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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Food and water security, geospatial programming and analysis

## APPOINTMENTS

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**Emory University** *August 2019 - present*

Assistant Professor

Department of Environmental Sciences, Emory College of Arts and Sciences

**Utah State University** *May 2019 - present*

Adjunct Professor

Department of Environment and Society, Quinney College of Natural Resources

**Utah State University** *August 2017 - July 2019*

Assistant Professor of Geospatial Analysis

Department of Environment and Society, Quinney College of Natural Resources

## EDUCATION

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**Vanderbilt University** *May 2017*

Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering

Graduate Fellow at the Vanderbilt Institute for Energy and Environment

**University of Louvain, Belgium** *July 2012*

M.A. in Economics

Grande Distinction

**Clemson University** *May 2010*

B.A. in Economics

Magna Cum Laude, Calhoun Honors College, Phi Beta Kappa

**University of Louvain, Belgium** (dual-degree with Clemson) *May 2010*

B.S. in Economics and Management

Transatlantic Exchange in Economics Scholar

## PUBLICATIONS

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\*Graduate advisee co-author, <sup>+</sup>Graduate non-advisee co-author

**Burchfield, E.**, Matthews-Pennanen, N.<sup>+</sup>, Stoebner, J., Lant, C. (2019). Projected changes in yields of rainfed maize, soybeans, wheat and cotton in the Central United States under climate and technological change. *t Climatic Change*, 1-18.

**Burchfield, E.**, Nelson, K. Spangler, K.\* (2019). The impact of agricultural diversification on U.S. crop production. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment*. 285:106615.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2019.106615>

Tozier-de-la-Poterie, A., **Burchfield, E.**, Carrico, A. (2018). The implications of group norms for adaptation in collectively-managed agricultural systems: evidence from Sri Lankan Paddy farmers. *Ecology and Society*. 23(3):21. <https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-10175-230321>

- Burchfield, E.**, Williams, N., Carrico, A. (2018). Rescaling drought mitigation in rural Sri Lanka. *Regional Environmental Change*. 18(8): 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-018-1374-y>
- Burchfield, E.**, Tozier-de-la-Poterie, A. (2018). Determinants of crop diversification in rice-dominated Sri Lankan agricultural systems. *Journal of Rural Studies*. 61, 206-215. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.05.010>
- Nay, J., **Burchfield, E.**, Gilligan, J. (2018). A machine-learning approach to forecasting remotely sensed vegetation health, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*. 39(6), 1800-1816. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01431161.2017.1410296>
- Nelson, K., **Burchfield, E.** (2017). Effects of the structure of water rights on agricultural production during drought: A spatiotemporal analysis of California's Central Valley. *Water Resources Research*. 53(10), 8923 - 8309. <https://doi.org/10.1002/2017WR020666>
- Burchfield, E.**, Gilligan, J. (2016). Agricultural adaptation to drought in the Sri Lankan dry zone. *Applied Geography*. 77, 92-100. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2016.10.003>
- Burchfield, E.**, Nay, J., Gilligan, J. (2016). Application of machine learning to prediction of vegetation health. *International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences*. XLI-B2, 465-469, [doi:10.5194/isprs-archives-XLI-B2-465-2016](https://doi.org/10.5194/isprs-archives-XLI-B2-465-2016)
- Burchfield, E.**, Gilligan, J. (2016). Dynamics of individual and collective agricultural adaptation to water scarcity. *Winter Simulation Conference 2016 Proceedings*. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2807452>
- Gunda, T., Benneyworth, L., **Burchfield, E.** (2015). Exploring water indices and associated parameters: A case study approach, *Water Policy*, 17(1), 98 - 111. <https://doi.org/10.2166/wp.2014.022>
- Nwosu, O., Hennessey, E., **Burchfield, E.**, Barnes, S., Brinkley-Rubenstein, L., and Shields, S. (2013). Faculty and Student Experiences as a Model for the Academy in Action. In Barnes, S. L., Brinkley-Rubenstein, L., Doykos, B., and Martin, N. (Eds). *Academics in Action! A Model for Community-Engaged Research, Teaching, and Service*.

## ARTICLES IN REVIEW

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- Burchfield, E.**, Touma, D., Stiefel, M., Zhu, R., Krapu, C. Nay, J. (2019). Crop yield response to water availability in the U.S. over the past thirty years. Revised and resubmitted at *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*.
- Burchfield, E.**, Schumacher, B.\* (2019). Bright spots in US agriculture. Under review at *Environmental Research Letters*.
- Spangler, K.\***, **Burchfield, E.**, Schumacher, B.\* (2019) Past and current dynamics of US agricultural land use and policy. Revised and resubmitted at *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*.

