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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

APPOINTMENTS

2018 - present	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

* Equal contribution † Student or post-doc mentee

- 2023 **Nelson, K.S.** & Burchfield, E. Defining Features of Diverse and Productive Agricultural Systems: An Archetype Analysis of U.S. Agricultural Counties. *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*. (accepted 02/06/2023)
- 2023 **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>
- 2022 **Nelson, K. S.**, Nguyen, T. D., Francois, J. R.†, & Ojha, S.† (2022). 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>

- 2022 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>
- 2021 **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>
- 2021 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>
- 2021 **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>
- 2020 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>
- 2019 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>
- 2019 **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
- 2017 **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.
- 2013 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.

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>
- 2021 **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).
- 2018 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

2023 Francois, J.R.[†] & **Nelson, K.S.** Community Well-being at the Intersection of Rurality and Agricultural Engagement.

WORKING PAPERS

Burchfield, E.K. & **Nelson K.S.** Landscape Complexity Metric Data for U.S. Counties.

Nelson K.S. & Goodman, C.[†] A Dataset of Multiscalar Social Vulnerability Indices for the U.S.

Nelson, K.S. & Chavez, D.[†] Challenges in Assessing Agricultural Community Adaptive Capacity.

Nelson, K.S. Uncertainty in Social Vulnerability and its Intersections with Flood Risk Across Scales.

Madin, M.[†] & **Nelson, K.S.** Landscape diversity and sustainable agriculture production: data and analytical challenges.

GRANTS

Pending

- 2022 NSF Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID), “Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus dynamics at the intersection of climate, landscape, and agricultural management”, Aug 2023 – Jul 2028, \$2,308,335 (PI)
- 2022 National Science Foundation. Knowledge-Centric AI for Climate Adaptive Agriculture in the Great Plains (Know-CAP AI Institute). Pascal Hitzler, PI. June 2023 - May 2028. \$20,000,000 (key participant)
- 2022 NSF Convergence Accelerator Track J: Sustainable solutions to PFAS contaminated soil and its impacts to food and nutrition, Jan 2023 – Dec 2023, \$197,620 (key participant)
- 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation - University Transportation Center Tier 1 Application, Center for Transportation Infrastructure Resilience to Floods, 2023, \$288,236 (key participant)
- 2022 NRT-HDR-FW-HTF: Building interdisciplinary connectivity and convergence: an integrated research and management plan to promote biologically-involved sustainability, Aug 2023 – Jul 2028, \$2,997,328 (co-PI)

Funded

- 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)
- 2021 Kansas 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
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- enhanced field crop production”, Aug 2021 – Jul 2025, \$5,999,428 (Key participant: Socioeconomic impacts and rural sustainability lead.)
- 2021 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)
- 2019 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)
- 2019 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)
- 2017 U.S. Coast Guard, “Elizabeth M Accident Evaluation Simulation”, August 2017 – July 2018, \$98,000 (co-wrote)

Unfunded

- 2021 NSF Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID), “Wheat Streak Mosaic complex dynamics at the intersection of environmental condition and agricultural management”, Aug 2022 – Jul 2027, \$1,800,000 (PI)
- 2021 Kansas State University Strategic Investment Fund Proposals, “Advancing Sustainability across the K-State Enterprise – Phase 1”, \$119,500 (Key participant)
- 2021 NRT-HDR-FW-HTF: Building an integrated transdisciplinary framework for science-based, data-driven decision-making to achieve sustainability, Aug 2021 – Jul 2026, \$2,998,178 (co-PI)
- 2021 NSF – Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences Program (HEGS), “Unpacking polycentric climate adaptation for a shared hydrologic resource: the impacts of multiscale and multisector coordination”, Aug 2021 – Jul 2024, \$398,275 (PI)
- 2021 Kansas NSF EPSCoR Major Initiatives to Improve Research Infrastructure (RII Track-1), “Artificial intelligence-based data science to build resilient rural agricultural systems”, Aug 2022 – Jul 2027. \$5,000,638 (Socio-economic systems key participant.)
- 2020 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 2021 – summer 2024. \$499,811 (co-PI)
- 2020 NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Track-2: Focused Collaborations, "RII Track-2 FEC: Infrastructure for Data-Advanced Research and Education (I-DARE) to improve weather intelligence, climate change assessment, and citizen science in Central U.S."
- 2019 Kansas State University Chapman Center for Rural Studies - Interdisciplinary Research Grants, "Services, Amenities, and Relative Rurality (SARR) Index: A Flexible Continuous Multi-dimensional Measure of Rurality Using Granular Scale and Cutting Edge Data", January 2020 – January 2021, \$18,000 (PI)
- 2019 Spencer Foundation – Small Research Grants, "The Influence of Essential Services, Amenities, and Relative Rurality on Academic Performance in the U.S.", August 2020 – July 2021, \$49,942 (co-PI)
- 2019 National Science Foundation - Smart and Connected Communities Planning Grant, "Leveraging smart technology to develop a safe and environmentally resilient watershed community", July 2020 – July 2021, \$149,983 (co-PI)
- 2019 US Department of Education - Teacher quality partnership residency program, "T-SPARK (Teacher STEM Preparation Academic Residency for Kansas)", October 2019 – Sept 2024, \$5,761,004 (collaborator)
- 2018 National Science Foundation – Geography and Spatial Sciences, "Understanding the Role of Landscape Diversity in Agricultural System Function", August 2019 – August 2021, \$308,493 (co-PI)

