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*I'm a geographer with the US EPA. My research interests include spatial analysis in R and Python, Geographic Information Science (GIS), aquatic ecology, remote sensing, open source science and environmental modeling.*

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## Employment

June 2008 - **Geographer**, *US Environmental Protection Agency*, Corvallis, Oregon.

- Present
- Provide geospatial support for the EPA National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS)
  - Develop spatial approaches to produce national predictive models and maps of watershed integrity and aquatic condition
  - Process landscape data for spatial designs and modeling using libraries in Python and R and ArcGIS
  - Generate hydrologic analyses using the National Hydrography Dataset Plus (NHD-Plus) as well as help develop the future direction of the National Hydrography Dataset as part of the interagency 3D Hydrography Working Group
  - Develop national scale geospatial products such as StreamCat and LakeCat - datasets of national scale watershed characteristics
  - Produce R packages such as StreamCatTools and spsurvey for applying data and methods to aquatic resources work

Jan 2023 - **Instructor, GIS Certificate Program**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, WA.

- Present
- Instructor for GIS Project Planning course and GIS in the Pacific Northwest course for GIS certificate program
  - Design and deliver lectures focused on project planning for GIS, GIS technology, and trends in the GIS profession
  - Mentor GIS certificate student programs in developing skills to enter the GIS workforce

June 2005 - **GIS Specialist**, *U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station Fire Sciences Lab*, Missoula, MT.

- May 2008
- Worked on the USFS Landfire program on the fire regimes team
  - Ran and modified fire / landscape simulation models (LANDSUM, VDDT)
  - Processed spatial data using scripting languages (Python and AML), and performed advanced spatial analysis on fire and fuels data using SQL, Python, VBA, and R
  - Processed raster data using map algebra for analysis of national fire and fuels mapping products
  - Interacted and worked closely with personnel from partner agencies such as USGS EROS data center and the Nature Conservancy

- May 2003 - **Biologist**, *U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station Fire Sciences*
- June 2005 *Lab, Missoula, MT.*
- Managed research project examining historical fire regimes in Utah
  - Planned and located research plots and gathered field measurements using increment borers, chainsaws, gps units and laser rangefinders
  - Applied dendrochronology techniques using software such as COFECHA and FHX2 for dating fire-scarred samples
  - Processed, summarized, analyzed data and prepared reports on fire history data collected
  - Performed spatial analysis and map production using ArcMap software and AML scripts
  - Performed statistical analyses on data using SAS and R
- June 2001 - **Ecologist**, *U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station Forestry*
- April 2003 *Sciences Lab, Portland, OR.*
- Supervised field crew for the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program
  - Prepared field methods and summarized data
  - Performed database development in Access and Oracle of inventory plot data
  - Used advanced photo interpretation, plant identification, and forest pathogen identification skills
  - Applied expertise with laser rangefinder, GPS, data logger, increment borer, and clinometer
  - Prepared plot maps and performed spatial queries using ArcGIS, helped model forest mortality from plot data as part of a pilot study
- September **Instructor**, *Portland Community College, Portland, OR.*
- 2000 - May
- 2003
- Taught two geography field courses each term, one on Mt. St. Helens and one on the Oregon High Desert
  - Delivered day-long courses focusing on geography and natural history of the areas
  - Developed course curriculum, supervised approximately 50 community college students on day long field classes, and graded student papers
- September **Assistant Editor**, *Himalayan Research Bulletin, Portland State University,*
- 1999 - May
- 2001
- Managed layout and editing of international journal on geographic and cultural research on the Himalayas
  - Performed journal layout using Adobe Pagemaker, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Illustrator software
  - Performed general office management tasks such as updating membership, correspondence, billing and mailing
- June 1999 - **Research Assistant**, *Portland State University Department of Geography,*
- September
- 1999
- Assisted in research project on tree-islands (kipukas) in lava flows at Newberry Crater National Monument, examining fire history and insect outbreaks
  - Collected tree increment cores, identified plants using plant keys, and measured fuel loading on sample plots

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## Education

- 2001 **Portland, OR**, *Portland State University*, MS in Geography.  
○ **Advisor:** Dr. Keith Hadley  
○ **Committee:** Barbara Brower, Andrew Fountain, Peter Frenzen, Robert Tinnin  
○ **Title:** Patterns in Forest Succession and Mortality Following Burial by Mudflow at Cedar Flats, Mount St. Helens, Washington
- 1988-1992 **Eugene, OR**, *University of Oregon*, BA in English.  
○ Robert D. Clark Honors College  
○ **Minor:** Environmental Studies

