (Undergraduate Research Practicum Advisor)

AWARDS

- 2022 – University of Texas San Antonio College of Liberal and Fine Arts Stumberg Assistant Professor Researcher of the Year, \$1,000
- 2018 – First place in the Population Specialty Group student paper competition at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, \$300
- 2017 – Second place in the Climate Specialty Group student paper competition at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, \$175
- 2016 – Second place in the GISS Specialty Group honors student paper competition at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, \$750
- 2014 – Third place in the Climate Specialty Group student paper competition at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, \$100
- 2012 – NCGE/AAG Excellence of Scholarship Award, \$250
- 2012 – First place in the University of Georgia Undergraduate Geography Conference paper competition, \$100
- 2011 – Runner-up in the University of Georgia Undergraduate Geography Conference poster competition, \$50

HONORS

- 2021 – Early Career Research Fellow UTSA NASA MIRO CAMEE
- 2016 – University of Georgia Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 2015 – Department of Geography Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 2012 – First Honor Graduate: Maintained a 4.0 GPA every semester
- 2012 – Summa Cum Laude Graduate

2012 – Inducted in Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

2010 – Inducted in Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographical Honor Society

2009 – Inducted in Golden Key International Honor Society

2009 – Inducted in Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

2008–2010 – Presidential Scholar: Maintained a 4.0 while enrolled in at least 14 credit hours

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Department

2023 - Present – Geography and Environmental Sustainability Program Coordinator

2023 - Present – APCC (member)

2021 - Present – Committee on Research (Chair)

2020 - Present – Scholarship Review Committee (Member)

2020 - Present – Geoinformatics Admissions Committee (Member)

2020 - Present – Geoinformatics Graduate Committee (Member)

2019 - Present – Co-creator of Critical GIS Certificate Program

2019 - Present – Speaker Series Subcommittee (Member)

2019 - Present – Departmental Faculty Library Liaison

2018 - Present – Faculty Advisor for the Eta Beta Chapter of the Gamma Theta Epsilon International Geographical Honor Society

2018 - Present – Geography Graduate Applications Committee (Member)

2018 - Present – Participated in Major recruitment for the Geography and Environmental Sustainability Program at numerous events (e.g., Roadrunner Days, Fall into Your Major, Departmental Mixer, UTSA Day, and UTSA-ISA event)

2018 - Present – Department Faculty Advisory Committee (Member)

2022 - 2023 – Earth Systems Modeling (Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences) Job Search Committee Member

2020 – Interim Geography Graduate Program Coordinator

2019 - 2020 – Committee on Research (Member)

2019 - 2020 – Research Methods in Political Science and Global Affairs Job Search Committee Member

2015 – Faculty Representative, UGA Geography Graduate Student Association

2014 – Colloquium Representative, UGA Geography Graduate Student Association

2013 - 2014 – Judge, UGA Undergraduate Geography Conference

2013 – Co-Chair, UGA AMS Chapter Career Fair Committee

2012 – President, Gamma Nu Chapter of the Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographical Honor Society

College

2021 - Present – Committee for Research and Creative Activities (Member)

2019 - Present – Judge for the College of Liberal and Fine Arts Student Conference

University

2022 - Present – Faculty Senator for the Department of Political Science and Geography

2022 - Present – Handbook of Operating Procedures Faculty Senate Committee

2020 – New Faculty Peer Mentoring Team Leader

Discipline

2023 – NSF Ad-Hoc Reviewer for HEGS CAREER Proposal

2022 – NSF Ad-Hoc Reviewer for Physical and Dynamic Meteorology Program

2021 – NSF Review Panelist for Harnessing the Data Revolution Solicitation

2020 – NSF Ad-Hoc Reviewer for Hydrological Sciences Program

2019 – Chair, Optimization of the Urban, Rural and Liminal. Paper Session. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*

2019 – Organizer and Chair, Sustainable Transportation Systems: The Key Environmental Issues Paper Session. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*

2018 – Co-Chair, Local and Regional Response in the Water Cycle Due to Urbanization Poster and Paper Sessions. *American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting*

2017 – Chair, Sustainable Cities Paper Session. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*

2015 – Organizer and Chair, Superstorm Sandy: Hazards, Vulnerabilities & Impacts Paper Session. *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*

2011 – Chair, Applications of GIS and Remote Sensing Paper Session. *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*

Journal Manuscripts Reviewed:

Urban Climate (8; Outstanding Reviewer Recognition), *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology* (4), *Landscape and Urban Planning* (4), *International Journal of Climatology* (3), *Sustainable Cities and Society* (3), *International Journal of Applied Earth Observations and Geoinformation* (2), *Atmosphere* (2), *Environment and Planning B* (2), *Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres* (2), *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society* (1), *Geophysical Research Letters* (1), *Water Resources Research* (1), *Hydrological Processes* (1), *Weather, Climate and Society* (1), *PLOS One* (1), *Journal of Hydrology* (1), *Monthly Weather Review* (1), *Remote Sensing of Environment* (1), *Environmental Hazards* (1), *Natural Hazards* (1), *Electoral Studies* (1), *International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning* (1), *Water* (1), *Advances in Atmospheric Sciences* (1), and *Asian Social Science* (1)

