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## **EDUCATION**

- **Ph.D., Geography** – October 2018, University of Cincinnati, USA
- **M.A., Geographic Information System (GIS)** – June 2013, University of Cincinnati, USA
- **M.S., Computer Science** – July 2011, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China
- **B.S., Applied Mathematics** – July 2008, Shaanxi Normal University, Shaanxi, China

## **CERTIFICATES**

- **GIS Certificate** – UC joint center of GIS and Spatial Analysis
- **Online teaching certificate** – QM Rubric
- **FAA Part 107 remote pilot** – Federal Aviation Administration
- **NASBLA boat driver**

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- **Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Scientist**  
2018.10 – Present, Department of Sociology and College of Sciences Geospatial Technologies Cluster, University of Central Florida
- **Assistant Professor Adjunct**  
2018.01– Present, Department of Geography, University of Cincinnati Clermont College
- **Graduate Assistant**  
2013.08 – 2018.07, Department of Geography, University of Cincinnati

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- **Data science in GIS and spatial statistics**
  - Spatio-temporal data assimilating and blending, forecasting and hindcasting
  - Spatial statistics; Big data processing; Machine learning; Geo-intelligence
  - High-performance computing; web-GIS; Cartography and data visualization
- **UAV & satellite remote sensing**
  - Coastal UAV/Drone mapping; Geographical fieldwork
  - Multi-spectral, Hyper-spectral, Thermal, LiDAR, Radar, Nightlight remote sensing
  - Image classification and segmentation, Object-oriented image analysis
- **Environmental and sociological analysis & modeling**
  - Coastal management and conservation; Eelgrass wasting disease
  - Urban heat island; Heatwave; Global warming
  - Sociological modeling; Crime prediction

