Chris Guiterman

Research Scientist

Forest and fire ecology | Forest vulnerabilities to climate change | Vegetation type conversion | Use-inspired research | Applications in dendrochronology

Education

- 2016 Ph.D. University of Arizona, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, Tucson, AZ
- 2009 M.S. University of Maine, Orono, School of Forest Resources, Orono, ME
- 2005 B.A. Bates College, Geology Department, Lewiston, ME

Positions

- 2017 Research Scientist. Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2010–2016 Graduate Research Associate; Course Instructor; Teaching Assistant. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2007–2009 Graduate Research Assistant; Teaching Assistant. University of Maine, Orono, ME
- 2005–2007 Forest Inventory Technician. Camp II Forest Management, Joseph, OR

Courses Taught

Lead or co-instructor

- Summer **Dendrochronology Intensive Summer Course (DISC)**, Laboratory of 2019 Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona.
- Spring 2014 **GEOG 303: Field Study in Environmental Geography**, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona.
 - Summer **GEOG 230: Our Changing Climate (Online)**, School of Geography and 2013 Development, University of Arizona.
- Winter 2013 **GEOG 230: Our Changing Climate (Online)**, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona.

- Summer North American Dendroecological Fieldweek (NADEF), Intro group, 2012 Jemez Mountains, NM.
- Summer GEOS 497K/597K: Dendroecology Fieldcourse, Laboratory of Tree-Ring 2011 Research, University of Arizona.
- Fall 2011 **GEOG 397A: Field Course Reading a Landscape**, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona.
- Fall 2011 **GEOG 240: Our Dynamic Landscape**, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona.

Teaching assistant

- Fall 2010 NATS 101: Physical Geography, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona.
- Summer SFR 300: Forestry Summer Field Experience, School of Forest Resources, 2009 University of Maine.
- Summer SFR 300: Forestry Summer Field Experience, School of Forest Resources, 2008 University of Maine.
- Fall 2003 GEO: 230 Structural Geology, Geology Department, Bates College.

— Grants & Fellowships

Total research funding: \$928,666

Note: I served as the project lead and/or PI unless otherwise noted.

- 2019–2021 Integrated watershed hazard assessment for wildfire, floods, and debris flows on the Navajo Nation, BIA Tribal Resilience Program, \$150,000.

 o with A.M. Youberg
- 2020–2021 Designing Climate Adaptation Plans for the forests of the Navajo Nation, Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center, \$225,328.

 o with M.E.K. Evans (PI) and R.J. DeRose
 - 2020 A grove of stories: Dendrochronology of the Wheatfields Lake peeltree grove on the Navajo Nation, University of Arizona Foundation Small Grants Program, \$20,000.
 - o with W. Tsosie
- 2017–2018 Dendrochronology study for Wupakti Residence 1 viga preservation,
 National Park Service, Wupakti National Monument, \$14,377.
 o with R.H. Towner (PI)

- 2017–2018 Sourcing construction timbers at Aztec Ruins National Monument,
 Western National Parks Association. Grant #17-01, \$7,400.

 o with R.H. Towner (PI)
- 2017–2018 Ancient Trees and global change: A vulnerability assessment of old-growth forests on the Navajo Nation, BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program, \$216,694.
 - o with E.Q. Margolis, C.D. Allen, and A.C. Becenti
- 2015–2017 Climate drivers of tree growth across Navajo Forestlands: Incorporating dendrochronology into Continuous Forest Inventory to improve management strategies for a future climate, BIA Bureau of Forest Resource Planning and the Navajo Nation, \$99,632.
 - o with E.Q. Margolis, and T.W. Swetnam

 Fire regimes, demography, and climatic sensitivity
- 2014–2016 Fire regimes, demography, and climatic sensitivities of Navajo forest-lands: Insights from the past to inform tribal forest management, $EPA\ STAR\ Fellowship\ \#\ F13F51318,\ \$84,000.$
- 2013–2015 Forest-to-shrub type conversions: climate-disturbance interactions in the southwestern U.S., USGS Cooperative agreement G13AC00247, \$53,000.

 o with E.Q. Margolis (PI) and C.D. Allen
- 2014–2015 Climatic sensitivities of Navajo forestlands: Use-inspired research to guide tribal forest management, Climate Assessment of the Southwest (CLIMAS) Fellowship, University of Arizona, \$5,000.
- 2012–2014 Dendrochronological Sourcing of Timbers from the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, Bandelier National Monument, Desert Southwest CESU. #UAZDS-381, \$10,735.
 o with T.W. Swetnam, J.S. Dean, and C.D. Allen
- 2013–2014 Dendroecological analyses of fire-origin shrublands in former conifer forests of the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico, Bandelier National Monument, Desert Southwest CESU #UAZDS-402, \$35,000.
 with E.Q. Margolis, T.W. Swetnam, and C.D. Allen
- 2012–2013 Dendrochronological Sourcing of Timbers from the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, Western National Parks Association. Grant #13-02, \$7,500.
 - o with T.W. Swetnam, J.S. Dean, and P.P Creasman
 - 2012 Conference travel grant, University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council, \$500.

