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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sustainable development; social vulnerability; sustainable agriculture; rurality; landscape diversity; flood adaptation; hierarchical Bayesian modeling; spatial analysis and GIS; scaling relationships

APPOINTMENTS

2024 - present	Associate Professor, School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri
2018 - 2024	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Geospatial Sciences, Kansas State University
2011 - 2013	Lab Manager and Senior Scientist, Nano Research Facility, Washington University in St. Louis
2010 - 2011	Research Scientist, Nano Research Facility, Washington University in St. Louis

EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering, Vanderbilt University
2009	M.S. in Environmental Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis
2006	B.S. in Environmental Engineering, University of Oklahoma

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

* Indicates equal co-authorship † Indicates student or post-doc mentee

- 2024 Francois, J. R. †, & **Nelson, K. S.** (2024). Examining the State of Community Well-Being at the Intersection of Rurality and Agricultural Engagement in the Contiguous United States. *International Journal of Community Well-Being*, 1-29.
- Burchfield, E. K., Crossley, M. S., & **Nelson, K. S.** (2024). Rotational complexity across US counties is currently insufficient to observe yield gains in major crops. *Environmental Research Letters*, 19(4), 044024.
- Madin, M. †, **Nelson, K.**, Fatema, K., Schoengold, K., Dalal, A., Onyekwelu, I., ... & Norouzi, S. S. (2024). Synthesis of current evidence on factors influencing the suitability of synthetic biodegradable mulches for agricultural applications: A systematic review. *Journal of Agriculture and Food Research*, 101095.

- 2023 Madin, M.[†] & **Nelson, K.S.** (2023). Effects of landscape simplicity on crop yield: A reanalysis of a global database. *PLOS One*. 18(12), <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0289799>.
- Nelson, K.S.** & Burchfield, E. (2023). Defining Features of Diverse and Productive Agricultural Systems: An Archetype Analysis of U.S. Agricultural Counties. *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2023.1081079>
- Nelson, K. S.***, & Nguyen, T. D.* (2023). Community assets and relative rurality index: A multi-dimensional measure of rurality. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 97, 322-333. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2022.12.025>
- Nelson, K. S.**, Nguyen, T. D., Francois, J. R.[†], & Ojha, S.[†] (2023). Rural sustainability methods, drivers, and outcomes: A systematic review. *Sustainable Development*, 1 – 24. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.2471>
- 2022 **Nelson, K.S.***, Appuhamilage, B.M.^{†*}, & Yao, B.^{†*}. (2022). Higher landscape diversity associated with improved crop production resilience in Kansas-USA. *Environmental Research Letters*. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ac7e5f>
- Sikorsky, K., Sharp, R., Fefer, J., **Nelson, K.**, & Shivley, R. (2022). The use of drones for recreational impact monitoring of public lands. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*. doi:10.18666/JPRA-2022-11429
- 2021 **Nelson, K.S.*** & Burchfield, E.K.* (2021). Landscape Complexity and U.S. Crop Production. *Nature Food*, 2(5), 330-338. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43016-021-00281-1>
- Nelson, K. S.**, & Molloy, M.[†] (2021). Differential disadvantages in the distribution of federal aid across three decades of voluntary buyouts in the United States. *Global Environmental Change*, 68, 102278. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2021.102278>
- Burchfield, E. K., & **Nelson, K. S.** (2021). Agricultural yield geographies in the United States. *Environmental Research Letters*, 16 054051, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/abe88d>
- Nelson, K.S.***, Nguyen, T.D.*, Brownstein, N.[†], Garcia, D.[†], Walker, H.[†], Watson, J.[†], & Xin, A.[†] (2021). Definitions, measures, and uses of rurality: A systematic review of the literature. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 82, 351-365, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2021.01.035>.
- 2020 **Nelson, K. S.**, & Camp, J. (2020). Quantifying the Benefits of Home Buyouts for Mitigating Flood Damages. *Anthropocene*, 100246. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ancene.2020.100246>
- Camp, J.*, **Nelson, K.***, Philip, C. E., Moravec, M.[†], Scheffler, D. W., & Johnson, P. (2020). Utilizing Agent-Based Modeling to Evaluate Operational Impacts of an Incident and Possible Alternatives on US Waterways. *Transportation Research Record*, 0361198120941504. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0361198120941504>
- 2019 Burchfield, E.K., **Nelson, K.S.**, & Spangler, K. (2019). The impact of agricultural landscape diversification on U.S. crop production. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2019.106615>
- Gillespie-Marthaler, L., **Nelson, K.**, Baroud, H., & Abkowitz, M. D. (2019). Selecting Indicators for Assessing Community Sustainable Resilience. *Risk Analysis*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/risa.13344>

