

# GRANT J. GOEDJEN

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Civil Engineering** **June 2023**  
University of Minnesota (Anticipated)

*Dissertation Title:* “Evaluation of Select Insecticides in Minnesota’s Hydrology & Hydrogeologic Systems: Environmental Occurrence, Fate, and Degradation of Neonicotinoid and Fipronil in Minnesota Natural and Engineered Treatment Processes”  
*Committee:* William Arnold, Paul Capel, Melissa Wilson

**M.Enve Environmental Engineering** **May 2020**  
Texas Tech University

**B. S. Environmental Engineering** **May 2020**  
Texas Tech University

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**2022 Compost Research Scholarship** **2022**  
**Compost Research & Education Foundation**

Awarded for work pertaining to the degradation and leaching potential of neonicotinoid insecticides and fiproles in commercial and residential composting systems.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**Dissertation**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Mn **2023**  
Advisor: William Arnold (Anticipated)

- Areas of active research include:
  - Occurrence of neonicotinoids and fiproles in Minnesota surface waters.
  - Occurrence of neonicotinoids and fiproles in Minnesota hydrogeology.
  - Fate & transport of neonicotinoids and fiproles in precipitation and runoff.
  - Fate, degradation, and leaching potential of neonicotinoids and fiproles in commercial and residential composting systems.
  - Fate of neonicotinoids and fiproles in drinking and wastewater treatment processes.
- Designed and conducted experimental methods for advanced detection of contaminants in surface and ground water systems.
- Coordinated sampling and QA/QC plans for intra-state sample collection with state, local, and university organizations.
- Coded statistical analysis and data visualization programs using R and Microsoft Excel.
- Managed project git repositories and oversaw data storage plans.
- Oversaw field investigations and sampling for surface, groundwater, drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment, and commercial composting operations.

- Aided in oversight and sampling plans for the Saint Paul Regional Water Service Pilot Drinking Water Treatment System.

**Texas Tech University; United States Geological Survey, Lubbock Tx**

**Graduate Research Assistant, William Asquith & Theodore Cleveland**

- Performed computational statistical hydrology developed regional hydrographs using HEC-SSP.
- Programmed statistical calculations of regional hydrograph skew factors in R.
- Evaluated site data for validity for statistical analysis.
- Maintained Git repository of collected data.

**Texas Tech University Lubbock Texas**

**Graduate Research Assistant, Siva Vanapalli**

- Developed preliminary toxicity screening assessment for the model organism *C. elegans*.
- Aided in the synthesis of biomicrofluidic systems using photolithography techniques.
- Researched effects of hexavalent chromium on *C. elegans*.
- Maintained cultures of *C. elegans* and *E. coli* in a BSL-2 wet laboratory.

**Texas Tech University Lubbock Texas**

**Graduate Research Assistant, Audra Morse**

- Studied the abilities of organo-selenium embedded tubing to inhibit urease to prevent the catalyzation of urea to ammonia in closed, long-term bioreactors for urine reclamation.
- Aided in the operation of a NASA bioreactor for urine reclamation for long-term space operations.
- Designed a structure to evaluate the standing flowrate of new membranes based on the constant head test.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE**

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**University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Mn**

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo Engineering**

- **CEGE 5541: *Environmental Water Chemistry***; a graduate-levels environmental chemistry course averaging 45 students per semester covering: Basic Reactions, Kinetics, & Activity, Acid-Base Reactions, RedOx Reactions, Metal Complexation, Sorption, Mass Balance, Computational Chemistry in R and Minteq+, and Environmental Fate & Partitioning. Taught using a hybrid approach. **(Virtual Spring 2021, In-Person Fall 2022).**

- **CEGE 8504: *Theory of Unit Operations***; a graduate-levels environmental engineering course averaging 40 students per semester covering: mass and energy balance, pH and RedOx chemistry, sorption, coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, clarification, membrane and rapid filtration, disinfection, air treatment technologies, reaction kinetics and modeling, and reactor design. **(In-Person, Fall 2022).**
- Developed **CEGE 8490: *Data Quality***; a graduate-level analytical chemistry course, covering topics on: statistics, error propagation and uncertainty, Data processing in R, data validation, computational model validation in R, sensitivity analysis, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, and HPLC workflow and QC development, Quality Assurance in field sampling, and data documentation **(Spring and Summer 2022).**
- **CEGE 3542/5542: Environmental Engineering Laboratory**; a graduate/undergraduate-level environmental engineering course averaging 18-students covering the following topics: statistical error and uncertainty, water quality, analytical techniques (UV Vis, IC, GC, HPLC, LC-MS, GC-MS, LC-MS/MS), coagulation and flocculation, filtration, TCLP testing, and disinfection processes **(In-Person, Spring 2021).**

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## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

### University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Mn

Sept 2020 – Present

#### Research Assistant

- Managed and maintained analytical chemistry laboratory, including: HPLC, GCMS, LC-MS/MS.
- Aided in analytical method development and quantitative techniques for various research projects.
- Trained undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars on LC-MS/MS, HPLC, GCMS, and computation modeling and statistics in R.
- Collaborated research in civil and environmental engineering, public health, and the School of Medicine.
- Safety manager / primary contact for three wet laboratories.