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. **Yang, B.**, Tong, S., & Fan, R., (2020). Using high-resolution images from UAV and satellite remote sensing for best management practice (BMP) analyses. *Journal of Environmental Informatics* (In press). (IF: 4.521)
2. **Yang, B.**, Liu, L., Lan, M., Wang, Z., Zhou, H., Yu, H., Wang, Z. (2020). A spatio-temporal method for crime prediction using historical crime data and transitional zones identified from nightlight imagery. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, 1–25. (IF: 3.545) DOI: [10.1080/13658816.2020.1737701](https://doi.org/10.1080/13658816.2020.1737701)
3. Shu, S., Liu, H., Beck, R., Frappart, F., Korhonen, J., Xu, M., **Yang, B.**, Hinkel, K., Huang, Y., Yu, B., (2020). Analysis of Sentinel-3 SAR Altimetry Waveform Retracking Algorithms for Deriving Temporally Consistent Water Levels over Inland Lakes. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 239, 111643. (IF: 8.791) DOI: [10.1016/j.rse.2020.111643](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2020.111643)
4. Sun, H., Cai, C., Liu, H. and **Yang, B.**, (2020). A model for disaggregating microwave satellite soil moisture with land surface evapotranspiration products and gridded meteorological data, *Remote Sensing*, (IF: 4.118) DOI: [10.3390/rs12060980](https://doi.org/10.3390/rs12060980)
5. **Yang, B.**, Hawthorne, T., Torres, H., Feinman M. (2019). Using Object-Oriented Classification for Coastal Management in the East Central Coast of Florida: A Quantitative Comparison between UAV, Satellite, and Aerial Data. *Drones*, 3(3), 60. (IF: 3.176) DOI: [10.3390/drones3030060](https://doi.org/10.3390/drones3030060)
6. **Yang, B.**, Tong, S., & Fan, R. (2019). Sharpening land use maps and predicting the trends of land-use change using high-resolution airborne image: a geostatistic approach. *International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation*, 79, 141-152. (IF: 4.846) DOI: [10.1016/j.jag.2019.03.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jag.2019.03.010)
7. Zhou, H., Liu, L., Lan, M., **Yang, B.**, Wang, Z. (2019) Assessing the Impact of Nightlight Gradients on Street Robbery and Burglary in Cincinnati of Ohio State, USA. *Remote Sens.* 11, 1958. (IF: 4.118) DOI: [10.3390/rs11171958](https://doi.org/10.3390/rs11171958)
8. Sun, H., Cai, C., Liu, H. and **Yang, B.**, (2019). Microwave and Meteorological Fusion: A method of Spatial Downscaling of Remotely Sensed Soil Moisture. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, 12(4), pp.1107-1119. (IF: 3.392) DOI: [10.1109/JSTARS.2019.2901921](https://doi.org/10.1109/JSTARS.2019.2901921)
9. Xu, M., Liu, H., Beck, R., Lekki, J., **Yang, B.**, Shu, S., et al., (2019). Regionally and Locally Adaptive Models for Retrieving Chlorophyll-a Concentration in Inland Waters From Remotely Sensed Multispectral and Hyperspectral Imagery. *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, 57(7), 4758-4774. (IF: 5.63) DOI: [10.1109/TGRS.2019.2892899](https://doi.org/10.1109/TGRS.2019.2892899)
10. Beck, R., Xu, M., Zhan, S., Johansen, R.A., Liu, H., Tong, S., **Yang, B.**, Shu, S., et al., (2018). Comparison of satellite reflectance algorithms for estimating turbidity and cyanobacterial concentrations in productive freshwaters using hyperspectral aircraft imagery and dense coincident surface observations. *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. 45(3), 413-433. (IF: 2.175) DOI: [10.1016/j.jglr.2018.09.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jglr.2018.09.001)
11. Xu, M., Liu, H., Beck, R., Lekki, J., **Yang, B.**, Shu, S., et al., (2018). A spectral space partition guided ensemble method for retrieving chlorophyll-a concentration in inland waters from Sentinel-2A satellite imagery. *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. 45(3), 454-465. (IF: 2.175) DOI: [10.1016/j.jglr.2018.09.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jglr.2018.09.002)
12. Johansen, R., Beck, R., Nowosad, J., Nietch, C., Xu, M., Shu, S., **Yang B.**, et al. (2018) Evaluating the portability of satellite derived chlorophyll-a algorithms for temperate inland lakes using airborne imagery and dense surface observations. *Harmful algae*, 76, 35-46. (IF: 5.012) DOI: [10.1016/j.hal.2018.05.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hal.2018.05.001)

13. Beck, R., Xu, M., Zhan, S., Liu, H., Johansen, R.A., Tong, S., **Yang, B.**, et al. (2017). Comparison of Satellite Reflectance Algorithms for Estimating Phycocyanin Values and Cyanobacterial Total Biovolume in a Temperate Reservoir Using Coincident Hyperspectral Aircraft Imagery and Dense Coincident Surface Observations. *Remote Sensing*, 9(6), p.538. (IF: 4.118)  
DOI: [10.3390/rs9060538](https://doi.org/10.3390/rs9060538)
14. Beck, R. A., Hinkel, K. M., Eisner, W. R., Whiteman, D., Arp, C. D., Machida, R., **Yang, B.**, et al. (2013). Contrasting historical and recent breakup styles on the Meade River of Arctic Alaska in the context of a warming climate. *American Journal of Climate Change*, 2(2),  
DOI: [10.4236/ajcc.2013.22016](https://doi.org/10.4236/ajcc.2013.22016)
15. Beck, R., Zhan, S., Liu, H., Tong, S., **Yang, B.**, Xu, M., et al. (2016). Comparison of satellite reflectance algorithms for estimating chlorophyll-a in a temperate reservoir using coincident hyperspectral aircraft imagery and dense coincident surface observations. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 178, 15-30 (IF: 8.791)  
DOI: [10.1016/j.rse.2016.03.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2016.03.002)
16. Zhang, W. G., **Yang, B.**, Ding, R., & Hu, Y. Q. (2010). Design of High-Speed Decoder for New High-Speed Bus. In *Applied Mechanics and Materials*, 20, 958-962.  
DOI: [10.4028/www.scientific.net/AMM.20-23.958](https://doi.org/10.4028/www.scientific.net/AMM.20-23.958)

