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EDUCATION

Doctorate Degree in Integrative and Systems Biology

University of Colorado, Denver Advisor: Dr. Brian Buma

Master of Science in Geography

June 2018

University of Oregon Advisor: Dr. Dan Gavin

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, Spanish, and Geography (Honors)

May 2016

University of Wisconsin, Madison Minor in European Studies Advisor: Dr. Jack Williams

August 2018 - Present

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Researcher August 2018 - Present

Buma Lab, Department of Integrative and Systems Biology, University of Colorado Denver

- Studying the effect of shortening fire intervals and reburns in boreal systems on succession, carbon storage and permafrost in Interior Alaska.
- Guiding undergraduate researchers in field data collection, laboratory analysis & data organization.
- Working Thesis title: "The implications of increasing fire frequency in boreal forests of Interior Alaska"

Graduate Field Assistant

June 2019 - July 2019

Buma Lab, Landslide Task Force, Sitka Sound Science Center

• Conducted vegetation and soil surveys as part of a team of landslide-researchers in Sitka, Alaska.

Research Lead Technician

May 2018 - August 2018

Buma Lab, Department of Natural Resources, University of Alaska Fairbanks/Southeast

- Lead a team of field assistants on fieldwork in Interior Alaska.
- Coordinated field sampling efforts with a team of researchers from multiple institutions.
- Trained undergraduate interns in field sampling methods and laboratory procedures.

Graduate Researcher August 2016 – June 2018

Environmental Change Research Group, Department of Geography, University of Oregon

- Coordinated and conducted fieldwork in North California and Eastern Oregon.
- Served as a field assistant on several multidisciplinary research teams.
- Recruited and trained undergraduate research assistants.
- Coordinated the establishment of several new laboratory procedures.
- Thesis title: "Fire History and Soil Carbon in Old Growth Coast Redwood forests across the Late Holocene"

Undergraduate Researcher

May 2015 - May 2016

Williams Paleoecology Lab, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin

- Collaborated with research teams on field work and laboratory analysis.
- Entered and organized data, maintained lab and conducted original research.
- Thesis title: "A continuous charcoal record of Bonnett Lake, Ohio since the Last Glacial Maximum"

GRANTS

- **Hayes K**, Buma B. Joint Fire Science Program Graduate Research Innovation Award. "Evaluating Flammability across Reburns in Interior Alaska. 2019, **\$24,717.**
- Association of Fire Ecology TREE Graduate Travel Grant. 2019, \$330.
- UC Denver Department of Integrative Biology Travel Grant. 2019, \$500.
- UC Denver College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant. 2019, \$500.
- UC Denver Graduate School Travel Grant. 2019, \$500.
- Association of Pacific Coast Geographer's Travel Grant. 2017, \$200.

PUBLICATIONS

- Buma B, Weiss S, Hayes K, Lucash M. 2020. "Short-interval fires are increasing across the US West but pace suggests negative feedbacks and spatial patterning". Environmental Research Letters. https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ab6c70
- Kulakowski D, Buma B, Guz J, Hayes K. 2019. "The ecology of forest disturbances". Reference Module in Earth Systems and Environmental Science. https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-409548-9.11878-0

PUBLICATIONS IN REVIEW

Jensen A, Fastovich D, Watson B, Gill J, Jackson S, Russel J, Bevington J, Hayes K, Lininger K,
Rubbelke C, Schellinger G, Williams J. "More than one way to kill a spruce forest: The role of fire and
climate in the late-glacial termination of spruce woodlands across the southern Great Lakes".

