# Key Skills

* Over 7 years experience designing and implementing multi-year programs to answer important scientific questions, generate actionable intelligence for end user organizations, create cross-program synergies, and advance government agency missions.
* Experience in running, organizing, and serving on multiple peer review panels, including those under a dual anonymous peer review process.
* Passionate relationship builder whose efforts have resulting in NASA being a recognized and sought-after partner for achieving wildlife management and conservation goals in North America.
* Well-published Ph.D. life science researcher with 14 publications in top Earth science journals, 1 book chapter, 3 software programs, and over numerous government white papers and reports.
* Over a decade of experience in integrating and managing concurrent research projects with an emphasis on Earth science, especially wildlife conservation, applied geospatial science, scientific programming, and statistical modeling.
* Judicious communicator with strong interpersonal and presentation skills who has proven experience in presenting to audiences of up 500 people in person and via audio and video conferencing platforms with presentations to lay audiences, scientific communities, and decision makers alike.
* Experience in developing, evaluating, and measuring progress of multi-million dollar competitive funding solicitations.

# Education

**Ph.D. | Natural Resource Sciences**  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*, Lincoln, Nebraska | 2019  
 **M.S. | Wildlife Ecology & Conservation**  
*University of Florida*, Gainesville, Florida | 2015  
 **B.S. | Wildlife Ecology & Conservation**  
*University of Florida*, Gainesville, Florida | 2013  
 **A.A. | General Studies**  
*Valencia Community College*, Orlando, Florida | 2010

# Professional Experience

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters**, Washington, D.C., U.S.  
*Program Coordinator, Ecological Conservation Applications Area* | August 2022 - Present

* One of only two AAAS Science & Technology Policy fellows (of 300+ awardees) to be selected to support NASA headquarters programs.
* Help direct investments through developing new funding programs, writing solicitations, running peer review panels, evaluating funding proposals, assisting with project management, and serving as a subject matter expert in the natural sciences.
* Actively worked to bring NASA data, technologies, and capacity into North American wildlife management and conservation, in a community whose organizations often lack the resources necessary to achieve conservation targets.
* Lead development of a strategic plan for the Earth Science Division’s Ecological Conservation program.
* Represent NASA on several executive-level initiatives including but not limited to the National Nature Assessment federal steering committee, Natural Socioeconomic Accounting Presidential Working Group, National Invasive Species Council, National Civil Earth Observations Plan writing team to ensure NASA’s interests, data, and expertise are best leveraged.
* Enable the U.S. Forest Service to effectively leverage NASA assets by serving as Co-chair of the NASA-USFS Partnership, Applied Earth Observations Innovation Partnership.
* Establish and manage interagency relationships with U.S. federal, state, and non-governmental conservation organizations. These efforts have already resulted in a two-fold increase in number of submitted proposals to select NASA programs and have resulted in direct investments in the sector.
* Develop and implement an annual outreach strategy for engaging with and synthesizing the needs of federal, state, tribal, and non-governmental end user organizations. Tactics deployed for achieving strategy include conference exhibits, sponsored events, targeted oral presentations to conservation coalitions, and developing effective communications materials.
* Serve on several international science and technology working groups to enable applications of NASA science and data for natural resource management and planning.
* Supervise and mentor undergraduate and high school students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds to conduct projects resulting in actionable intelligence for program strategy development, evaluation, and private sector engagement.
* Serve as technical expert for ecology and conservation issues on data calls from executive agencies such as the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Office of Personnel, and Management (OPM).
* Improve cross-organizational communications and collaborations with NASA Earth Science Data Systems and the Office of the Chief Science Data Officer, including co-sponsorship of events, writing internal guidance for NASA Open Science Data Policy (SPD-41a), and developing solicitation language to ensure policy compliance.
* As a first-time applicant, was awarded the prestigious AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship and one of only two (of approximately 275) invited to support NASA Headquarters programs.
* Judiciously convey important messaging in public panels, presentations, and video conferencing platforms. Develop and deliver oral presentations to a variety of audiences ranging from scientists to federal administrators.
* Develop and organize in-person and online conferences, workshops, symposia, and special events for audiences of up to 600 people.

**U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Biogeographic Sciences Branch**, Denver, CO  *Research Ecologist* | August 2019 - August 2022

* Received cash awards for exceptional performance on all annual reviews.
* Key player in establishing and facilitating cross-cutting relationships to broaden and enable partner use of agency Earth Science assets, including remotely sensed biogeographic data products, high performance computing resources, and technical expertise.
* Published 3 peer-reviewed papers in top Earth Science journals, including 1 influential article outlining key priorities for synthesis in environmental research.
* Designed, developed, and published well-known, open-source software to enable applications of an important USGS data asset to natural resource management and wildlife conservation activities.
* Participated in several diversity initiatives focused on diversifying the scientific professional and academic communities including the Disabled in STEM, Skype a Scientist, and Letters to a Prescientist programs.
* Mentored and supervised undergraduate and graduate students and young professional to achieve project tasks while setting and attaining their own professional development goals.