#### **PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS**

- **Yang, B.**, Liu, H., Kang, E., Hawthorne, T., Tong, S., Shu, S., Impacts of traffic volume on the intensity and spatial extent of urban heat island (Under review in *Remote Sensing of Environment*)
- **Yang, B.**, Liu, H., Kang, E., Shu, S., Xu, M., Wu, B., Beck, R., Hinkel, K., & Yu, B., Spatio-temporal Cokriging method for blending and downscaling multi-scale remote sensing data. (Under review in *Remote Sensing of Environment*)
- **Yang, B.**, Hawthorne, T., Feinman, M., Searson, H., Hessing-Lewis, M., Reshitnyk, L., Duffy, E., Implementing an introductory drone mapping training program for coastal seagrass monitoring (To be submitted to *Drones*)
- **Yang, B.**, Hawthorne, T., Stachowicz, J., Beatty, D., Hovel, K., Access and comparing impacts of temperature and discharge on spatio-temporal variation of the eelgrass in California using satellite and UAV remote sensing (In progress)
- **Yang, B.**, Hawthorne, T., Aoki, L., Beatty, D., Domke, L., Eckert, G., Graham, O., Harvell, Hessing-Lewis, M., Hovel, K., D., Stachowicz, J., Tomas-Nash, F., Duffy, E., A novel method for investigating and accessing eelgrass beds in the west coast using high-resolution UAV mapping. (In progress)
- **Yang, B.**, Liu, H., Hinkel, K., Tong, S., Beck, R., Kang, E., Object-based spatio-temporal analysis of heat wave evolution in California (In progress)

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- Liu, H., **Yang, B.**, & Kang, E. (2015, July). Cokriging method for spatio-temporal assimilation of multi-scale satellite data. In *2015 IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS)* (pp. 3314-3316). IEEE. DOI: [10.1109/IGARSS.2015.7326527](https://doi.org/10.1109/IGARSS.2015.7326527)
- **Yang, B.**, & Zhang, W. (2011, October). Intelligent learning system based on HMM model. In *2011 Fourth International Symposium on Knowledge Acquisition and Modeling* (pp. 490-492). IEEE. DOI: [10.1109/KAM.2011.133](https://doi.org/10.1109/KAM.2011.133)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- **Bo Yang**, Timothy Hawthorne, Michael Feinman, Hunter Searson, (2020) High-resolution UAV mapping for investigating eelgrass wasting disease over the west coast of North America. In AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting. San Diego, CA
- **Bo Yang**, Timothy Hawthorne (2019) A spatio-temporal geostatistical approach for sharpening multi-spectral satellite imagery using high-resolution UAV data. In, AAG Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Hongjie Yu, Lin Liu, **Bo Yang** (2019) Crime Prediction with Historical Crime and Potential Offender Data Using a Spatio-temporal Cokriging Method. In, AAG Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- **Bo Yang**, Hongxing Liu, Emily Kang, Bailang Yu, Changchun Feng, Min Liu, Jianping Wu (2016) Analysis of impact of traffic regulation on spatial extent and intensity of urban heat islands with satellite thermal remote sensing. In, International Geographical Congress. Beijing, China
- **Bo Yang**, Hongxing Liu, Emily Kang, Richard A. Beck, Kenneth M. Hinkel, Lei Wang (2016) Spatio-temporal Cokriging: A multi-scale assimilation method for downscaling, hindcasting, and forecasting. In, AAG Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA
- **Bo Yang**, Hongxing Liu, Emily Kang (2015) Spatio-temporal Assimilation of Multi-scale Data Sets within a Cokriging Framework. In, AAG Annual Meeting Spatial Analysis and Modeling (SAM) paper competition. Chicago, IL
- Heather Barrett, Mark Krekeler, Josh Crumbaker, **Bo Yang**, Angie Bittner (2015) Preliminary materials investigations to support search and recovery using hyperspectral remote sensing: Initial geomaterials and clothing results. In Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD
- **Bo Yang**, Hongxing Liu, Emily Kang (2014) Assimilation of multi-scale thermal remote sensing data using spatio-temporal cokriging method. In, AAG Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL
- **Bo Yang**, Emily Kang, Hongxing Liu (2013) Spatiotemporal (ST) cokriging to Fuse Images of Multi-Sensor Land Surface Temperature. In, Statistics 2013. Columbus, OH
- Hongxing Liu, **Bo Yang**, Song, Shu, K KM Hinkel, RA Beck, EL Kang, (2013). Spatio-temporal analysis of surface temperature and water level variability of thermokarst lakes on the Arctic Coastal Plain of northern Alaska using multiscale satellite thermal images and ICESat laser altimetry. In AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA
- **Bo Yang**, Hongxing Liu, Emily Kang, Qiusheng Wu (2013). Spatiotemporal cokriging (ST) for multi-sensor images fusion of daily surface temperature over thaw lakes on north Alaska. In, AAG Annual Meeting. L. A., CA
- **Bo Yang**, Hongxing Liu, Qiusheng Wu, Richard Beck, Ken Hinkel, Emily Kang (2012). Derivation of daily surface temperature and emissivity measurements over the Maumee River watershed by integrating multi-scale thermal remote sensing data. In, AAG Annual Meeting. NYC
- Richard Beck, Hongxing Liu, **Bo Yang**, Qiusheng Wu (2012). Aircraft Sensing of Microcystis In, Workshop for Remote Sensing of Coastal and Inland Waters. University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- “Drone Mapping for Coastal Seagrass Monitoring and Citizen Science” in Department of Geography colloquium, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 10, 2019.
- “Multi-spectral drone mapping over Indian River Lagoon” in UCF research week kick-off event, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2018, April 5, 2019.
- “Spatio-temporal Cokriging Method for Blending and Downscaling Multi-scale Data” in UC geography colloquium series, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, October 13, 2017