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## Workshops Taught

- April 2024 **StreamCat and LakeCat: Landscape Characteristics for Rivers and Lakes for the Conterminous US**, Research Triangle Park, NC.
- April 2023 **Development of the StreamCat API for the National Monitoring Conference**, Virginia Beach, VA.
- September 2018 **R Spatial Workshop for EPA R User Group Annual Meeting**, Virtual.
- May 2022 **R and Python Tools for Geospatial Water Applications for the AWRA Spring Specialty Conference**, Austin, TX.
- September 2018 **R Spatial Workshop for EPA R User Group Annual Meeting**, Research Triangle Park, NC.
- November 2019 **Earth Engine Tutorial for the EPA Pacific Ecological Sciences Division**, Corvallis, OR.
- April 2018 **R and Spatial Data for the AWRA Spring Specialty Conference**, Orlando, FL.
- April 2017 **R Fundamentals for Spatial Data and Advanced Visualization Techniques**, Portland, OR.
- June 2013 **R for Spatial Analysis for the EPA Pacific Ecological Sciences Division**, Newport, OR.

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## Awards

- 2024 US EPA Mason Hewitt Award for Excellence in GIS for StreamCat / LakeCat.
- 2022 US EPA PESD Division Honor Award.
- 2021 US EPA Special Service Award: Developing the data and Methods Enabling the Strategic Analysis of the Nation's Surface Waters.
- 2019 US EPA PESD Division Honor Award.
- 2018 US EPA PESD Division Honor Award.
- 2016 US EPA ORD Bronze Medal.
- 2015 US EPA Office of Water Achievement in Science & Technology Award.
- 2015 US EPA Western Ecology Division Certificate of Recognition.
- 2013 US EPA Western Ecology Division Certificate of Recognition.
- 2012 US EPA PeerOvation Top Innovation Award.
- 2012 US EPA Office of Water Bronze Medal.
- 2010 US EPA Office of Water Bronze Medal.
- 2010 US EPA ORD Exceptional Technical Assistance to Regions / Program Offices Award.
- 2007 USFS LANDFIRE Program Appreciation Award.
- 2005 USFS Certificate of Appreciation for Fire history fieldwork.

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## Open Source Software

- Author **R package to work with the StreamCat API within R and access the full suite of StreamCat catchment and watershed scale metrics for all NHDPlusV2 stream reaches and catchments.**, *StreamCatTools*.
- Co-author **spsurvey is an R package that implements a design-based approach to statistical inference, with a focus on spatial data.**, *spsurvey*.
- Co-author **micromap is an R package for developing small multiple maps with corresponding statistical summaries in R**, *micromap*.
- Contributor **Manipulating hydrographic data with the NHDPlus data model.**, *DOI-USGS/nhdplusTools*.

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## Publications

1. Lin, J., Compton, J., Sabo, R., Herlihy, A., Hill, R., Weber, M., & al., J. B. et. (2024). The changing nitrogen landscape of united states streams: Declining deposition and increasing organic nitrogen. *PNAS Nexus*, 3 (1), *pgad362*.
2. Dumelle, M., Kincaid, T., Olsen, A., & Weber, M. (2023). Spsurvey: Spatial sampling design and analysis in r. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 105 (3), 1.
3. Mengistu, S., Golden, H., Lane, C., Christensen, J., Wine, M., & al., E. D. et. (2023). Wetland flowpaths mediate nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations across the upper mississippi river basin. *JAWRA Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, 59 (5), 1162-1179.
4. Leibowitz, S., Hill, R., Creed, I., Compton, J., Golden, H., & al., M. W. et. (2023). National hydrologic connectivity classification links wetlands with stream water quality. *Nature Water*, 1 (4), 370-380.
5. Riato, L., Leibowitz, S., Weber, M., & Hill, R. (2023). A multiscale landscape approach for prioritizing river and stream protection and restoration actions. *Ecosphere*, 14 (1), *e4350*.
6. Sabo, R., Pickard, B., Lin, J., Washington, B., Clark, C., & al., J. C. et. (2023). Comparing drivers of spatial variability in US lake and stream phosphorus concentrations. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences*, 128 (8), *e2022JG007227*.
7. Kaufmann, P., Hughes, R., Paulsen, S., Peck, D., & al., C. S. et. (2022). Physical habitat in conterminous US streams and rivers, part 1: Geoclimatic controls and anthropogenic alteration. *Ecological Indicators*, 141, 109046.
8. Christensen, J., Golden, H., Alexander, L., Pickard, B., & al., K. F. et. (2022). Headwater streams and inland wetlands: Status and advancements of geospatial datasets and maps across the united states. *Earth-Science Reviews*, 235, 104230.
9. Fergus, C., Brooks, J., Kaufmann, P., Pollard, A., Mitchell, R., & al., G. G. et. (2022). Natural and anthropogenic controls on lake water-level decline and evaporation-to-inflow ratio in the conterminous united states. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 67 (7), 1484-1501.
10. Brooks, J., Compton, J., Lin, J., Herlihy, A., Nahlik, A., Rugh, W., & Weber, M. (2022). 15N of chironomidae: An index of nitrogen sources and processing within watersheds for national aquatic monitoring programs. *Science of The Total Environment*, 813, 151867.