- Nelson, K.**, Gillespie-Marthaler, L., Baroud, H., Abkowitz, M., & Kosson, D. (2019). An integrated and dynamic framework for assessing sustainable resilience in complex adaptive systems. *Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure*, 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23789689.2019.1578165>
- 2018 Gillespie-Marthaler, L., **Nelson, K.S.**, Baroud, H., Kosson, D. S., & Abkowitz, M. D. (2018). An Integrative Approach to Conceptualizing Sustainable Resilience. *Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23789689.2018.1497880>
- 2017 **Nelson, K. S.** & Burchfield, E.K. (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. doi:10.1002/2017WR020666
- Nelson, K. S.**, Camp, J. V., Philip, C. E., & Abkowitz, M. D. (2017). Agent-Based Model of Navigable Inland Waterway Tow Operation Procedures. *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, (2611), 11-18.
- 2016 Dundon, L. A., **Nelson, K. S.**, Camp, J., Abkowitz, M., & Jones, A. (2016). Using Climate and Weather Data to Support Regional Vulnerability Screening Assessments of Transportation Infrastructure. *Risks*, 4(3), 28.
- 2015 **Nelson, K. S.**, Abkowitz, M. D., & Camp, J. V. (2015). A Method for Creating High Resolution Maps of Social Vulnerability in the Context of Environmental Hazards. *Applied Geography*, 63, 89-100.
- 2013 Wu, L., Luderer, M., Yang, X., Swain, C., Zhang, H., **Nelson, K. S.**, ... & Pan, D. (2013). Surface Passivation of Carbon Nanoparticles with Branched Macromolecules Influences Near Infrared Bioimaging. *Theranostics*, 3(9), 677.
- Wu, L., Cai, X., **Nelson, K. S.**, Xing, W., Xia, J., Zhang, R., ... & Shen, B. (2013). A Green Synthesis of Carbon Nanoparticles from Honey and their use in Real-Time Photoacoustic Imaging. *Nano Research*, 6(5), 312-325.

Datasets

- 2023 **Nelson, Katherine S.** & Goodman, Colin (2023). *Multiscale Social Vulnerability in U.S. (1.0.0)* [Data set]. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8072143>
- 2023 Burchfield, Emily K.; **Nelson, Katherine S.** (2023). *County-level Estimates of Landscape Complexity and Configuration in the Coterminous US*. Ag Data Commons. <https://doi.org/10.15482/USDA.ADC/1529163>.
- 2022 **Nelson, Katherine**, & Nguyen, Tuan. (2022). *Community assets and relative rurality index (1.0.0)* [Data set]. In Community assets and relative rurality index: A multi-dimensional measure of rurality (1.0.0, Vol. 97, pp. 322–333). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8072187>

Book Chapters, Reports and Other Publications

- 2021 **Nelson, K.S.** (2021). *Mitigating flood risk to support small town development: A story map for Paxico, Kansas*. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e4cabd52b3f54511820e3d58b3cbe498>
- Nelson, K.S.**, Weiderstein, T. [†] & Mahlmeister, K. [†] *Changes in land cover and associated runoff*