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)**, Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S.   *Graduate Research Assistant* | August 2015 - July 2019

* Created and led week-long workshop for the end users at the state of Nebraska’s natural resource agency, focusing on technologies for applied statistics, data management, and applications for geospatial inference.
* Developed the University’s first local chapter of the Association for Women in Science, resulting in an investment by Office of the President of UNL as an institutional member. This initiative provided free AWIS membership for all undergraduate students at UNL and led to multiple professional development workshops for advancing equity and inclusion of women in science.
* Managed multiple research projects with international and domestic collaborators from 4 countries, including projects to support on-the-ground decision making by end users at two Department of Defense (DoD) military installations (Fort Riley and Eglin Air Force Base).
* Served as a mentor to several graduate and high school students while helping them set their own professional and personal development goals.
* Published peer reviewed articles in scientific and computational journals.

**International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)**, Laxenburg, Austria   *Visiting Researcher* | April 2018 - August 2018

* Recipient (of 500+ international applicants) of the renowned IIASA Young Scholar Summer Program fellowship, with financial support competitively awarded by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.
* Designed and led collaborative research with applied mathematicians and Earth scientists from four countries resulting in multiple international presentations, a peer-reviewed journal article, and software releases.

**University of Florida**, Gainesville, Florida, U.S.   *Graduate Research Assistant* | August 2013 - August 2015

* Sought and received funding from the local police department and the University of Florida to enable nature-based activities, including new on-site trail development, at a local at-risk-of-recidivism youth program.
* Designed and conducted research resulting in 3 publications and becoming a top expert on urban bird populations.
* Taught and mentored undergraduate students, including developing workshops and lectures on the topics of scientific programming, invasive species, and geospatial modeling.

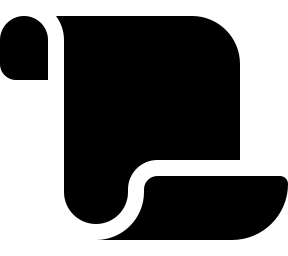
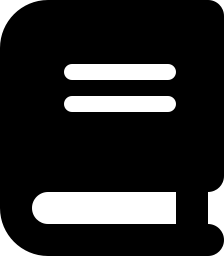
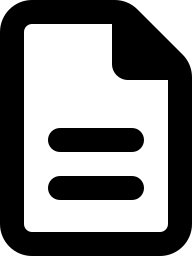
# Personal Interests

* Enjoys competitive sports including volleyball and disc golf
* Fan of many card, board, word, and video games including spades, NYT crossword, Skyrim, and Cthulu
* Recreational baker who often shares new creations with co-workers and friends
* Volunteers as a mentor with science diversity initiatives including Disabled in STEM, Letters to a Prescientist, and Skype a Scientist
* Enjoys casually biking around town, especially when the destination is a coffee shop, library or thrift store

# Notable Awards & Achievements

* First-time applicant recipient of the prestigious AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship
* First-time applicant recipient of the U.S. Geological Survey’s coveted Mendenhall Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
* Received 2 cash awards for Exceptional Service during both full-fiscal years served at U.S. Geological Survey
* Recipient of over 15 competitive scholarships, fellowships, and awards totaling over $302,000
* Developed and taught over 15 professional workshops and academic courses in topics including Life Sciences, Ornithology, Ecology, and Scientific Programming
* Ran and served as a reviewer for multiple NASA peer review panels of science funding proposals

# Publications

   14 peer-reviewed publications in Earth and life science journals      1 book chapter      4 conference papers

1. B. S. Halpern, C. Boettiger, M. C. Dietze, J. A. Gephart, P. Gonzalez, N. B. Grimm, P. M. Groffman, J. Gurevitch, S. E. Hobbie, K. J. Komatsu, others, Priorities for synthesis research in ecology and environmental science. *Ecosphere*. **14**, e4342 (2023).

2. C. Allen, J. L. Burnett, C. P. Roberts, D. Twidwell, D. G. Angeler, SERDP project RC-2510: Global change, vulnerability and resilience: Management options for an uncertain future (2019).

3. J. L. Burnett, R. Dale, C.-Y. Hou, G. Palomo-Munoz, K. S. Whitney, S. Aulenbach, R. S. Bristol, D. Valle, T. P. Wellman, Ten simple rules for creating a scientific web application. *PLOS Computational Biology*. **17**, e1009574 (2021).