Journal of Ecology. [In Review]

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Hayes K**, Buma B. "Changes in forest structure and composition in Boreal Interior Alaska via short-fire intervals", American Association of Geography. Denver, CO. April 2020.
- Buma B, **Hayes K**, Weiss S, Lucash M. "Overlapping and interacting fires, a double whammy: Short-interval burns are becoming more frequent across the US West but pace suggests negative feedbacks and spatial patterning", AGU. San Francisco, CA. December 2019.
- **Hayes K,** Buma B. "Continued short-interval fires overwhelm serotinous resilience regardless of topographic variation", Association for Fire Ecology Annual Meeting. Tucson, AZ. November 2019.
- Buma B, **Hayes K**, Weiss S, Lucash M. "Rates of short-interval fires increasing across the US West", Association for Fire Ecology Annual Meeting. Tucson, AZ. November 2019
- **Hayes K.** "Repeat short-interval fires in boreal cause continued ecosystem change", UC Denver Integrative Biology Graduate Student Seminar Series. Denver, CO. October 2019.
- **Hayes K.** "Using NEON data to identify ecological tipping points across spatial/temporal scales", NEON Science Summit. Boulder, CO. October 2019.
- Hayes K, Buma B. "Landscape Context mediates the effect of shortening fire intervals in boreal systems", International Association of Landscape Ecology North American Chapter. Fort Collins, CO. April 2019.
- Buma B, Lucash M, Hayes K, Weiss S. "The Predictable, and not so Predictable, Spatial distribution of Short Interval Fires across the US West", International Association of Landscape Ecology – North American Chapter. Fort Collins, CO. April 2019.
- Hayes K, Buma B. "Landscape Context mediates the effect of shortening fire intervals in boreal systems", UC Denver Integrative Biology Graduate Student Seminar Series. Denver, CO. April 2019.
- Hayes K, Gavin D. "Reconstructing Paleofire in Old Growth Coast Redwood Forests in Northern California Using Pyrogenic Charcoal and Soil Carbon". Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. Chico, California. October 2017. [Christopherson Award Winner]

- **Hayes K**, Gavin D. "Reconstructing a fire history in the Coast Redwood (Sequoia Sempervirens) forests of Northern California". Ecological Society of America. Portland, OR. August 2017.
- Hayes K, Saban C, Reis S, Johnson G, Hendricks L. "A synthesis of Coastal Systems Hydrology in the Pacific Northwest". University of Oregon Graduate Research Forum: Symposia on Hydrology of the Pacific Northwest. Eugene, OR. April 2017. [Panel Session Award Winner]
- **Hayes K**, Gavin D. "Marine Fog, Climate Change and Coast Redwood Forests: Past, Present and Future". UO Climate Change Research Symposium, Eugene, OR. April 2017.
- Hayes K, Williams J. "Fire History of Bonnett Lake, Ohio since the Last Glacial Maximum". Midwest Undergraduate Geography Symposium, Minneapolis, MN. April 2016.
- Hayes K, Williams J. "Compiling a continuous charcoal record of Bonnett Lake, Ohio since the Last Glacial Maximum". University of Wisconsin Undergraduate Symposium, Madison, WI. April 2016.

SELECT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- **Hayes K**, Buma B. "Effects of Spatial Heterogeneity on successional trajectories following repeat disturbances in Boreal Interior Alaska", AGU. San Francisco, CA. December 2019.
- Weiss S, **Hayes K**, Lucash M. "Modeling Post-fire Successional trajectories under Climate Change in Black Spruce forests in Interior Alaska", AGU. San Francisco, CA. December 2019.
- Olson K, Buma B, **Hayes K**. "Fine-scale Observations of Permafrost after Repeat Fires in Interior Alaska", AGU. San Francisco, CA. December 2019.
- Kodicherla V, Shabaga J, Vogel J, Buma B, **Hayes K**. "Soil Respiration in very high frequency Boreal Wildfires as a function of Species", AGU. San Francisco, CA. December 2019.
- Hayes K, Buma B. "The Implications of increasing fire frequency in boreal forests in Interior Alaska", University of Colorado Denver Research and Creative Activities Symposium. Denver, CO. April 2019.
- **Hayes K**, Buma B. "The Future of the Boreal Forest", University of Colorado Denver Applied Spatial Statistics Poster Presentation. Denver, CO. December 2018.
- **Hayes K**, Gavin D. "Fire and Carbon Cycling in Old Growth Coast Redwood". University of Oregon Graduate Research Forum. Eugene, OR. May 2018.
- Hayes K, Hendricks L, Gavin D. "Forests with naturally infrequent fire: their resilience and susceptibility to impacts by people and climate change". Joint Campus Conference. Eugene, OR. May 2017.
- Hayes K, Gavin D. "Marine fog and Climate change in Coast redwood (Sequoia sempervirens) forests: Implications for management & research". American Association of Geography. Boston, MA. April 2017.