- between 1990 and 2016 in the Wildcat Creek Watershed. Report to the City of Manhattan office of Community Development.
- 2020 **Nelson, K. S.** (2020). California Drought, 2012-2016. In B.K. Paul (ed.), *Natural Hazards and Disasters: From Avalanches and Climate Change to Water Spouts and Wildfires (40)*. ABC-CLIO.
- 2018 **Nelson, K. S.** (2018). *Towards Quantitative Assessment of Vulnerability, Resilience, and the Effects of Adaptation on Social-Environmental Systems* (Doctoral dissertation, Vanderbilt University).
- Gunda, T., **Nelson, K.S.**, & Patel, N. (2018). *Sustainable Development: It's as easy as F-E-W (2017-2)*. Teaching Case Study. Annapolis: National SocioEnvironmental Synthesis Center. <https://www.sesync.org/sustainable-development-it%E2%80%99s-as-easy-as-f-e-w-2017-2>
- 2015 **Nelson, K. S.**, Camp, J. V., Philip, C. E., & Abkowitz, M. D. (2015, September). *Navigable Inland Waterway Transportation Modeling: A Conceptual Framework and Modeling Approach for Consideration of Climate Change Induced Extreme Weather Events*. Paper presented at the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) Smart Rivers 2015 Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Retrieved from http://www.pianc.org.ar/_stage/pdf/papers_sr2015/123_paper_Nelson_USA_7.pdf
- 2014 **Nelson, K. S.**, Winter, P., Shokeen, M., Wang, S., & Berezin, M. Y. (2014). Nanoparticles for Bioimaging. *Nanotechnology for Biomedical Imaging and Diagnostics: From Nanoparticle Design to Clinical Applications*, 151-192. John Wiley & Sons.
- 2010 Giammar, D.E., **Nelson, K.S.**, Noel, J. D., & Xie, Y. (2010). *Water Chemistry Effects on Dissolution Rates of Lead Corrosion Products*. Water Research Foundation Report 4064. Retrieved from <http://www.waterrf.org/PublicReportLibrary/4064.pdf>

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Sen, R. Zambreski, Z., Onyekwelu, I., Sharda, V. & **Nelson, K.S.** (2023). Forecasting Future Suitability of Major Crops in Eastern Kansas River Basin (EKS RB) under a changing climate.

Fischer, A. [†], Hutchinson, J.M.S., & **Nelson, K.** (2024). Where is rural? A spatial analysis of the agreement between quantitative definitions of rural.

Nelson, K. (2024). User beware: Uncertainty in social vulnerability index values across data resolution and extent has strong implications for practice

Rode, O. Mather, M., Oliver, D., **Nelson, K.**, Reed, T., Moore, T., & Pratap, S. Improving Conservation Outcomes for Established Environmental Problems: Implementing a Useful and Usable Adaptive Management Framework for Extracting Additional Insights from Monitoring Data

Francois, J. [†], **Nelson, K.**, & Burchfield, E. Linking Diversity – Productivity Conditions of Farming Systems with the Well-Being of Agricultural Communities

GRANTS

Pending Review

- 2024 NSF CRISES, “Planning: CRISES: Building Collective Action for Sustainable Habitats”, Sept 2024 – Aug 2025, \$100,000 (co-PI)
- 2023 NSF-CAREER, “Unraveling simplification traps: Understanding pathway dependencies constraining potential for crop diversification and resilience of agricultural systems.”, Aug 2024 – July 2029, \$499,741 (PI)

Funded (Total of ~\$8.4M, ~\$2.4M as PI or co-PI)