Awards and Honors

- 2018 Young Forester of the Year. Southwestern Section of the Society of American Foresters
- 2016 College of Science Scholarship. University of Arizona
- 2016 William G. McGinnies Graduate Scholarship in Arid Land Studies. School of Natural Resources & the Environment, University of Arizona
- 2015 Galileo Circle Scholar. College of Science, University of Arizona
- 2014 Best presentation, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (SEES) Earthweek competitive plenary session. University of Arizona
- 2014 Andrew Ellicott Douglass Memorial Scholarship. Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona
- 2011 Graduate College Fellowship. University of Arizona
- 2009 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. University of Maine
- 2009 Best Poster Presentation Award. Northeast Society of American Foresters (SAF) Conference Portland, Maine
- 2008 Golden Key International Honor Society. University of Maine
- 2008 Charles E. Schomaker Memorial Scholarship. School of Forest Resources, University of Maine
- 2004 Sigma Xi Honor Society. Bates College

Publications

- In review dfoliatR: An R package for detection and analysis of insect defoliation signals in tree rings, CH Guiterman, AM Lynch, and JN Axelson, Dendrochronologia.
- In review A history of recurrent, low-severity fire without fire exclusion in southeastern pine savannas, USA, M Rother, J Huffman, C Guiterman, K Robertson, and N Jones, Forest Ecology and Management.
 - 2020 Continental-scale tree-ring based projection of Douglas-fir growth Testing the limits of space-for-time substitution, S Klesse, RJ DeRose, F Babst, B Black, L Anderegg, J Axelson, A Ettinger, H Griesbauer, C Guiterman, G Harley, J Harvey, YH Lo, A Lynch, C O'Connor, C Restaino, D Sauchyn, J Shaw, D Smith, J Villanueva-Díaz, L Wood, and M Evans, Global Change Biology (early online), doi:10.1111/gcb.15170.
 - 2020 Convergence of Evidence Supports a Chuska Mountains Origin for the Plaza Tree of Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon, CH Guiterman, CH Baisan, NB English, J Quade, JS Dean, and TW Swetnam, American Antiquity 85 (2), 331-346, doi:10.1017/aaq.2020.6.

- 2019 Spatiotemporal variability of human-fire interactions on the Navajo Nation, CH Guiterman, EQ Margolis, CH Baisan, DA Falk, CD Allen, and TW Swetnam, Ecosphere 10 (11), e02932, doi:10.1002/ecs2.2932.
- 2018 Sampling bias overestimates climate change impacts on forest growth in the southwestern United States, S Klesse, RJ DeRose, CH Guiterman, AM Lynch, CD O'Connor, JD Shaw, and MEK Evans, Nature Communications 9 (1), 1-9, doi:10.1038/s41467-018-07800-y.
- 2018 'burnr': Fire history analysis and graphics in R, SB Malevich, CH Guiterman, and EQ Margolis, Dendrochronologia 49, 9-15, doi:10.1016/j.dendro.2018.02.005.
- 2018 Dendroecology meets genomics in the common garden: new insights into climate adaptation, MEK Evans, PF Gugger, AM Lynch, CH Guiterman, JC Fowler, S Klesse, and E Riordin, New Phytologist 218 (2), 401-403, doi:10.1111/nph.15094.
- 2018 Long-term persistence and fire resilience of oak shrubfields in dry conifer forests of northern New Mexico, CH Guiterman, EQ Margolis, CD Allen, DA Falk, and TW Swetnam, Ecosystems 21 (5), 943-959, doi:10.1007/s10021-017-0192-2.
- 2016 Revisiting human-environment interactions in Chaco Canyon and the American Southwest, *JL Betancourt and CH Guiterman*, Past Global Changes 24 (2), 64-65, doi:10.22498/pages.24.2.64.
- 2016 A new digital field data collection system for dendrochronology, PW Brewer, CH Guiterman, Dendrochronologia 38, 131-135, doi:10.1016/j.dendro.2016.04.005.
- 2016 Eleventh-century shift in timber procurement areas for the great houses of Chaco Canyon, CH Guiterman, TW Swetnam, JS Dean, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 113 (5), 1186-1190, doi:10.1073/pnas.1514272112.
- 2015 Dendroecological methods for reconstructing high-severity fire in pine-oak forests, CH Guiterman, EQ Margolis, and TW Swetnam, Tree-Ring Research 71 (2), 67-77, doi:10.3959/1536-1098-71.2.67.
- 2015 Dendrochronological evaluation of ship timber from Charlestown Navy Yard (Boston, MA), PP Creasman, C Baisan, and C Guiterman, Dendrochronologia 33, 8-15, doi:10.1016/j.dendro.2014.10.001.