## GRANTS

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| <i>Agricultural landscape management for improved sustainability</i> (Co-PI, \$499,949)<br>USDA NIFA BNRE Program            | <i>2020-2023</i> |
| <i>Socioenvironmental indicators of Great Salt Lake desiccation</i> (Co-PI, \$34,988)<br>Utah State University SPARC Program | <i>2020-2021</i> |
| <i>Resilience of agricultural systems to climate stress</i> (PI, \$42,498)<br>Utah Agricultural Experiment Station           | <i>2018-2020</i> |

<i>Finding Balance: Diversity and Agricultural Production</i> (PI, \$19,938) Utah State University Research Catalyst Grant	2018-2019
<i>Local Water Conservation Research and Education Needs</i> (Co-PI, \$19,401) Utah State University Extension Grants Program	2018-2019
<i>Data-driven drought effect estimation</i> (PI, \$25,000 for travel and stipends) <a href="#">National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)</a> Graduate Pursuit	2016-2017
<i>American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies Dissertation Planning Grant</i> (PI, \$4,500)	2015

## TEACHING

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<b>USU, GEOG 3800: Data Visualization</b>	2018
<b>USU, ENVS 2000: Natural Resources Professional Orientation</b>	2018
<b>USU, <a href="#">GEOG 49/6950: Geospatial Analysis</a></b>	2018 - 2019
<b><a href="#">Vanderbilt Programs for Talented Youth</a></b> Developed and taught geospatial analysis to gifted middle and high school students.	2015 - 2016
<b><a href="#">Certificate in College Teaching</a></b> Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching	2014

## STUDENT ADVISING

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Britta Schumacher (MS, Ecology, USU, *In progress*)  
Kaitlyn Spangler (PhD, Environment and Society, USU, *In progress*)

## STUDENT COMMITTEES

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Morgan Christman (Ph.D., Biology, USU, *In progress*)  
Jenna Keaton (MS, Watershed Sciences, USU, 2019)  
Neil Matthews-Pennanen (MS, Environment and Society, USU, 2017)

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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*The impact of agricultural diversification on U.S. crop production*, presented at the International Association of Landscape Ecology Annual Meeting in Fort Collins, CO, April 2019.

*Spatiotemporal dynamics of yield-response to climate extremes*, presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

*Agricultural response to changes in water availability and temperature in the coterminous U.S.*, presented at the American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, December 2017.

*Application of machine learning to the prediction of vegetation health*, presented at the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing in Prague, Czech Republic, July 2016.

*Agricultural adaptation in the Sri Lankan Dry Zone*, presented at the IPWSD Workshop at Columbia University, NY, April 2016.

*Application of machine learning to big environmental datasets to predict vegetation health*, presented at the Association for American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, April 2016. Session organizer, "Human-Environment Interactions: Linking Remote Sensing and the Social Sciences"

*The application of PCA for the identification of adaptive agricultural systems in the tropics*, presented at the Workshop on the Use of Remote Sensing for Decision-Making in Agricultural and Water Management in Colombo, Sri Lanka, August 2015.

*Institutions and imagery: Mapping water management in rural Sri Lanka*, presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2015.

*ADAPT-SL: Agricultural Decision Making and Adaptation to Precipitation Trends in Sri Lanka*, presented at the National Science Foundation Water, Sustainability and Climate PI meeting in Washington, D.C., February 2015.

*Patterns of meteorological and agricultural drought in Sri Lankan agricultural areas*, presented at the Gordon Research Seminar on Science, Technology and Policy, in Waterville Valley, NH, August 2014.

*Resettlement and coloniality in the Mahaweli Ganga Watershed*, presented at the Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society in Lexington, KY, February 2013.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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*Using R-INLA to understand institutional moderators of drought*, presented at the useR! Conference in Brussels, Belgium, July 2017.

*Dynamics of collective and individual agricultural adaptation to water scarcity*, presented at the American Geophysical Union Conference in San Francisco, CA, December 2016.

*Agricultural adaptation to water scarcity in the Sri Lankan dry zone: A comparison of two water management regimes*, presented at the National Science Foundation Water, Sustainability and Climate PI meeting in Washington, D.C., February 2015.

*Mapping water management: A case study from Sri Lanka*, presented at the American Geophysical Union Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, December 2014.

*Patterns of meteorological and agricultural drought in the Sri Lankan Dry Zone*, presented at the Gordon Research Conference on Science, Technology and Policy in Waterville Valley, NH, August 2014.

*Patterns of agricultural drought in Sri Lankan paddy fields: Spatiotemporal image analysis*, presented at the Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security, Lafayette, IN, June 2014.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University	2012 - 2016
Martin Luther King Award for Service Excellence, Clemson University	2009
Duckenfield Scholarship, University of Oxford	2008

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Association of Geographers  
American Geophysical Union  
International Association of Landscape Ecology

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

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<b>English</b>	Native speaker
<b>French</b>	Fluent written and spoken