- 2023 Kansas State University Game-changing Research Initiation Program (GRIP), “Towards a Global Food Systems Data Hub: Seeding the Center for Sustainable Wheat Production”. July 2023 – May 2026, \$950,000 (co-PI)
- Kansas State University Game-changing Research Initiation Program (GRIP), “Grid-integrated renewable energy and decarbonization for Kansas agriculture”. July 2023 – June 2024, \$100,000 (co-PI)
- 2022 North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (NCR-SARE) Graduate Student Grant, “Does Community Well-Being Matter in Landscape Management of U.S. Farming Systems?”, Sept 2022 – Aug 2024, \$14,501 (Faculty PI, Jean Francois - graduate student investigator.)
- 2021 NSF EPSCoR Major Initiatives to Improve Research Infrastructure (RII Track-2 FEC), “BioWRAP (Bioplastics With Regenerative Agricultural Properties): Spray-on bioplastics with growth synchronous decomposition and water, nutrient, and agrochemical management for enhanced field crop production”, Aug 2021 – Jul 2025, \$5,999,428 (Key participant: Socioeconomic impacts and rural sustainability lead.)
- US Department of Agriculture – Foundational and Applied Science Program, “Irrigation at the new 100th Meridian: Adaptation to manage climate risks and preserve water resources in the Eastern Kansas River Basin”, summer 2022 – summer 2026. \$750,000 (co-PI)
- 2020 Kansas State University Global Food Systems – Seed Grants, “Quantifying agricultural and social vulnerability to climate change in the Eastern Kansas River Basin to inform decision-making”, summer 2020 – summer 2021. \$45,324 (co-PI)
- 2019 US Department of Agriculture – Foundational and Applied Science Program, “Agricultural landscape management for improved sustainability: Quantifying relationships, barriers and opportunities”, July 2020 – June 2023, \$499,949 (PI)
- Kansas State University Center for Engagement and Community Development – Engagement Incentive Grants, “Building Our Sustainable Future through Community Engagement”, July 2019 – July 2021, \$7,000 (PI)
- Kansas State University – University Small Research Grants, “Understanding the Influence of Scale on Characterization of the Social Vulnerability of High Flood Risk Populations”, July 2019 – July 2020, \$4,240 (PI)

- 2017 Nashville Metro Water Services, “Converting Vulnerable Landscapes to Resilient and Sustainable Community Assets”, March 2017 – December 2017, \$62,500 (co-wrote)
- U.S. Coast Guard, “Elizabeth M Accident Evaluation Simulation”, August 2017 – July 2018, \$98,000 (co-wrote)

PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentations (presenting author in bold font, † student mentee)

- 2024 **Nelson, K.** & Nguyen, T. (2024, April). *Perceptions of well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic associated with varying rural community features*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI. (virtual)
- Francois, J.R.** † & Nelson, K. (2024, April). *Understanding the Diversification Trajectories of U.S. Agricultural Landscapes through a Qualitative Comparative Analysis*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI. (virtual)
- 2023 **Chavez, C.** † & Nelson, K. (2023, October). *Adaptive Capacity in Kansas: An Uncertainty Analysis*. Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD.
- Nelson, K.**, Burchfield, E. (2023, March). *Defining features of diverse and productive agricultural systems*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Madin, M.** †, Nelson, K., Schoengold, K., Dalal, A., Onyekwelu, I., Rayan, R., Saki, S., & Fatema, K. (2023, March). *Systematic review of biodegradable mulch film site suitability and adoptions among farmers*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Francois, J.** † & Nelson, K. (2023, March). *Examining the State of Community Well-being at the Intersection of Rurality and Agricultural Engagement in the Contiguous United States*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2022 **Nelson, K.S.**, Burchfield, E., Rissing, A., Cowan, J., Francois, J.R. † (2022, December). *Features of Diverse and Productive Agricultural Systems: Biophysical and Human Dimensions of Crop Production in US Counties*. A Community on Ecosystem Services (ACES) Annual Conference, Arlington, VA.
- Nelson, K.S.** (2022, October). *Shining light on the black box: a simple approach to merge flood modeling and local knowledge*. Kansas Association of Mappers (KAM) Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- Nelson, K. S.** (2022, February). *Community Assets and Relative Rurality Index: A Continuous Multi-dimensional Measure of Rurality*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New York City, NY. (virtual attendance)
- Francois, J.** †, Ohja, S. †, & Nelson, K.S. (2022, February). *Rural Sustainability Methods, Drivers, and Outcomes: A Systematic Review*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), virtual.
- 2021 **Nelson, K. S.** (2021, April). *Characterizing Uncertainty in the Intersection of Social Vulnerability and Flood Risk*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Seattle, WA.