- 2013 Signal strength in sub-annual tree-ring chronologies from Pinus ponderosa in northern New Mexico, R Brice, K Lorion, D Griffin, A Macalady, C Guiterman, J Speer, L Benakoun, A Cutter, M Hart, M Murray, S Nash, R Shepard, A Stewart, and H Wang, Tree-Ring Research 69 (2), 81-86, doi:10.3959/1536-1098-69.2.81.
- 2012 Long-Term Thinning Effects on the Leaf Area of Pinus strobus L. as Estimated from Litterfall and Individual-Tree Allometric Models, CH Guiterman, RS Seymour, and AR Weiskittel, Forest Science 58 (1), 85-93, doi:10.5849/forsci.10-002.
- 2011 Influences of conventional and low-density thinning on the lower bole taper and volume growth of eastern white pine, CH Guiterman, AR Weiskittel, and RS Seymour, Northern Journal of Applied Forestry 28 (3), 123-128, doi:10.1093/njaf/28.3.123.

Other publications and reports

- 2019 The origins of great house construction timbers at Chaco Canyon, CH Guiterman and CH Baisan, Archaeology Southwest Magazine.
- 2019 Vulnerabilities of Navajo Nation Forests to Climate Change, CH Guiterman and EQ Margolis, Final Report to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Nation.
- 2017 Bedrock Geology of Mt. Washington, Presidential Range, NH, J Eusden, B Anderson, C Castro, P Gardner, C Guiterman, S Higgins, K Kugel, A Reid, C Rodda, and C Tamposi, in Johnson, B and Eusden, JD, ed., Guidebook for field trips in Western Maine and Northern New Hampshire: New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference, Bates College, p. 177-196.
- 2015 Climatic sensitivities of Navajo forestlands: use-inspired research to guide tribal forest management, CH Guiterman, Report for Climate & Society Fellowship, Climte Assessment of the Southwest.
- 2015 Dendroecological analyses of fire-origin shrublands in former conifer forests of the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico, CH Guiterman, EQ Margolis, and TW Swetnam, Final report to NPS Bandelier National Monument (DS CESU project UAZDS-402). Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. 40 p.

2014 Dendrochronological sourcing of timbers from the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, CH Guiterman, TW Swetnam, JS Dean, and PP Creasman, Final report to Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Western National Parks Association (WNPA Grant 13-02). Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. 25 p.

Software

- 2020 dfoliatR: detection and analysis of insect defoliation signals in tree rings, CH Guiterman, AM Lynch, AN Axelson, https://chguiterman.github.io/dfoliatR/.
- 2016 burnr: Advanced fire history tools in R, SB Malevich, CH Guiterman, EQ Margolis, https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/burnr/index.html.
- 2019 suRge: An extension of dfoliatR to accommodate insect-induced growth surges in trees, developed for Amy Hessl (West Virginia University), https://github.com/chguiterman/suRge.
- slideRun: An extension of burnr to assess avalanche damage patterns on trees, developed for Erich Peitzsch and Greg Pederson (USGS Montana), https://github.com/chguiterman/slideRun.
- 2017 burnr_demo: A module-based R project for educating burnr users, CH Guiterman, https://github.com/chguiterman/burnr_demo.

Presentations

Invited seminars

- Mar 2020 Unearthing the story of JPB-99, the Plaza Tree of Pueblo Bonito, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research seminar series, via Zoom.
- Feb 2018 Shifting timber sources signal socioecological change at the descendant Chacoan cultural center, Aztec Ruins, New Mexico, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research seminar series, Tucson, AZ.
- Nov 2017 On the vulnerabilities of Navajo forests to climate change, Navajo Nation Department of Natural Resources Annual Summit, Twin Arrows Casino, AZ.
- Nov 2017 **Timber procurement patterns of the Aztec great houses**, Aztec Ruins National Monument, New Mexico, NA.

