

# Elliot Shannon

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2021 – 2026 **Dual PhD, Forestry and Statistics & Probability**, Michigan State University
- 2017 – 2020 **BS, Biology**, George Fox University

## PhD Thesis

- Title *Bayesian spatio-temporal models for national forest inventory monitoring.*  
Advisor Dr. Andrew O. Finley

## Research Interests

Spatio-temporal statistics, Multivariate statistics, Bayesian statistics, Small Area Estimation, Forest Inventory, Carbon Monitoring

## Publications

8. **Elliot S. Shannon**, Andrew O. Finley, Paul B. May, and Jane Foster. 2025. Quantifying impacts of natural gas development on forest carbon using remote sensing and small area estimation. *In prep.*
7. **Elliot S. Shannon**, Andrew O. Finley, Paul B. May, and Sudipto Banerjee. 2025. A multivariate spatio-temporal model for forest carbon pools across the contiguous US. *In prep.*
6. **Elliot S. Shannon**, Andrew O. Finley, Paul B. May, and Sudipto Banerjee. 2025. Investigating spatio-temporal models for forest inventory data under increasing information. *In prep.*
5. Naresh Khanal, Raju Pokharel, **Elliot S. Shannon**, Jagdish Poudel and Emily Silver. 2025. Historical trend of market coverage and competition of various wood products in Michigan. *To be submitted to Forestry.*

4. **Elliot S. Shannon**, Andrew O. Finley, Paul B. May, Grant M. Domke, Hans-Erik Andersen, George C. Gaines III, Arne Nothdurft and Sudipto Banerjee. 2025. Leveraging national forest inventory data to estimate forest carbon density status and trends for small areas. *Submitted to Forest Ecology and Management*. ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.08653>.
3. **Elliot S. Shannon**, Andrew O. Finley, Grant M. Domke, Paul B. May, Hans-Erik Andersen, George C. Gaines III and Sudipto Banerjee. 2025. Toward spatio-temporal models to support national-scale forest carbon monitoring and reporting. *Environmental Research Letters*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ad9e07>.
2. Naresh Khanal, Raju Pokharel, Jagdish Poudel, Shivan Gc, **Elliot S. Shannon** and Andrew O. Finley. 2024. Analysis of location, feedstock availability, and economic impacts of potential mass timber processing facilities in Michigan. *Forest Policy and Economics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forepol.2024.103203>.
1. **Elliot S. Shannon**, Andrew O. Finley, Daniel J. Hayes, Sylvia N. Noralez, Aaron R. Weiskittel, Bruce D. Cook and Chad Babcock. 2024. Quantifying and correcting geolocation error in spaceborne LiDAR forest canopy observations using high spatial accuracy data: A Bayesian model approach. *Environmetrics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/env.2840>.

## Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University  
2024 - 2025 FOR 372: **Ecological Monitoring and Data Analysis**  
Spring 2024, Spring 2025
- 2023 - 2024 FOR 128: **Practical Computing and Data Science Tools**  
Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Fall 2023 STT 802: **Design of Experiments**
- 2022 - 2023 FOR/STT 875 **R Programming for Data Sciences**  
Summer 2022, Summer 2023
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at George Fox University  
Fall 2020 BIOL 390: **Plant Biology**
- Instructor at George Fox University Science Outreach Program  
Fall 2018 **Forest Ecology**

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## **Presentations**

- Feb 2025 **MSU Statistics and Probability Graduate Student Seminar**, East Lansing, MI
- Jan 2025 **MSU Forestry Graduate Student Symposium**, East Lansing, MI
- Aug 2024 **Joint Statistical Meetings**, Portland, OR
- Apr 2024 **FIA User Group Meeting**, Tucson, AZ
- Aug 2023 **Joint Statistical Meetings**, Toronto, Canada

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## **Professional Memberships**

- American Statistical Association
- American Geophysical Union
- International Society for Bayesian Analysis
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics
- The International Biometric Society