- (virtual attendance)
- 2020 **Nelson, K. S.** & Molloy, M.[†] (2020, April). *The Socio-demographic Landscape of Three Decades of FEMA Buyouts*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO. (cancelled due to COVID)
- 2019 **Nelson, K. S.** & Molloy, M.[†] (2019, October). *The Socio-demographic Landscape of Three Decades of FEMA Buyouts*. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Lawrence, KS.
- Nelson, K. S.**, Burchfield, E. K., & Spangler, K. (2019, April). *Exploring the Impacts of Agricultural Landscape Diversity on Yields in the U.S. Using Bayesian Spatiotemporal Modeling*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington D.C.
- Burchfield, E. K.**, Nelson, K. S., & Spangler, K. (2019, April). *Impacts of agricultural diversification on U.S. crop production*. US-IALE (International Association for Landscape Ecology) Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, CO.
- 2018 **Nelson, K. S.** (2018, October). *Exploring the Impacts of Agricultural Landscape Diversity on Yields in the U.S. Using Bayesian Spatiotemporal Modeling*. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers Association of American Geographers (AAG), Manhattan, KS.
- Nelson, K. S.** (2018, April). *Examining the Sustainable Resilience of an Urban System*. Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Nelson, K. S. & **Camp, J.V.** (2017, December). *Converting Vulnerable Landscapes to Resilient Community Assets*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA), Arlington, VA.
- Nelson, K. S., Dundon, L. A., & **Abkowitz, M. D.** (2017, June). *Quantifying Social Resilience and Evaluating Climate Change Adaptation Strategies*. 3rd Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA), Our Climate Ready Future, Glasgow, Scotland. (Presented by Dundon.)
- Gillespie-Marthaler, L.**, Nelson, K. S., & Abkowitz, M. D. (2017, June). *Indicators for Assessing and Achieving Resilient and Sustainable Communities*. 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Risk Analysis – Europe (SRA-E), Lisbon, Portugal.
- Nelson, K. S.**, Camp, J.V., Philip, C. E., & Abkowitz, M. D. (2017, January). *Agent-Based Model of Navigable Inland Waterway Tow Operation Procedures*. 96th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.
- 2016 **Nelson, K. S.** & Burchfield, E. K. (2016, November). *Does the Structure of Water Rights Impact Agricultural Production During Droughts? A Spatiotemporal Analysis of California's Central Valley* Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) 38th Annual Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C.
- Nelson, K. S.**, Camp, J. V., Philip, C.E., & Abkowitz, M.D. (2016, June). *Navigable Inland Waterway Traffic Model for Evaluation of Tow Operation Procedures in the Context of Extreme Weather Events*. Student Honor Panel of the 4th Biennial TRB-CMTS Research & Development Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2015 **Nelson, K. S.**, Abkowitz, M. D., & Camp, J. V. (2015, April). *A Method for Creating High Resolution Maps of Social Vulnerability*. Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual

Meeting, Chicago, IL.

- 2009 **Giammar, D. E.**, Nelson, K. S., Noel, J. D., & Xie, Y. (2009, June). *Formation and Stability of Solid-Phase Lead Corrosion Products in Drinking Water Distribution Systems*. AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition, San Diego, CA.

Giammar, D. E., Nelson, K. S., Noel, J. D., & Xie, Y. (2009, March). *Influence of water chemistry on the stability of lead-containing phases present in drinking water distribution systems*. Paper presented at the 237th ACS National Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. (March 22-26, 2009).

- 2008 **Nelson, K. S.** & Giammar, D. E. (2008, April). *The Influence of Water Chemistry on the Dissolution Rate of a Lead Phosphate Corrosion Product*. Paper presented at the Joint Meeting of the Missouri Water Environment Association and the Missouri Section of the American Water Works Association, Osage Beach, MO.

Poster Presentations (presenting author in bold font)

- 2023 **Madin, M.**[†] & Nelson, K. (2023, October). *Modeling Future Scenarios of Sustainable Agricultural Innovations Adoption: An MCE Analysis of Biodegradable Mulch Suitability*. Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD. (Best Poster Award.)

Nelson, K. (2023, October). *Uncertainty in landscape diversity measures arising from land use misclassification errors*. DA3 - Digital Ag & Advanced Analytics Symposium, Manhattan, KS.