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- 2021 **GEOG 833:** Seminar in Sustainability Science, Thought, and Approaches
Upper-level graduate course on concepts, frameworks, and analytical approaches in sustainability science.
- 2020/2022 **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 - 2022 **GEOG 360:** Sustainability Concepts and Issues
Undergraduate introductory course in sustainability concepts and systems thinking. (Online and in-person)
- 2018 – 2019, 2022 **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

PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentations

2022	Nelson, K.S., Burchfield, E., Rissing, A., Cowan, J., Francois, J.R. (December, 2022). <i>Features of Diverse and Productive Agricultural Systems: Biophysical and Human Dimensions of Crop Production in US Counties</i> . A Community on Ecosystem Services (ACES) Annual Conference, Arlington, VA.
2022	Nelson, K.S. (2022, October). <i>Shining light on the black box: a simple approach to merge flood modeling and local knowledge</i> . Kansas Association of Mappers (KAM) Conference, Manhattan, KS.
2022	Nelson, K. S. (2022, February). <i>Community Assets and Relative Rurality Index: A Continuous Multi-dimensional Measure of Rurality</i> . Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New York City, NY. (virtual attendance)
2022	Francois, J. [†] , Ohja, S. [†] , & Nelson, K.S. (2022, February). <i>Rural Sustainability Methods, Drivers, and Outcomes: A Systematic Review</i> . Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), virtual.
2021	Nelson, K. S. (2021, April). <i>Characterizing Uncertainty in the Intersection of Social Vulnerability and Flood Risk</i> . Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Seattle, WA. (virtual attendance)
2020	Nelson, K. S. & Molloy, M. [†] (2020, April). <i>The Socio-demographic Landscape of Three Decades of FEMA Buyouts</i> . Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO. (cancelled due to COVID)
2019	Nelson, K. S. & Molloy, M. [†] (2019, October). <i>The Socio-demographic Landscape of Three Decades of FEMA Buyouts</i> . Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Lawrence, KS.

- 2019 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.
- 2019 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.
- 2018 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., 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.
- 2017 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.
- 2017 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.
- 2016 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.
- 2009 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

Poster Presentations

- 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)
- 2021 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.
- 2016 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.
- 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, September). *Landscape complexity, crop yields, and associated contextual factors in U.S. agriculture*. Geography & Atmospheric Science's Colloquium Series, University of Kansas.
- 2022 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

- 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

SERVICE

Outreach

- 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).
- 2021 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.
- 2020 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.
- 2020 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.

- 2019 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 Service

Journal Reviewer for: *Agricultural Systems, Sustainability, PLOS One, Water Resources Research, Water, Urban Science, Cities, Applied Geography, Resources, Environmental Research Letters, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, Global Environmental Change, Journal of Rural Studies, Land*

Funding Agency Reviewer for: Kansas State University Small Research Grants Program, NSF Geography and Spatial Sciences Program (ad hoc), NSF Smart and Connected Communities (panel)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

R (Statistical Programming Language)
ArcGIS

NetLogo
AnyLogic