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Education

State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Science

○ Dissertation: *Mapping forest aboveground biomass stocks and changes to facilitate natural climate solutions in New York State*

Tufts University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Syracuse, New York

Aug 2019 - May 2024

Boston, Massachusetts

Aug 2013 - May 2017

Publications

In Review.....

2024: Johnson, L. K., Mahoney, M. J., Domke, G. M., and Beier, C. M. New allometric models for the USA create a step-change in forest carbon estimation, modeling, and mapping. In review at Remote Sensing of Environment. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2405.04507>.

2023: Mahoney, M.J., Johnson, L.K., Silge, J., Frick, H., Kuhn, M., and Beier, C. M. Assessing the performance of spatial cross-validation approaches for models of spatially structured data. In review at Environmental Modelling & Software. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2303.07334>.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles.....

2024: Cranmer, N., Han, T., Chedzoy, B., Smallidge, P. J., Beier, C. M., Johnson, L.K., and Xu, X. 2024. Estimating merchantable and non-merchantable wood volume in slash walls using terrestrial and airborne LiDAR. *Forest Ecology and Management*, 569, 122211. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2024.122211>.

2023: Johnson, L. K., Mahoney, M.J., Desrochers, M. L., and Beier, C. M. 2023. Mapping historical forest biomass for stock-change assessments at parcel to landscape scales. *Forest Ecology and Management*, 546, 121348. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2023.121348>.

2022: Desrochers, M. L., Tripp, W., Logan, S., Bevilacqua, E., Johnson, L.K., and Beier, C. M. 2022. Ground-Truthing Forest Change Detection Algorithms in Working Forests of the US Northeast. *Journal of Forestry*, 120(5), 575–587. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jofore/fvab075>.

2022: Johnson, L. K., Mahoney, M. J., Bevilacqua, E., Stehman, S. V., Domke, G. M., and Beier, C. M. 2022. Fine-resolution landscape-scale biomass mapping using a spatiotemporal patchwork of LiDAR coverages. *The International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation*, 114, 103059. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jag.2022.103059>.

2022: Mahoney, M. J., Johnson, L. K., Guinan, A. Z., and Beier, C. M. 2022. Classification and mapping of low-statured 'shrubland' cover types in post-agricultural landscapes of the

US Northeast. *The International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 43(19-24), 7117-7138. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01431161.2022.2155086>.

2022: Mahoney, M. J., **Johnson, L. K.**, Bevilacqua, E., and Beier, C. M. 2022. Ground noise filtering produces inferior models of forest aboveground biomass. *GIScience and Remote Sensing*, 59(1), 1266-1280. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15481603.2022.2103069>.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters.....

2023: Mahoney, M. J., **Johnson, L. K.**, and Beier, C. M. 2023. AI for Shrubland Identification and Mapping. In Sun Z, Cristea N, Rivas P (eds.), *Artificial Intelligence in Earth Science*, 295-316. Elsevier. ISBN 978-0-323-91737-7. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-91737-7.00010-4>.

Awards and Honors

2024: Outstanding PhD Scholar - SUNY ESF Division of Environmental Science.

Conference Activity

Invited Talks.....

2022: **Johnson, L.K.**, Mahoney, M.J., and Beier, C.M.. Historical Time Series Biomass Modeling: To Train on Plots or Pixels? FIA Science Stakeholder Meeting (Virtual).

Contributed Talks.....

2023: Mahoney, M. J., **Johnson, L. K.**, and Beier, C. M. Consistent Workflows for Assessing Model Performance: Tools and Applications to Natural Climate Solutions. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2023: Beier, C.M., **Johnson, L.K.**, Mahoney, M.J., Desrochers, M.L, and Domke, G.M. An integrated carbon monitoring framework for stock-change GHG inventory at parcel to landscape scales: approach, outputs and applications. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2022: **Johnson, L.K.**, Mahoney, M.J., and Beier, C.M. A Map-based Stock Change Approach for Fine-scale Biomass and Carbon Accounting in NYS. Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Cooperative Conference, Burlington, VT.

2022: **Johnson, L.K.**, Mahoney, M.J., and Beier, C.M. Historical Time Series Biomass Modeling: To Train on Plots or Pixels? American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting (Virtual).

2022: Mahoney, M.J., **Johnson, L.K.**, and Beier, C.M. Detecting regenerating forestland at a landscape level. Ecological Society of America and Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Joint Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

2022: **Johnson, L.K.**, Mahoney, M.J., Bevilacqua, E., and Beier, C.M. Filtering ground noise from LiDAR returns produces inferior models of forest aboveground biomass North American Forest Ecology Workshop, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario (Virtual).

2021: **Johnson, L.K.**, Mahoney, M.J., Bevilacqua, E., and Beier, C.M. Broad-scale forest biomass mapping: generating contiguous high-resolution predictions using a spatio-temporal patchwork of LiDAR coverages across a mixed-use landscape. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting (Virtual).

2021: Johnson, L.K., Mahoney, M.J., and Beier, C.M. Greening Up Before Growing Up: Challenges in Modeling Forest Biomass Recovery Post-Harvest Using Satellite Imagery. Society of American Foresters National Convention (Virtual).

Poster Presentations

2023: Johnson, L.K., Mahoney M.J., Domke, G.M., and Beier, C.M. Bridging the Gap Between Pixels and Minimum Estimation Units: Small-Area Uncertainty Estimation with Forest Aboveground Biomass Maps. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Experience

2024 - Present: Oregon State University

Postdoctoral Scholar. Quantifying radiative feedbacks associated with the albedo change that results from forest growth, reforestation, and afforestation. Assisting the operationalization of carbon reporting tools based on data from NASA's GEDI mission.

2019 - 2024: Climate and Applied Forest Research Institute (SUNY ESF)

Research Assistant. Developed cloud computing infrastructure, geospatial databases, and data sharing software. Contributed writing, code, and statistical/spatial analysis to technical reports.

2017 - 2019: Lightkeeper, LLC

Data Engineer. Developed internal data management tools and software in python.

Service to the Profession

2024: Reviewer: Carbon Balance and Management.

2023: Reviewer: Forest Ecology and Management, Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation, PNAS Nexus.

2023: Workshop Assistant: Foundations of Scientific Computing at SUNY ESF.

2022: Workshop Assistant: Foundations of Scientific Computing at SUNY ESF.

Community Service

July 2020 - July 2021: Code for Burlington - Courtbot Project Technical Lead (Volunteer). A free service providing text message notifications for court appearances.

Affiliations

2021 - Present: American Geophysical Union. Member.

2021 - Present: NYS GIS Association. Member.

Skills

Programming: R, Python, SQL, git, and Linux shell languages.

GIS: QGIS, ArcGIS, GDAL, Google Earth Engine, and the R spatial ecosystem.