Chavez, D.[†] & Nelson, K. (2023, March). *High resolution dasymetry of socio-demographic variables to better understand adaptive capacity in Kansas*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Lopez, A., **Williams, S. Tasnim, M.**, Cheney, W., Hubbard, C., & Nelson, K. (2023, March). *Rural decline and renewal in Kansas*. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Rode, O., Reed, V., Mather, M., Moore, T., Nelson, K., Madin, M.[†], Francois, J.[†], & Krueger, L. (2023, February). *Hybrid Digital-Empirical Approaches Can Advance Sustainability of Aquatic Ecosystems: Merging GIS and Local Fish Habitat Data to Aid Watershed Conservation*. Kansas Natural Resources Conference, Manhattan, KS.

- 2022 **Madin, M.**[†] & Nelson, K.S. (2022, February). *Landscape diversity and sustainable agriculture production*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), virtual.

- 2021 Chavez, D.R.[†] & **Nelson, K.S.** (2021, December). *Agricultural Community Adaptive Capacity in Kansas*. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. (virtual attendance)

Ohja, S.[†], Francois, J.[†] and Nelson, K.S. (2021, September). *Rural Sustainability Methods, Drivers, and Outcomes: A Systematic Review*. Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Lincoln, NE.

- 2020 **Nelson, K.S.** (2020, March). *Reviewing the Structure and Function of Self-Described Living Labs*. Community Engagement Symposium – Student Success and the Public Good, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. (online only due to COVID)

- 2018 **Nelson, K. S.** (2018, December). *The Value of Flood Mitigating Ecosystem Services Provided by a Home Buyout Program*. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2017 **Burchfield, E.K.** & Nelson, K.S. (2017, July). *Using R-INLA to understand institutional moderators of drought*. useR! Conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2016 **Gillespie-Marthaler, L.** & Nelson, K. S. (2016, December). *Resilience, Sustainability, and Vulnerability: Multi-Scale, Dynamic Interactions within Complex Systems and an Integrative Assessment Method*. Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- Gillespie-Marthaler, L. & **Nelson, K. S.** (2016, November). *Resilience, Sustainability, and Vulnerability: Multi-Scale, Dynamic Interactions within Complex Systems and an Integrative Assessment Method*. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) 38th Annual Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C. (*Presented by Nelson.*)
- 2014 **Nelson, K. S.** (2014, February). *Environmental Justice Considerations Involving Rail Transport of Hazardous Materials*. Logistics, Trade and Transportation (LTT) Symposium, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Invited Presentations

- 2022 Nelson, K. S. (2022, November). *Landscape complexity, crop yields, and associated contextual factors in U.S. agriculture*. Geography & Atmospheric Science's Colloquium Series, University of Kansas.
- Nelson, K. S. (2022, September). *Landscape complexity, crop yields, and associated contextual factors in U.S. agriculture*. Plant Pathology Seminar Series, Kansas State University.
- 2021 Nelson, K. S. (2021, September). *Urban Flood Resilience: A look at the issues and paths forward*. Civil Engineering Graduate Seminar Invited Lecture Series, Kansas State University.
- 2020 Nelson, K. S. (2020, February). *Landscape Composition, Configuration, and US Crop Production*. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Seminar Series, Kansas State University.
- 2019 Nelson, K. S. (2019, March). *Costs and Benefits of Flood Adaptation Strategies in Nashville, TN*. Presentation at the Regional Conference of the American Planning Association, Manhattan, KS.
- 2018 Nelson, K. S. (2018, October). *Challenges in Adapting to Urban Flooding*. Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Seminar Series, Kansas State University.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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| 2019 - 2020 | Civic Engagement Fellow, Kansas State University |
| 2015 - 2016 | Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Graduate Research Fellowship, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Research Participation Program, May 2015 – October 2016, \$60,000 |

2013 - 2018	Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Graduate Honor Fellowship, Vanderbilt University
2006 - 2008	National Science Foundation Graduate Teaching Fellow in K-12 Education, Washington University in St. Louis

TEACHING

Courses Taught

2021, 2023	GEOG 833: Seminar in Sustainability Science, Thought, and Approaches Upper-level graduate course on concepts, frameworks, and analytical approaches in sustainability science.
2020, 2022, 2024	GEOG 728: Programming for Geospatial Analysis - R Upper-level cross-listed graduate and undergraduate course in use of R for spatial data analysis and modeling.
2019 - 2024	GEOG 360: Sustainability Concepts and Issues Undergraduate introductory course in sustainability concepts and systems thinking. (Online and in-person)
2018 – 2024	GEOG 508: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems Cross-listed graduate and undergraduate course in application of GIS to problem solving. (Online and in-person)
2019, 2022	GEOG 821: Research and Professional Development in Geography Master's level introductory seminar on research methods and professionalization in Geography.