## **RESEARCH PROJECT**

- **Lead post-doc scientist for NSF collaborative research: The role of a keystone pathogen in the geographic and local-scale ecology of eelgrass decline in the eastern Pacific (\$1,300,000), University of Central Florida, 2018 – present**

Leading the UAV team for fieldworks along the west coast working with Smithsonian MarineGeo, Cornell, UC Davis, San Diego State, Oregon State, Hakai, UW, and UAF; Collecting & processing UAV data; budgeting and coordinating with partners; build web-GIS platform for data sharing; Implementing UAV training course and community outreach in summer.

Project page: <http://www.citizensciencegis.org/projects/drone-mapping/>

- **Lead post-doc scientist for NSF Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) (\$36,000), University of Central Florida, 2019 – present**

As the supplementary project for NSF coastal mapping project, I lead the NSF RET project support 2 teachers joining my UAV team participating in our summer fieldworks along the west coast; developing a science unit of 5-7 classroom lessons using fieldwork data and drone mapping principles to support inquiry-based learning with students.

- **Research assistant for NASA Water Quality Remote Sensing and Harmful Algal Blooming (HABs) project, University of Cincinnati, 2013-2018 summers**

Leading the field sampling survey team, planning and coordinating survey tasks for water sampling in the Ohio River, Harsha Lake, and Brookville Lake, operating fieldwork instruments (UAVs, ASD spectrometer, YSI water sonde, Trimble Differential GPS, etc.).

- **Principal Investigator (PI) for Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) for Google Summer of Code (GSoC) GRASS branch (\$10,000), Google, 2016**

Develop and update the satellite image segmentation module (i.segment) using python and C programming language in GRASS 7 platform with the OSGeo development team.

GRASS 7 repository (<https://trac.osgeo.org/grass/browser/sandbox/bo/i.segment.gsoc2016>).

