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Education

State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (AREA OF STUDY: COUPLED NATURAL AND HUMAN SYSTEMS)

Syracuse, New York

August 2020 - Present

State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONORS MAGNA CUM LAUDE IN FOREST ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE (GPA: 3.723)

Syracuse, New York

December 2018

- Thesis: Beaver Foraging Preferences and Impacts on Forest Structure in New York's Adirondack Mountains

Publications

IN REVIEW

- 2021 Tamiminia, H., Salehi, B., Mahdianpari, M., Beier, C. M., Johnson, L. K., Phoenix, D. B., and **Mahoney, M. J.** In Review. Decision tree-based machine learning models for above-ground biomass estimation using multi-source remote sensing data and object-based image analysis. In review at Geocarto International.
- 2021 **Mahoney, M. J.**, Johnson, J. K., Bevilacqua, E., and Beier, C. M. In Review. Ground noise filtering produces inferior models of forest aboveground biomass. In review at Remote Sensing of Environment.
- 2021 **Mahoney, M. J.**, Beier, C. M., and Ackerman, A. C. In Review. Interactive 3D visualizations of geospatial data using the terrainr R package. In review at International Journal of Digital Earth.

IN PRESS

- 2021 **Mahoney, M. J.**, Beier, C. M., and Ackerman, A. C. In Review. Interactive landscape simulations for visual resource assessment. In review for Proceedings of the 2021 Visual Resources Stewardship Conference.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Mahoney, M. J.**, and Stella, J. C. 2020. Stem size selectivity is stronger than species preferences for beaver, a central place forager. Forest Ecology and Management 475 118331.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2020.118331>

Awards and Honors

- 2021 New York State GIS Association Application Award
- 2020 EarthCube AGU Scholarship
- 2018 Robin Hood Oak Award for Academic Excellence
- 2018 Robert M. Hicks Award for Academic Achievement
- 2018 ESF Career Fellowship
- 2017 Outstanding Student Award for Accomplishments in Field Ecology and Dendrology

Invited Talks

- 2021 **terrainr: Spatial Data Access and Visualization in R.** Mahoney, M. J. Earth Science Information Partners, Severna Park, MD
- 2021 **Accessing the USGS National Map and Making 3D Maps with terrainr.** Nell, C., Mahoney, M. J., and Platt, L. USGS Center for Data Integration, Lakewood, CO.
- 2021 **terrainr: Landscape Visualizations Using Data from the National Map.** Mahoney, M. J. USGS National Geospatial Technical Operations Center, Denver, CO.

Conference Activity

WORKSHOPS FACILITATED

- 2021 **Interactive 3D visualizations of environmental data using the terrainr R package.** Mahoney, M. J., and Beier, C. M., and Ackerman, A. C. Workshop organized at the Visual Resources Stewardship Conference, Syracuse, NY.

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

- 2021 **Interactive 3D visualizations of environmental data using the terrainr R package.** Mahoney, M. J., and Beier, C. M., and Ackerman, A. C. Paper presented at the Visual Resources Stewardship Conference, Syracuse, NY.
- 2021 **Virtual Environments: Using R as a Frontend for 3D Rendering of Digital Landscapes** Mahoney, M. J., and Beier, C. M., and Ackerman, A. C. useR! 2021, Zürich, Switzerland.
- 2018 **Beaver Foraging Preferences and Impacts on Forest Structure in the Adirondack Mountains of New York.** Mahoney, M. J., and Stella, J. C. Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Collective Conference, Burlington, VT.
- 2018 **Beaver Foraging Preferences and Impacts on Forest Structure in the Adirondack Mountains of New York.** Mahoney, M. J., and Stella, J. C. Rochester Academy of Sciences Fall Scientific Paper Session, Geneseo, NY.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Nutritional Impacts on Invasive Beech Scale Quantification in Beech Bark Disease Aftermath Forests.** Dillon, G., Mahoney, M. J., Chase, S., and Johnston, M. New York Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting, Syracuse, NY.
- 2018 **Impacts of Beaver on Forest Structure and Composition.** Mahoney, M. J., Zevin, R., and Stella, J.C. Spotlight on Student Research, Syracuse, NY.
- 2018 **Impacts of Fertilization on Causal Organisms of Beech Bark Disease.** Mahoney, M. J., Leimanis, V., Desrochers, M. L., Giambona, B., Johnston, M. T., Yanai, R. D., and Dillon, G. A. Spotlight on Student Research, Syracuse, NY.
- 2017 **An Investigation of Nutritional Effects on Beech Bark Disease Causal Organisms.** Lasser, G. A., Johnston, M., Mahoney, M., Leimanis, V., and Stoodley, J. Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Collective Conference, Burlington, VT.
- 2017 **An Investigation of Nutritional Effects on Beech Bark Disease Causal Organisms.** Lasser, G. A., Johnston, M., Mahoney, M., Leimanis, V., and Stoodley, J. Poster session presented at the Rochester Academy of Sciences Fall Scientific Paper Session, Rochester, NY.

Teaching Experience

GRADUATE COURSES

Machine Learning Concepts and Applications. Instructor of Record. Fall 2021

WORKSHOPS FACILITATED

- 2021 **Computational Skills for Researchers.** Mahoney, M. J. SUNY-ESF, Syracuse, NY.
- 2021 **Software Carpentry: The Unix Shell, Version Control with Git, and R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis.** Mahoney, M. J., and Devlin, M.D. SUNY-ESF, Syracuse, NY (Virtual).

Research Experience

- 2020- **Climate And Applied Forest Research Institute, SUNY-ESF**
Present Research Assistant

Community Involvement and Outreach

2019-2020 **Code for Boston - Clean Slate Project.** Data Scientist and Project Manager (Volunteer).
Project working with Greater Boston Legal Society to advance criminal justice reform efforts.

Software Development

2021 **terrainr:** Lead developer
Retrieve Data from the USGS National Map and Transform it for 3D Landscape Visualizations.

2020 **heddlr:** Lead developer
Tools to enable functional programming workflows for dynamic R Markdown document generation.

2020 **spacey:** Lead developer
USGS and ESRI data access for beautiful landscape visualization.

Affiliations

2021 -
Present **The Carpentries.** Instructor in good standing.

2021 -
Present **American Geophysical Union.** Member.

2021 -
Present **NYS GIS Association.** Member.

2019 -
Present **Data Visualization Society.** Member.