Additional Training

2019 - 2020	Civic Engagement Fellow training program, Kansas State University
2017	Funded Participant, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) Short Course “Teaching Socio-Environmental Synthesis with Case Studies”
2016	Certificate in College Teaching, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching
2016	Assistant Instructor, Geospatial Technologies (K-12 teacher professional development), Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
2013	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Environmental Engineering (undergraduate lecture course), Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Vanderbilt University
2006 - 2008	National Science Foundation Graduate Teaching Fellow in K-12 Education (part-time co-teacher), Environmental Science, Gateway Middle School, St. Louis Public School District

ADVISING, MENTORING & RESEARCH SUPERVISION

PhD Advisor

2020 – present Jean Ribert Francois (KSU), Michael Madin (KSU), Denise Chavez Reyes (KSU)

Graduate Research Assistants

2024 Jean Ribert Francois (PhD), Michael Madin (PhD), Denise Chavez Reyes (PhD),
Amariah Fischer (PhD)
2022 - 2023 Jean Ribert Francois (PhD), Michael Madin (PhD), Denise Chavez Reyes (PhD),
Mobashsira Tasnim (MS), Amariah Fischer (PhD), Mostafa Sadeghnejad (PhD)
2021 - 2022 Jean Ribert Francois (PhD), Michael Madin (PhD)
2020 - 2021 Jean Ribert Francois (PhD), Dong Luo (PhD)
2019 – 2020 Michael Molloy (MS)

Undergraduate Research Assistants

2024 Katie Janzen, Skyler Medlin, Garrett Splichal
2021 – 2022 Kevin Johnson
2019 – 2020 Colin Goodman
2018 – 2019 Travis Wiederstein, Katie Malhmeister

Graduate Student Committees

Current Jean Ribert Francois (KSU Geography – Chair, PhD, ABD), Michael Madin (KSU
Geography – Chair, PhD, ABD), Denise Chavez Reyes (KSU Geography – Chair,
PhD), Sande Williams (KSU Geography, MS), Shreya Ojha (KSU Geography, PhD),
Nicole Kucheroov (KSU Entomology, PhD)
2024 Graduates Daniel Ornelas (Masters, Landscape Architecture), Amariah Fischer (PhD, Geography)
2023 Graduates Nathan Brownstein (MS, Geography), Rintu Sen (MS, Biological & Agricultural
Engineering), Sierrah Haas (MPH, Veterinary Medicine), Rebecca Lima (PhD,
Geography), Victoria Reed (MS, Biological & Agricultural Engineering), Zach Abell
(Masters, Regional and Community Planning)
2022 Graduates Huang Xing (MRCP, Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning)
2021 Graduates Caleb Whitehouse (MRCP, Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community
Planning)
2020 Graduates Kristen Sikorsky (MS, Park Management and Conservation), Allyssa Gray (MRCP,
Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning)
2019 Graduates Bryan Frenette (PhD, Biology)

SERVICE

Outreach

2023 Participant in FEMA Risk Management Directorate's (RMD) Future of Flood Risk Data (FFRD)
Initiative.

2021 Community Scientist, *Mitigating flood risk for small town economic and community development.*
Paxico, Kansas. AGU Thriving Earth Exchange (volunteer community science projects to solve
local challenges related to natural resources, climate change and natural hazards).
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e4cabd52b3f54511820e3d58b3cbe498>