Community

2020 - Present – Selected by the San Antonio City Council to serve on the Technical and Community Advisory Committee tasked with implemented the city’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

2019 – Provided written feedback on San Antonio’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

2024 – Findings from UTSA cool pavement pilot report featured in [NBC-San Antonio](#) and [Smart Cities Dive](#)

2023 – Interview with [AccuWeather](#) discussing the San Antonio cool pavement pilot

2023 – Interview with [Texas Monthly](#) discussing the San Antonio cool pavement pilot

2023 – San Antonio cool pavement pilot study featured in [Government Technology](#), [Axios](#), [San Antonio Express News](#), [COSA TV](#), [CBS-San Antonio](#), [The Globe and Mail](#), and [ABC-San Antonio](#)

2023 – Urban rainfall effect study featured in UTSA [Sombrilla Magazine](#)

2022 – Urban rainfall effect rankings discussed in the [New Orleans Advocate](#)

2022 – Interview with [AccuWeather](#) on urban rainfall effect study

2022 – Research on the urban rainfall effect discussed in [UTSA Today](#)

2021 – Interview with the [City of San Antonio Office of Sustainability](#) blog on youth engagement and climate action.

2021 – Research on traffic congestion and urban form featured in [UTSA Today](#)

2021 – Study on Atlanta flooding was highlighted in [Science News for Students](#)

2021 – Research on Edwards Aquifer land use change highlighted in [UTSA Today](#)

2021 – Urban heat island research included in [New York Times](#) article on urban trees

2021 – Urban heat island study mentioned in [E&E News](#) story on Miami appointing a Chief Heat Officer

2021 – Flooding and environmental justice work discussed in [Forbes](#)

2021 – [UTSA Today](#) article highlighting my appointment to the SA CAAP Community and Technical Advisory Committee

2020 – Research on airline carbon emissions showcased in [UNCG Research Magazine](#)

2020 – Research on election turnout and weather discussed in [Forbes](#)

2020 – Research featured in the Climate Project documentary on climate justice which aired on [NBC-Boston](#)

2020 – Study on the urban heat island effect highlighted in [Forbes](#) article on urban heat and red lining

2020 – Interview with [ABC-San Antonio](#) as part of their “KSAT Explains” episode on climate change policy

2020 – Interview with [NBC-Boston](#) on urban flood risk inequities and climate change.

2020 – “San Antonio’s COVID-19 Cases Show a Tale of 2 Cities, But That Could Change” Commentary in the [Rivard Report](#) (also featured in [UTSA Today](#))

2020 – [Weather Channel](#) interview for their show “2020 Race to Save the Planet: Environmental Justice” which featured presidential candidates

2019 – [Science Daily](#) story on aviation carbon emissions research

- 2019 – [ABC-San Antonio](#) interview on the importance of traditional maps in the digital GPS age
- 2019 – [UTSA Today](#) interview on urban climatology research
- 2019 – [Forbes article](#) that discusses my urban heat island research
- 2018 – [Forbes article](#) that discusses urban streamflow research
- 2017 – [WUGA radio interview](#) on Southeastern atmospheric river research
- 2017 – [UGA Today](#) story on Southeastern atmospheric river research
- 2016 – Provided information on the strategies cities are utilizing to combat rising urban temperatures to [New York Magazine](#)
- 2015 – [Next City](#) interview on urban heat island effect research
- 2015 – [Atlanta NPR](#) (WABE) radio interview on urban heat island effect research
- 2015 – [UGA Today](#) story on urban heat island effect research
- 2015 – Provided a summary report of the urban heat island effect in Minneapolis-St. Paul to help inform pollution modelling efforts at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- 2014 – Reviewed and provided feedback on [Climate Central's](#) report, “Summer in the City: Hot and Getting Hotter”
- 2014 – Provided information on how urban environments influence and are impacted by climate change for the [Georgia Initiative for Climate and Society's](#) website
- 2013 – Provided a report documenting the intensity of the Phoenix, Arizona urban heat/dry island effects to the [BBC Two Cloud Lab Series](#) and advised on how these phenomena could be evaluated using the project's airship

ASSISTANTSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2014 - 2017 – University of Georgia Teaching Assistantship, \$16,452 per year
- 2012 - 2014 – University of Georgia Graduate School Assistantship, \$15,380 per year
- 2012 – Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Lieutenant Joel Hirsch Goldberg Scholarship, \$2,754
- 2010 – University of Georgia Department of Geography Merle C. Prunty Scholarship, \$1,000
- 2008 - 2012 – University Charter Scholarship and Regent Waiver, \$70,000 total

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

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