- **Research assistant for USDA-funded Project “LiDAR remote sensing of deforestation and forest fragmentation in Appalachian region”, University of Cincinnati, 2016-2018**

Processing multi-platform remote sensing imagery for mapping forest fragmentation, collecting and processing drone imagery with *in situ* measurements.

- **Research assistant for NSF Project “Circum-arctic Lakes Observation Network (CALON)”, University of Cincinnati, 2011-2014**

Designing and implementing a multi-sensor image fusion software using Python for blending multi-source imagery in Alaska.

- **PI for Graduate Innovation Fund (¥ 2,000) in Capital Normal University, 2010**

Developing a hidden Markov Model (HMM) based machine-learning algorithm.

- **Research assistant for China NSF project on high-reliable & high-speed system, 2010**  
Developing of highly-reliable & high-speed embedded decoding system in CNU

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2020S SYA6356 *GIS in Society* – **Instructor**, University of Central Florida  
Geog1005 *Human Geography in Action* – **Instructor**, UC Clermont College  
Geog1021 *World Regional Geography* – **Instructor**, UC Clermont College
- 2019F SYA6458: *Advanced Topics in GIS and Society* – **Guest Lecturer**, University of Central Florida  
Geog1021 *World Regional Geography* – **Instructor**, UC Clermont College
- 2019S SYA6458: *Advanced Topics in GIS and Society* – **Guest Lecturer**, University of Central Florida  
Geog1021 *World regional Geography* – **Instructor**, UC Clermont College
- 2018F SYA6458 *Advanced Topics in GIS and Society* – **Guest Lecturer**, University of Central Florida  
Geog1021 *World Regional Geography* – **Instructor**, UC Clermont College
- 2018S Geog1001 *Introduction to Physical Geography* – **Instructor**, University of Cincinnati  
Geog1012 *Landform and soils* – **Instructor**, UC Clermont College  
Geog1040 *Earth from Space* – **Instructor**, University of Cincinnati
- 2017S Geog1001 *Introduction to Physical Geography* – **Instructor**, University of Cincinnati  
Geog1040 *Earth from Space* – **Instructor**, University of Cincinnati  
Geog1044 *Natural Hazards and Disasters* – **Instructor**, University of Cincinnati
- 2016F Geog6091 *Advanced GIS* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2016S Geog6081C *Intermediate GIS* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2015F Geog6089 *Digital Terrain and Watershed Analysis* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2015S Geog1044 *Introduction to Natural Hazards and Disasters* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati  
Geog6086 *Intermediate Remote Sensing* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2014F Geog6076C *Introduction to Remote Sensing* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2014S Geog6096C *Advanced Remote Sensing & Image Analysis* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2013F Geog6075 *Quantitative Geography and Spatial Statistics I* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati
- 2012F Geog585 *Intro GIS* – **TA**, University of Cincinnati – **TA**, University of Cincinnati

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES**

- **Member**, American Association of Geography (AAG)
- **Member**, American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- **Member**, National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)
- **Reviewer Board Member**, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*
- **Reviewer**, *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*
- **Reviewer**, *Applied Geography*
- **Reviewer**, *Remote Sensing*
- **Reviewer**, *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*
- **Reviewer**, *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management* – ASCE
- **Reviewer**, *Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies*
- **Reviewer**, *Science of the Total Environment*
- **Reviewer**, *International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology*

- **Reviewer, *Drones***
- **Reviewer, *Urban Water Journal***
- **Reviewer, *Applied Sciences***
- **Reviewer, *Electronics***
- **Reviewer, *Water***
- **Reviewer, *Sustainability***
- **Reviewer, *Environmental Engineering and Management Journal***
- **Developer, *Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo)***
- **Drone mapping team leader, *Citizen Science GIS Group, University of Central Florida***
- **2+2 international exchange program coordinator, University of Cincinnati, Geography**
- **Technical Support, Center for Geospatial Information & Environmental Sensor Networks (GIESN), University of Cincinnati**
- **Debate team leader & President of debate association, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China**