4. R. A. Erickson, J. L. Burnett, M. T. Wiltermuth, E. A. Bulliner, L. Hsu, Paths to computational fluency for natural resource educators, researchers, and managers. *Natural Resource Modeling*. **34**, e12318 (2021).

5. J. L. Burnett, C. R. Allen, "Continental analysis of invasive birds: North america" in *Global trends and impacts of alien invasive birds*, C. T. Downs, L. A. Hart, Eds. (CABI, Wallingford, U.K., 2020).

6. J. L. Burnett, L. Wszola, G. Palomo-Muñoz, bbsAssistant: An r package for downloading and handling data and information from the north american breeding bird survey. *Journal of Open Source Software*. **4**, 1768 (2019).

7. J. L. Burnett, thesis, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2019).

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11. W. C. Chuang, A. Garmestani, T. N. Eason, T. L. Spanbauer, H. B. Fried-Petersen, C. P. Roberts, S. M. Sundstrom, J. L. Burnett, D. G. Angeler, B. C. Chaffin, L. Gunderson, D. Twidwell, C. R. Allen, [Enhancing quantitative approaches for assessing community resilience](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2018.01.083). *Journal of Environmental Management*. **213**, 353–362 (2018).

12. J. L. Burnett, L. P. Kevin, A. Wong, C. R. Allen, D. M. Haak, B. J. Stephen, D. R. Uden, Thermal tolerance limits of the chinese mystery snail (bellamya chinensis): Implications for management. *American Malacological Bulletin*. **36**, 140–144 (2018).

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15. J. L. Burnett, K. E. Sieving, Songbird distress calls as an improved method for detecting red-shouldered hawks (buteo lineatus). *Florida Field Naturalist*. **44**, 157–168 (2016).

16. J. L. Burnett, M. P. Moulton, Recent trends in house sparrow (passer domesticus) distribution and abundance in gainesville, alachua county, florida. *Florida Field Naturalist*. **43**, 167–172 (2015).

# Select Presentations

## Invited

1. NASA Earth Science Division: Opportunities for the Next Generation of Wildlife Professionals (presentation and panelist). *The Wildlife Society*, Louisville, KY, 2023
2. NASA Earth Science for Forest Ecology, Conservation, and Fire Management. *Society of American Foresters*, Sacramento, CA, 2023
3. An overview of state fish and wildlife agency use of federal geospatial data. *Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies annual meeting*, Calgary Canada, 2023
4. Satellite and airborne remote sensing for wildlife conservation in the West. *Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies summer meeting*, Santa Fe, NM, 2023
5. Satellite remote sensing for freshwater fisheries and aquatic sciences. *North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference*, St. Louis, MO, 2023
6. Overview of NASA Earth Science Division Ecological Conservation Applications Area for USGS and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. *U.S. Geological Survey*, Laurel, MD, 2022
7. Users and uses of the North American Breeding Bird Survey. Cross-organizational presentation at the *U.S. Geological Survey*, Denver, CO, 2022
8. Integrating data and information to enhance the digital efficiency of wildlife conservation and management. *North American Ornithological Conference*, Washington, D.C., 2020
9. Regime Detection Measures for the Practical Ecologist, Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2019
10. Detecting abrupt change in bird community time series using distance traveled. *Association for Women in Math Biology Symposium*, Special session “Current Challenges in Mathematical Biology”, Houston, TX , 2019
11. Decline of the Once-Ubiquitous House Sparrow in North America. *Nebraska Invasive Species Council*, Lincoln, NE , 2015