- Mar 2017 Ancient origins for construction timbers of the Chacoan world (850-1240 CE), US Geological Survey seminar series, Tucson, AZ.
- May 2016 Landscape-scale variability in forest response to climate, Navajo Nation, US Southwest, William G. McGinnies Graduate Scholarship in Arid Land Studies annual lecture, Tucson, AZ.
- Mar 2016 Persistence fire regimes of oak shrubfields and sugdominance with climate change, Southgest increasing Fire Science Consortium Webinar, (Available west at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeIuEKwV68M&feature=youtu.be).
- Mar 2015 **Distant and shifting sources of Chaco timbers**, Tucson Festival of Books, Tucson, AZ.
- Oct 2014 An integrated field data collection system for dendrochronology, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research seminar series, Tucson, AZ.
- Apr 2014 Dendrochronological sourcing of timbers from the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research seminar series, Tucson, AZ.
- Mar 2014 The Beams of Chaco Culture: Unraveling an ancient environment in the Southwest, Tucson Festival of Books, Tucson, AZ.
- Sep 2013 Dendrochronological sourcing of timbers from the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, Visitors Center, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, NA.
- Mar 2013 Tree-ring research and chronology building in the Chuska Mountains of the Navajo Nation, Navajo Forestry Department, Ft Defiance, AZ.
 - Conference presentations (last five years)
- Nov 2019 Modern area burned in a historical context in the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico, Margolis, E., C. Farris, C. D. Allen, L. Johnson, D. Falk, T. Swetnam, and C. Guiterman, 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress, Tucson, AZ.
- Nov 2019 Variable trajectories of Southwest ponderosa pine forests following high-severity fire, *Iniguez, J., C. Guiterman, E. Margolis, C. Haffey, D. Carril,* 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress, Tucson, AZ.

- Nov 2019 A synthesis of fire regimes in the southwestern United States, Guiterman, C., S. Malevich, E. Margolis, C. Baisan, E. Bigio, P. Brown, D. Falk, P. Fulé, and T. Swetnam, 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress, Tucson, AZ.
- Jun 2019 Beyond the tipping point in dry conifer forests of the US Southwest:

 Post-fire Gambel oak shrubfields as alternative stable states, Guiterman, C., E. Margolis, T. Assal, and C. Allen, The North American Forest Ecology Workshop, Flagstaff, AZ.

 Invited special session
- Apr 2019 A Case Study for Using Digital Field Data Collection, Brice, R., P. Brewer, C. Guiterman, American Association of Geographers, Washington, D.C..
- Apr 2019 No evidence of fire exclusion in the fire-scar record for the Red Hills Region of the US Southeast, Rother, M., J. Huffman, K. Robertson, C. Guiterman, American Association of Geographers, Washington, D.C..
- Aug 2018 The fingerprint of transhumance and climate on fire regimes of the Navajo Nation, Guiterman, C.H., E.Q. Margolis, D.A. Falk, and T.W. Swetnam, Ecological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

 o Invited special session
- Jul 2018 Disasters, natural variability, and resilience: How tree-ring data address today's challenges in forest ecosystems, Guiterman, C.H., Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) Conference, Tucson, AZ.

 Plenary presentation
- May 2018 Persistent fire-induced vegetation state switches in southwestern ponderosa pine forests, *Guiterman, C.H.*, The Fire Continuum Conference, Missoula, MT.
 - Invited special session
- Apr 2018 Persistent fire-induced vegetation state switches in southwestern ponderosa pine forests, *Guiterman*, *C.H.*, Society of American Foresters Southwest Section Meeting, Safford, AZ.
- Nov 2017 Variability in tree-growth response to climate across dry conifer forests of the Navajo Nation, Guiterman, C.H., E.Q. Margolis, C.A. Woodhouse, A.P. Williams, D.A. Falk, and T.W. Swetnam, Society of American Foresters, Albuquerque, NM.
- Aug 2017 Targeted sampling designs influence tree-ring climate sensitivity: Implications for forest vulnerability assessments, Klesse, S., J. DeRose, C. O'Connor, D. Frank, C. Guiterman, J. Shaw, and M. Evans, Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR.