11. Lin, J., Compton, J., Hill, R., Herlihy, A., Sabo, R., Brooks, J., & al., M. W. et. (2021). Context is everything: Interacting inputs and landscape characteristics control stream nitrogen. *Environmental Science & Technology*, 55 (12), 7890-7899.
12. Fergus, C., Brooks, J., Kaufmann, P., Pollard, A., Herlihy, A., & al., S. P. et. (2021). National framework for ranking lakes by potential for anthropogenic hydro-alteration. *Ecological Indicators*, 122, 107241.
13. Fergus, C., Brooks, J., Kaufmann, P., Herlihy, A., Pollard, A., & al., M. W. et. (2020). Lake water levels and associated hydrologic characteristics in the conterminous US. *JAWRA Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, 56 (3), 450-471.
14. Aho, K., Flotemersch, J., Leibowitz, S., Johnson, Z., Weber, M., & Hill, R. (2020). Adapting the index of watershed integrity for watershed managers in the western balkans region. *Environmental Management*, 65 (5), 602-617.
15. Riato, L., Leibowitz, S., & Weber, M. (2020). The use of multiscale stressors with biological condition assessments: A framework to advance the assessment and management of streams. *Science of the Total Environment*, 737, 139699.
16. Aho, K., Flotemersch, J., Leibowitz, S., LaCroix, M., & Weber, M. (2020). Applying the index of watershed integrity to the matanuska-susitna basin. *Arctic, Antarctic, and Alpine Research*, 52 (1), 435-449.
17. Olsen, A., Kincaid, T., Kentula, M., & Weber, M. (2019). Survey design to assess condition of wetlands in the united states. *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 191 (Suppl 1), 268.
18. Kincaid, T., Olsen, A., & Weber, M. (2019). Spsurvey: Spatial survey design and analysis. R package version 4.1. 0. *Comprehensive R Archive Network*.
19. Herlihy, A., Sifneos, J., Lomnický, G., Nahlik, A., Kentula, M., & al., T. M. et. (2019). The response of wetland quality indicators to human disturbance indicators across the united states. *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 191, 1-21.
20. Thornbrugh, D., Leibowitz, S., Hill, R., Weber, M., Johnson, Z., & al., A. O. et. (2018). Mapping watershed integrity for the conterminous united states. *Ecological Indicators*, 85, 1133-1148.
21. Hill, R., Weber, M., Debbout, R., Leibowitz, S., & Olsen, A. (2018). The lake-catchment (LakeCat) dataset: Characterizing landscape features for lake basins within the conterminous USA. *Freshwater Science*, 37 (2), 208-221.
22. Bellmore, R., Compton, J., Brooks, J., Fox, E., Hill, R., & al., D. S. et. (2018). Nitrogen inputs drive nitrogen concentrations in US streams and rivers during summer low flow conditions. *Science of the Total Environment*, 639, 1349-1359.
23. Fox, E., Hill, R., Leibowitz, S., Olsen, A., Thornbrugh, D., & Weber, M. (2017). Assessing the accuracy and stability of variable selection methods for random forest modeling in ecology. *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 189, 1-20.
24. Hill, R., Fox, E., Leibowitz, S., Olsen, A., Thornbrugh, D., & Weber, M. (2017). Predictive mapping of the biotic condition of conterminous US rivers and streams. *Ecological Applications*, 27 (8), 2397-2415.
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26. Hill, R., Fox, E., Leibowitz, S., Olsen, A., Thornbrugh, D., & Weber, M. (2017). EPA public access. *Ecol Appl*, 27 (8), 2397-2415.