Invited Talks

• Hayes K. "Climate Change: How the Arctic is Changing and Why it Matters". First Unitarian Society Sunday Forum. Milwaukee, WI. November 2019.

HONORS & AWARDS

University of Colorado Graduate Research Fellowship	Fall 2018	
Nominated for University of Oregon Dean's Award	Spring 2018	
Robert J. Leonard Memorial Award	Spring 2018	
Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in	Fall 2017	
Applied Geography/Earth Systems Science		
UO Graduate Research Forum Panel Session Winner	Spring 2017	
University of Oregon Graduate Teaching Fellowship	2016 – 2018	
Polanki College Achievement Award	Spring 2014	
Polish National Alliance Scholarship	2013 – 2015	
UW-Madison Initiative Grant	2014 – 2015	

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019

Department of Integrative and Systems Biology, University of Colorado Denver

- Taught recitation sections for upper-level biology and statistics courses.
- **Guest Lecturer:** Biology 3411: Principles of Ecology, Spring 2019.

Applied Ecology Graduate Seminar Coordinator

Spring 2019

Department of Integrative and Systems Biology, University of Colorado Denver

• Orchestrated weekly seminar class focused on readings on current topics in applied ecology and peer review of grants, proposals and other materials.

Graduate Teaching Fellow

Sept. 2016 - June 2018

Department of Geography, University of Oregon

- Taught laboratory sections for upper-level science courses.
- Planned lessons and assignments, wrote exam questions, held office hours, graded papers and exams, and organized and led review sessions for midterms and exams.
- **Guest Lecturer:** Geography 323: Biogeography, Fall 2017.

Geography 419: The Professional Geographer, Spring 2018.

Graduate Seminar Coordinator

Spring 2018

Department of Geography, University of Oregon

- Organized and facilitated weekly seminar discussions on professionalism, graduate student wellbeing and life after graduate school.
- Coordinated guest speakers from outside departments and organizations.

Graduate Mentor 2016 - 2018

Environmental Change Research Group, University of Oregon

 Counseled and supervised undergraduate research assistants on laboratory protocols, applying to graduate programs and the research process.

SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

•	Graduate Student Representative & Executive Committee Member	Present
	North American Chapter, International Association of Landscape Ecology	

• Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Advisory Committee Present
Department of Biology, University of Colorado Denver

• Journal Article Reviewer Spring 2018 - Present Plant and Soil, Global Change Biology

• Volunteer Moderator
Oregon State Geography Bee, National Geographic Society

Spring 2018

• Abstract Reviewer Spring 2018

Undergraduate Research Forum, University of Oregon

• Graduate Union Steward 2016 – 2018
Department of Geography, University of Oregon

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Geophysical Union
- International Association of Landscape Ecology
- International Arctic Science Committee
- Ecological Society of America
- American Association of Geography
- Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
- Guild of Rocky Mountain Ecologists
- University of Oregon Humanitarian Mappers
- Association of Polar Early Career Scientists
- UO Graduate Women in Science

- UO Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation
- Wisconsin Fire Ecology
- Women in Geography (UW-Madison Chapter)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Waterway Intake Specialist

Sept. 2014 – June 2015

Waterway Permit Central Intake Office, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

- Received and reviewed general waterway permit applications for completion.
- Utilized DNR databases to critically assess applications for potential disturbance to endangered species, archeological sites and historical monuments.