- Co-organizer and speaker, *Wildcat Creek Panel Series: Know your Watershed, Support your Watershed, Love your Watershed, Sunday in the Stream!*, and *Water Fest*. Hosted by Prairiewood with support from Kansas State University Libraries and Kansas State University Department of Geography & Geospatial Sciences.
- 2020 Guest Speaker, *Interdisciplinary environmental science for sustainable agriculture and beyond*, KAWSE Career Chats, Kansas State University.
- Volunteer co-Presenter/Instructor, *Urban Development and Climate Change*. An interactive online workshop for middle school students, 2020 GROW/EXCITE Virtual Summer Workshop, KAWSE, Kansas State University.
- Guest Speaker, *The Academic Job Market, Job Talks, and Application Materials*. A discussion with the Rural Resources Resiliency NSF Research Training program fellows, Kansas State University.
- 2019 Guest Speaker, *Wildcat Creek Watershed as a Living Laboratory*. Presentation at the 14th Annual Sustainability Dialogue – ‘Climate Change and Storm Water Management’, Kansas State University.
- Guest Speaker, *What does a geographer do?* A discussion on interdisciplinary research and career paths, Kansas Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (KS-LAMP) Pathways to STEM summer research program.
- 2016 Volunteer Instructor, *Simplifying Complexity: The Wild World of Human-Environment Interactions*, Tennessee Women in Science, Technology, Engineering & Research (TWISTER) STEM conference for girls in 9th to 12th grades.

Professional and University Service

- Journal Reviewer for: *Global Environmental Change, Agricultural Systems, Sustainable Development, Environmental Research Letters* ([IOP Trusted Reviewer](#)), *Journal of Rural Studies, Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, Rural Sociology, PLOS One, Water Resources Research, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, Sustainability, Water, Urban Science, Cities, Applied Geography, Resources, Land*
- Funding Agency Reviewer for: Kansas State University Small Research Grants Program (2019), NSF Geography and Spatial Sciences Program (ad hoc - 2020), NSF Smart and Connected Communities (panel - 2021), ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards Program (2022), NSF Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences (panel - 2023)
- Conference Sessions Chaired/Organized: *Agriculture* - 2018 Annual meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), *Geographies of climate impacts* – 2018 AAG Annual Meeting, *Natural Resource Use and Management* - 2019 AAG Annual Meeting, *New perspectives on vulnerability to hazards* – 2021 AAG Annual Meeting, *Geographies of Sustainable Agricultural Transformation and Adaptation 1 & Geographies of Sustainable Agricultural Transformation and Adaptation 2 & New Perspectives on Agricultural Development* – 2023 AAG Annual Meeting
- Professional Association Leadership: Faculty board member at-large, *Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group* of the American Association of Geographers (GFASG-AAG) (2023-2025)
- August 2024

University Committees: KSU Arts and Sciences Interim Associate/Assistant Dean of Research search committee (2022-2023), KSU Department of Geography & Geospatial Sciences Graduate Admissions and Awards committee (2021-2023), KSU – UCGIS delegate (2021-2023)

MEDIA/TRADE PUBLICATION COVERAGE

- 2022 Center for ESG Research: [Resilience? A comparative study of the policy responding to the COVID-19](#)
- 2021 Samachar Central: [Diverse landcover boosts yields for major U.S. crops, study finds](#)
Phys.org: [Diverse landcover boosts yields for major U.S. crops, study finds](#)
Futurity: [DIVERSITY MAY BOOST US WHEAT AND CORN CROP YIELDS BY 20%](#)
Mirage News: [Diverse landcover boosts yields for major U.S. crops, study finds](#)
Anthropocene Magazine: [First-of-its-kind study shows that diverse landscapes could boost US crop yields by 20%](#)
Agricultural Biodiversity Weblog: [Brainfood: Food system, Transformation of, Climate change effects on, Pandemic and, Future of, Effect of Green Revolution on, Mesoamerican CWR, Moroccan crop diversity, USA crop diversity, GM, Environmental behaviours](#)
NIFA UPDATE: [Diverse Landcover Boosts Yields for Major U.S. Crops](#)
Grist: [This Louisiana neighborhood is retreating in the face of climate change](#)
- 2020 Phys.org: [Study finds that proactive home buyouts provide financial benefits, reduce flood damage, and protect homeowners](#)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

R (Statistical Programming Language)

ArcGIS

NetLogo