- Apr 2017 The origins of Chaco timbers by tree-ring based sourcing, Guiterman, C.H., Society of American Archaeologists, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

 o Invited oral presentation
- Dec 2016 Persistence and fire regimes of oak shrubfields suggest increased dominance with climate change, Guiterman, C.H., E.Q. Margolis, T.W. Swetnam, D.A. Falk, and C.D. Allen, 3rd Southwest Fire Ecology Conference, Tucson, AZ.

 o Invited special session oral presentation
- Dec 2016 Navajo settlement, pastoralism, and the interruption of frequent fires in northeastern Arizona, Guiterman, C.H., E.Q. Margolis, C.H. Baisan, D.A. Falk, R.H. Towner, and T.W. Swetnam, 3rd Southwest Fire Ecology Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Oct 2015 Climate Sensitivity of Navajo Forests: Use-inspired research to guide tribal forest management, Guiterman, C.H., A.C. Becenti, E.Q. Margolis, and T.W. Swetnam, 13th Biennial Conference of Science and Management on the Colorado Plateau and Southwest Region, Flagstaff, AZ.
 - o Invited special session; A.C. Becenti, Head Forester, Navajo Forestry Department
- Apr 2015 Tree-Ring Sourcing of Great House Timbers and the Plaza Tree of Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, Guiterman, C.H., T.W. Swetnam, J.S. Dean, C.H. Baisan, and N.B. English, Society of American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA.

Conference posters (last five years)

- Apr 2018 Drying surface water resources in the Chuska Mountains, Navajo Nation, Brice, R.L., C.H. Guiterman, C. Mclellen*, C. Woodhouse, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA.

 o C. McClellan, Navajo Water Management Branch
- Dec 2016 Climate Controls on Tree Growth Across Species and Sites in Northeastern Arizona, Schwan, M.R., C.H. Guiterman, and K.J. Anchukaitis, American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
 - o Poster presentation by MRS, an undergraduate honors student under my mentorship
- Oct 2016 Paleoclimatic Indicators of Surface Water Resources in the Chuska Mountains, Navajo Nation, Brice, R., C. Guiterman, C. McClellen, and C. Woodhouse, Mountains Without Snow: What are the Consequences? Mountain Climate Conference, Leavenworth, WA.
 - o C. McClellan, Navajo Water Management Branch
- Jul 2016 An 11th century shift in timber procurement areas for the great houses of Chaco Canyon, Guiterman, C.H., T.W. Swetnam, and J.S. Dean, American Quaternary Association (AMQUA), Santa Fe, NM.

Service

Journal peer reviews: Dendrochronologia, Fire Ecology, Forest Ecology and Management, Forest Science, Geophysical Research Letters, International Journal of Wildland Fire, Journal

- of Archaeological Method and Theory, Journal of Biogeography, Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education, Journal of Hydrology, Journal of Vegetation Science, Tree-Ring Research, Urban Forestry and Urban Greening
 - 2019 Conference review committee, 8th International Fire Ecology and Management Conference, Association for Fire Ecologist, Tucson, AZ, November 18-22, 2019.
 - 2019 Conference organizer, Healthy Forests-Healthy Watersheds: Enabling a Cultural Shift Toward Understanding the Beneficial Aspects of Forest Fire in a Changing Climate. November 13-15, 2019. Tucson, AZ.
 - 2018 Conference organizing committee, Society of American Foresters Southwest Section Meeting, Safford, AZ, April 19-21, 2018.
 - 2018 Education Chair, Southwest Section of the Society of American Foresters.
 - 2017 Grant proposal reviewer, National Geographic Society.
 - 2015 Session Chair (de facto), Resource use, Environments, and Landscapes, Society of American Archaeology Conference, April 15-18, 2015, San Francisco, CA.
 - 2015 Contributor, Chaco Research Archive. Chaco great house treering database. 6,421 records, http://www.chacoarchive.org/cra/chaco-resources/tree-ring-database/.
 - 2015 Contributor, NM588, Canyon del Potrero (Ponderosa pine) AD 620-2011, NM589, Narbona Pass (Ponderosa pine) AD 842-2010, International Tree-Ring Databank.
 - 2015 Invited session co-chair, Collaborative environmental research in the Southwest: Examples from the field, 13th Biennial Conference on Science and Management on the Colorado Plateau and Southwest Region. October 5-8, 2015, Flagstaff, AZ.
 - 2014 Fellowship proposal reviewer and selection committee member , CLI-MAS Climate & Society Fellowships.
 - 2014 Search committee for LTRR Director, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research.
 - 2013 Organizer, Tree-Ring Day, SEES Earthweek.

- 2012 Forests, Fire, and Tree Ring displays, Flandrau Science Center museum exhibit on Sky Islands.
- 2012 LTRR representative to UA School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (SEES) Earthweek, 2012-2013 academic year.
- 2012 LTRR graduate student faculty representative, 2012-2013 academic year.
- 2011 **Interim Treasurer**, Southern Arizona Chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Professional Society Memberships

- Tree-Ring Society
- o Forest Stewards Guild
- Society of American Foresters
- Association for Fire Ecology
- Association of American Geographers
- Society of American Archaeology