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28. Kincaid, T., Olsen, A., & Weber, M. (2016). Spsurvey: Spatial survey design and analysis. *R Package Version*, 3 (3).
29. Leibowitz, S., Comeleo, R., Wigington Jr, P., Weber, M., & al., E. S. et. (2016). Hydrologic landscape characterization for the pacific northwest, USA. *JAWRA Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, 52 (2), 473-493.
30. Omernik, J., Paulsen, S., Griffith, G., & Weber, M. (2016). Regional patterns of total nitrogen concentrations in the national rivers and streams assessment. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, 71 (3), 167-181.
31. Glover, J., Omernik, J., Hughes, R., Griffith, G., & Weber, M. (2016). Watersheds, ecoregions and hydrologic units: The appropriate use of each for research and environmental management decisions. *Headwaters to Estuaries: Advances in Watershed Science and Management*, 119.
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33. Payton, Q., McManus, M., Weber, M., Olsen, A., & Kincaid, T. (2015). Micromap: A package for linked micromaps. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 63, 1-16.
34. Brooks, J., Gibson, J., Birks, S., Weber, M., Rodecap, K., & Stoddard, J. (2014). Stable isotope estimates of evaporation: Inflow and water residence time for lakes across the united states as a tool for national lake water quality assessments. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 59 (6), 2150-2165.
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36. Symanzik, J., Dai, X., Weber, M., Payton, Q., & McManus, M. (2014). Linked micromap plots for south america—general design considerations and specific adjustments. *Revista Colombiana de Estadística*, 37 (2), 451-469.
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40. Heyerdahl, E., Brown, P., Kitchen, S., & Weber, M. (2011). Multicentury fire and forest histories at 19 sites in utah and eastern nevada. *US Department of Agriculture*.
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42. Weber, M., Hadley, K., Frenzen, P., & Franklin, J. (2006). Forest development following mudflow deposition, mount st. Helens, washington. *Canadian Journal of Forest Research*, 36 (2), 437-449.
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## Selected Presentations

- 2024 **GIS in Python using Open-Source Python Libraries**, presented to the **EPA Python Community of Practice**, Virtual.
- 2024 **Using Spatiotemporal Asset Catalogs (STAC) and Cloud Optimized GeoTiffs (COG)**, presented to the **EPA Python Community of Practice**, Virtual.
- 2023 **Development of the StreamCat API**, presented to **National Monitoring Conference**, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 2022 **Using Geospatial Indicators of Watershed Condition to Support Freshwater Conservation Actions**, EPA Watershed Academy Webinar Series.
- 2018 **Invited Presentation for Portland State University: An Overview of Geospatial Work at the US EPA Western Ecology Division Supporting National-Scale Aquatic Condition Assessments and Watershed Health Prediction**, Portland, OR.
- 2015 **Invited Panelist: Advancing US EPA Integration of Environmental and Information Sciences**, Research Triangle Park, NC.

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## Trainings, Certificates and Courses

- 2023 **GIS for Climate Action**, *ESRI*.
- 2023 **Imagery in Action**, *ESRI*.
- 2021 **Cartography**, *ESRI*.
- 2020 **Spatial Data Science**, *ESRI*.
- 2017 **Pandas Foundations**, *Data Camp*.
- 2017 **Plotly and R Course**, *Data Camp*.
- 2016 **Introduction to Python for Data Science**, *Data Camp*.
- 2016 **SQL and R - Introduction to Database Queries**, *Statistics.com*.
- 2016 **Developing Data Products**, *Coursera*.

- 2016 **The Data Scientist's Toolbox**, *Coursera*.
- 2015 **Exploratory Data Analysis**, *Coursera*.
- 2012 **Visualization in R with ggplot2**, *Data Camp*.
- 2008 **Introduction to PHP and MySQL**, *Oregon State University E-Campus*.
- 2008 **Introduction to Geoprocessing Scripts Using Python**, *ESRI*.
- 2008 **Writing Advanced Geoprocessing Scripts Using Python**, *ESRI*.
- 2007 **Introduction to ArcGIS Server**, *ESRI*.
- 2007 **Learning Python**, *Mark Lutz*.
- 2006 **Learning ArcGIS 9 Spatial Analyst**, *ESRI*.
- 2006 **ArcGIS GeoProcessing and the ModelBuilder**, *Kessler GIS*.
- 2006 **Skills for the GeoDatabase**, *Kessler GIS*.
- 2005 **Working With Rasters in ArcGIS 8**, *ESRI*.
- 2005 **Introduction to SQL**, *Oregon State University E-Campus*.
- 2003 **SAS Programming 1**, *SAS Institute*.