### Harkins Engineering, Remote

Aug 2020 – May 2022

#### Staff Engineer/EIT

- Tele-design and collaboration in water resources and water / wastewater engineering. Drafting in MicroStation v8i and AutoCAD Civil 3d.
- Residential and commercial water resource design & development.
- GIS support and drafting in ArcGIS suite and QGIS.

**Texas Department of Transportation, Lubbock Tx**  
**Student Engineer / EIT, District Design Office**

**Feb 2019 – Aug 2020**

- Drafting, analysis, and design in Bentley MicroStation, Openroads, SignCAD, ArcGIS suite, and Microsoft Excel.
- Removal of organic contaminants by pre-oxidation and biofiltration in a pilot-scale drinking water treatment plant
- Hydraulic modeling and design in HEC-RAS, HY-8, HydroCAD, and HEC-HMS.
- Presentation of proposed design and materials in public town hall meetings.
- Monitoring, design, and inspection field operations.
- Environmental protection, EPIC, and SW3P design, implementation, oversight, and documentation.
- Training of engineering and design staff on operation of modeling software and ArcGIS.

**Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper, Lubbock Tx**

**April 2018 – Feb 2019**

**Student Engineer, Department of Hydraulics and Hydrology**

- Hydraulic systems design using ICPR, SWMM, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS.
- 2D and 3D design, surface development, manipulation, and drafting in AutoCAD, AutoCAD Civil 3D.
- Automation of hydrologic calculations using Excel VBA.

**LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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**Texas:** Engineer in Training, **EIT No. 71799**

**Minnesota:** Engineer in Training, **EIT No. 160572**

**PUBLICATIONS**

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***Journal Publications (In Progress)***

Goedjen, G., Berens, M., Capel, P., and Arnold, W. “Watershed-level Factors Influencing the Occurrence of Neonicotinoid and Fipronil Insecticides in Midwest Surface Waters”, *In Progress*.

Goedjen, G., Berens, M., Capel, P., and Arnold, W. “Comparative Occurrence of Neonicotinoids and Fiproles in Minnesota Hydrogeologic Systems.”, *In Progress*.

Berg, S., Goedjen, G., and Arnold, W. “Removal of organic contaminants by pre-oxidation and biofiltration in a pilot-scale drinking water treatment plant”, *In Progress*.

**PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

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**Poster Presentation**, “Evaluation of Neonicotinoid and Fipronil Insecticides in Minnesota's Drinking and Wastewater Treatment Plants”, *Gordon Research Conference: Environmental Science: Waters*, June 19-22

**Poster Presentation**, “Evaluation of Neonicotinoid and Fipronil Insecticides in Minnesota's Drinking and Wastewater Treatment Plants”, *Gordon Research Series: Environmental Science: Waters*, Holderness, NH. June 17-18.

**Oral Presentation**, “Pesticides in Minnesota’s Surface and Groundwater: Neonicotinoids, Fipronil, and Key Transformation Products.”, *American Chemical Society: Spring 2022*. San Diego, CA. March 22-24.

**Oral Presentation (Virtual)**, “Neonicotinoids Insecticides in Minnesota Surface and Groundwater: Occurrence, Trends, and Future Work”, *American Chemical Society: Spring 2021*. Virtual. April 5-16.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- **American Society of Chemistry**, *Member, Speaker*
- **Twin Cities R User Group**, *Member*
- **American Society of Civil Engineers**, *Member*
- **Society of Environmental Professionals**, *President, Member*
- **TTU NASA Rasc-Al**, *LaTeX Control & Editor*
- **TTU WEAT Design Team**, *Design Engineer*
- **Texas Society of Professional Engineers**, *Member*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- Environmental Science & Technology
- Aquatic Toxicology
- Water Environmental Research

### Academic Mentoring Programs

- TTU College of Engineering LYFE, *Environmental Engineer Mentor*
- Men of STEM Learning Community, *Engineering Mentor and Advisor*

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Programming Languages:** R, Python, MatLab, Git, SQL, LaTeX typesetting, CSS, HTML, Excel VBA

**CAD and GIS Applications:** MicroStation Suite, Openroads Suite, AutoCAD Suite, AutoCAD Civil 3D, ArcGIS Pro Suite, QGIS.

**Modeling Applications:** ICPR, HY-8, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS, EPA-NET, EPA SWMM, EQC, ACE, GW Vistas, MODFLOW, HydroCAD, InfraWorks, Minteq+

## REFERENCES

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