

# Melissa Chapman

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## EDUCATION

### University of California- Berkeley

PhD Student: Dept. of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

Advisors: Dr. Carl Boettiger and Dr. Justin Brashares

Berkeley, CA

Aug 2018-present

### Yale University

Bachelor of Science: Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology & Dept of African Studies

Advisor: Dr. Sunil Parikh

New Haven, CT

Sept 2010-May 2014

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)

May 2019 - Aug 2019

Visiting Scientist

- Three month position with the POLISES (Policy Instruments and Social-Ecological Systems) research group
- Used agent based modeling and learning algorithms to investigate the impact of risk management policy on livestock and crop smallholder decision making in dryland systems

### Woods Hole Research Center

Sept 2015 - Apr 2018

Research Assistant II

- Worked with global remote sensing data, assisted in design of social surveys, utilized spatial optimization techniques for conservation prioritization
- Collaborated with NGOs and government agencies on interdisciplinary and applied research in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Papua New Guinea, and Brazil

### REDD+ Projet Équateur

Jan 2016 - Sept 2016

Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Analyst

- Developed a spatially explicit model of deforestation utilizing biophysical, socioeconomic, and political data in the Equateur province of the Democratic Republic of Congo

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

6. **Chapman, M.**, Cook-Patton S., Griscom B., Farina M., Baccini A., and Walker W. A 30-m Global Analysis of Carbon Storage and Climate Mitigation Potential in Production Landscapes. (*In review at Global Change Biology*). Analysis available at [github.com/milliechapman/treesincroplands](https://github.com/milliechapman/treesincroplands)
5. Oestreich, W., **Chapman, M.**, and Crowder, L. A comparative analysis of dynamic management in marine and terrestrial systems. (*In review at Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*)
4. Griscom, B., et al [including **Chapman, M.**]. National potential for natural climate solutions in the tropics. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* (*In press*) DOI: 10.1098/rstb.2019.0126
3. Samndong, R. A., Bush, G., Vatn, A., **Chapman, M.** (2018). Institutional analysis of causes of deforestation in REDD+ pilot sites in the Equateur province: Implication for REDD+ in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Land use policy*, 76, 664-674.
2. Galvin, B. D., Li, Z., Villemaine, E., Poole, C. B., **Chapman, M. S.**, Pollastri, M. P., ... & Carlow, C. K. (2014). A Target Repurposing Approach Identifies N-myristoyltransferase as a New Candidate Drug Target in Filarial Nematodes. *PLoS neglected tropical diseases*, 8(9), e3145.
1. Cunningham, Courtney, et al. [including **Chapman, M.**] (2014). Impaired consciousness in partial seizures is bimodally distributed. *Neurology*, 82(19), 1736-1744. *Neurology* 82.19 (2014): 1736-1744.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS, POLICY BRIEFS, AND THESES

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5. Galbiati, L.A., and Botero, M., et al [including **Chapman, M.**]. (2017) "Prioritizing Areas for Reforestation of Private Lands in the Brazilian Amazon". Policy Brief. available at: <http://ipam.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Prioritizing-Areas-for-Reforestation-of-Private-Lands-eng-web.pdf>
4. Cuthbert, R.J., Bush, G., **Chapman, M.**, Ken, B., G, Neale, E. and Whitmore, N. (2016) Analysis of National Circumstances in the Context of REDD+ and Identification of REDD+ Abatement Levers on Papua New Guinea. Wildlife Conservation Society, Goroka, Papua New Guinea. ISBN: 978-0-9943203-3-9
3. Bush, G., Nassikas, Z., and **Chapman, M.** (2017). Forest Landscape Restoration in Costa Rica: A spatially explicit multi-criteria tool for policy management prioritization and cost-benefit analysis. Presented to Costa Rica Forest Financing Ministry. Available upon request.
2. **Chapman, M.** Myhre, L. (2014) "A Geographic Correlation of Spina Bifida and Malaria in Kenya". Yale Department of African Studies Senior Thesis. Advisor: Sunil Parikh
1. **Chapman, M.** (2014) "Assessing patterns of malaria risk: Environmental determinants of differential malaria susceptibility between Mossi and Fulani people in Burkina Faso". Yale Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Senior Thesis. Advisor: Sunil Parikh

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- NEON Science Summit Travel Grant (\$900) 2019
- Safari Club Wildlife Ecology Field Grant (\$2200) 2019
- NSF National Research Trainee (\$32,000) 2018-2020
- POLISES 3-month Visiting Scientist Travel and Research Funding (\$6,000) 2019
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship: Kiswahili (\$35,000) 2012- 2014
- Kingsley Trust Association Senior Fellowship (\$5,000) 2014
- Yale Collaborative Action Project Grant (\$5,000) 2013-2014

## WORKSHOPS AND WORKING GROUPS

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- People, Land, Ecosystems: Leveraging NEON for Socio-Environmental Synthesis Feb 2020
- National Ecological Observation Network (NEON) Science Summit 2019
- Advancing Integrated Process-Based Modeling of Socio-Environmental Systems (SESYNC) 2019-2020
- Graduate Student Workshop on Socio-Environmental Synthesis (SESYNC) 2019
- Ecological Forecasting Initiative Student Working Group 2019-Present
- Mathematical Ecology Working Group: Woods Hole, MA 2017-2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Software Carpentry: *Instructor (in training)* 2019-present
- Amazon Environmental Research Institute: *Technical Mentor for Public Policy Course* 2017
- Lahey Health Systems: *eLearning Developer* 2015
- Yale University: *Course Based Peer Tutor in Organic Chemistry II and Physics I* 2012-2014

## SKILLS

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- **Computer/Coding:** R, git, python, NetLogo, Google Earth Engine, QGIS, ArcGIS, LaTeX
- **Mathematics/Statistics:** population modeling, spatial statistics, Bayesian statistics, agent based modeling
- **Languages:** English (native), Spanish (Intermediate), Kiswahili (Intermediate), Portuguese (Beginner)

## OUTREACH AND LEADERSHIP

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- Ecological Forecasting Initiative *Student Working Group Co-chair* 2019-2020
- UC Berkeley Graduate Student Association (GSA): 2018-Present  
(2018-2019) *Political Liaison*, (2019-2020) *Graduate Student Union Representative*
- Bay Area Scientists in Schools (BASIS): *Instructor* 2018-Present
- Society for Conservation Biology, Berkeley Chapter: *Planning Committee Officer* 2018-present
- 500 Women Scientists - Woods Hole Chapter: *Media Outreach* 2017-2018
- Yale Public Health Coalition: *President* (2012-2013), *Secretary* (2011) 2011-2013
- Yale Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field: *Captain* (2014) 2010-2014