## Contributed

1. **Burnett, J.L.**. Advances in airborne and satellite remote sensing for wildlife ecology and management. *The Wildlife Society*, Oral presentation and panelist. Louisville, KY, 2023
2. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, and A.J. Tyre. A novel method for tracking ecosystem trajectory and abrupt change in space-time: distance traveled. *International Association for Landscape Ecology*, Oral presentation. Fort Collins, CO, 2019
3. **Burnett, J.L.**, R. Crystal-Ornelas, D. Fogarty, K. Hogan, C.R. Allen, M. Bomberger Brown, D. Twidwell, and C.A. Lepczyk. Impacts of non-native birds on native wildlife in urban ecosystems: where is the evidence? *Natural Areas Conference*, Oral presentation. Indiana, 2018
4. **Burnett, J.L.**, B. Fath, A. Rodenkova. Advances in ecological regime shift detection, *International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis*, Oral presentation. Laxenburg, Austria, 2018
5. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, A.J. Tyre, T.J. Hefley, C.R. Allen, T. A. Eason, D.G. Angeler,and D. Twidwell. Community velocity as a regime shift detection method. *Great Plains Grassland Summit*, Poster presentation. Denver, Colorado, 2018
6. **Burnett, J.L.**, L. Wszola, N. Mirochnitchenko, E. Stuber, M. Bomberger Brown, and J.P. Carroll. Gray partridge distribution in North America: Changing landscapes and environment for an introduced species. 33*rd* International Congress of the International Union of Game Biologists (IUGB), Oral presentation delivered by JPC, Montpellier, France, 2017
7. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, A.J. Tyre, T.J. Hefley, C.R. Allen, T. A. Eason, D.G. Angeler, and D. Twidwell. System trajectory and Fisher information as early-warning indicators of ecological regime shifts. *Resilience 2017: Resilience Frontiers for Global Sustainability*, Poster presentation. Stockholm, Sweden, 2017
8. **Burnett, J.L.**, N.B. Price, A.J. Tyre, T.J. Hefley, C.R. Allen, T. A. Eason, D.G. Angeler,and D. Twidwell. System trajectory and Fisher information as early-warning indicators of ecological regime shifts. *Ecological Society of America*, Poster presentation. Portland, OR, 2017
9. **Burnett, J.L.**, Roberts, C.P., Allen, C.R., Angeler, D.G., Twidwell, D., and Tyre, A.J. Ecological Regime Shifts in the Central Great Plains. *Great Plains Symposium*, Oral presentation. Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, NE, 2017
10. **Burnett, J.L.**, Roberts, C.P., Allen, C.R., Angeler, D.G., Twidwell, D., and Tyre, A.J. Using Big Data to Detect Regime Shifts in Space and Time. *North American Ornithological Conference VI*, Poster presentation. Smithsonian Migratory Bird Institute, Washington, D.C., 2016
11. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M. P., Sieving, K.E., Avery, M., and Robinson, S.K. Are House Sparrow declines a byproduct of urban greening? *Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference*, Oral presentation. University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2015
12. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M. P., Sieving, K.E., Avery, M.L., and Robinson, S.K. Are House Sparrow declines a byproduct of urban greening? *American Ornithologists’ Union and Cooper Ornithological Society Annual Meeting*, Poster presentation. Norman, OK, 2015
13. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M.P., and Sieving, K.E. House sparrow: the decline of a once ubiquitous, invasive species. *Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Conference*, Poster presentation. Safety Harbor, FL, 2014.
14. **Burnett, J.L.**, Moulton, M. P., Sieving, K.E., Avery, M.L., and Robinson, S.K. House Sparrow decline and distribution in North Central Florida. *Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit annual cooperators meeting*, Poster presentation. Gainesville, FL, 2014
15. **Burnett, J.L.** and Sieving, K.E. Detecting birds of prey using tufted titmouse distress calls. *USGS Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Committee Meeting*, Poster presentation. Gainesville, FL, 2013
16. **Burnett, J.L.** and Sieving, K.E. Do actual and perceived risks of small forest birds align? *Florida Ornithological Society Conference, Oral presentation*, St. Petersburg, FL, 2013
17. **Burnett, J.L.** and Sieving, K.E. Perceived predation risks of small forest birds. *Association of Field Ornithologists Annual Conference*, Poster presentation. Venus, FL, 2013

# Conferences, Workshops & Symposia Coordination

## Symposia organization and moderation

1. Applied Earth Observations Innovation Partnership monthly webinar series (2023-2024). *Workshop organizer*, Ann Arbor, 2024
2. Advances in airborne and satellite remote sensing for wildlife ecology and management. *Session organizer, moderator, and presenter*, The Wildlife Society annual conference, 2023
3. Bridging the gap between science and decision-making through the rapid prototyping of decision support tools. Co-organizer with D. Valle and L.S. Wszola. *Session organizer*, Ecological Society of America annual conference, 2020
4. Using the integrated modelling framework to bridge science and decision making: advances, applications, and opportunities. Co-organizer with J.A. Royle. *Session organizer, moderator, and presenter*, The Wildlife Society annual conference, 2020
5. Opportunities and Challenges in Big Data Ornithology. *Session co-organizer*, North American Ornithological Conference V, 2016

## Conference and workshop coordination

1. Applied Earth Observations Innovation Partnership annual workshop (~200 attendees exp.). *Workshop organizer*, Ann Arbor, 2024
2. NASA Biodiversity & Ecological Conservation annual science and applications team meeting (~250 attendees, ~75 sessions). *Conference co-organizer*, Washington, D.C., 2024
3. NASA Earth Science Data and Compute workshop. *Workshop organizer and moderator* (~75 attendees), College Park, MD, 2023
4. NASA Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems Joint Science Workshop. *Conference co-organizer and moderator* (~500 attendees), College Park, MD, 2023
5. Applied Earth Observations Innovation Partnership annual workshop. *Workshop co-organizer* (~200 attendees), Salt Lake City, UT, 2023