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Education

- 2018 2023 Ph.D., UC Berkeley Environmental Science, Policy, and Management.

 Dissertation: From individual decisions to international agreements: Addressing biodiversity loss in an age of algorithms
- 2010 2014 **B.Sc. Yale University** Ecology and evolutionary biology.

 Thesis: Assessing patterns of malaria risk: Environmental and social determinants of endemicity across Burkina Faso and Kenya.

Positions

starting July 2025 2024-present	 ■ ETH Zürich Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy ■ Google Research Visiting Faculty Researcher
2023-present	National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS) Director's Postdoctoral Fellow
	Climate Change AI (CCAI) Core team
2022 - 2023	■ International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) Visiting Research Scholar
2021 - 2023	■ Data Intensive Social Science Lab Teaching Fellow
2020 - 2023	Resources Legacy Fund Lead scientific writer for California's Pathways to 30x30 Initiative
2015 - 2018	Woodwell Climate Research Center Research Assistant II

Peer-reviewed Publications

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Peer-reviewed articles

- Chapman, M., Goldstein, B., Schell, C., Brashares, J. S., Carter, N. H., Ellis-Soto, D., Faxon, H. O., Goldstein, J. E., Halpern, B. S., Longdon, J., Norman, K. E., O'Rourke, D., Scoville, C., Xu, L., & Boettiger, C. (2024). Biodiversity monitoring for a just planetary future. Science. ℰhttps://doi.org/10.1126/science.adh8874
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- Oliver, R., Chapman, M., Ellis-Soto, D., Brum-Bastos, V., Cagnacci, F., Long, J., Loretto, M.-C., Patchett, R., & Rutz, C. (2024). Access to human mobility data is essential for building a sustainable future. *Cell Reports Sustainability*.

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- 6 Sprenkle-Hyppolite, S., Griscom, B., Griffey, V., Munshi, E., & **Chapman**, **M.** (2024). Expert-informed leakage-free global carbon dioxide removal potential of trees in agriculture. (In press at Carbon Balance and Management).
- 7 Chapman, M., Boettiger, C., & Brashares, J. S. (2023). Leveraging private lands to meet 2030 biodiversity targets in the United States. *Conservation Science and Practice*.

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- 9 Hasting, Z., Chapman, M., Ocloo, X., Stenger, K., & Hunt, L. (2023). Trends in agroforestry research over four decades *co-first author. *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*. https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.2022.0015
- Kurz, D., Middleton, A. D., **Chapman**, M., Van Houtan, K. S., Wilkinson, C., Withey, L., & Brashares, J. (2023). Including rural america in academic conservation science. Frontiers in Conservation Science. https://doi.org/10.3389/fcosc.2023.1227227/full
- Moravek, J., Andrews, L. R., Serota, M. W., Dorcy, J. A., **Chapman**, **M.**, Wilkinson, C. E., Parker-Shames, P., Van Scoyoc, A., Verta, G., & Brashares, J. S. (2023). Centering 30x30 conservation initiatives on freshwater ecosystems. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment.* https://doi.org/10.1002/fee.2573
- Scoville, C., Faxon, H., **Chapman**, **M.**, & et al. (2023). Environment, society and machine learning. *Handbook on the Sociology of Machine Learning*.

 https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197653609.013.8
- Ellis-Soto, D., **Chapman**, M., & Locke, D. (2023). Uneven biodiversity sampling across redlined urban areas in the united states. *Nature Human Behavior (In press)*.

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- Montealegre-Mora, F., Laperolerie, M., Chapman, M., Keller, A., & Boettiger, C. (2023). Pretty darn good control: When are approximate solutions better than approximate models? *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*. Ahttps://doi.org/10.1007/s11538-023-01198-5
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- Estein, C., Chapman, M., Schell, C., Lowy, N., & Gerson, J. (2022). Demystifying the graduate school application process. *Bulletin of the Ecological Society of America*.

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- Chapman, M., Oestreich, W. K., Frawley, T. H., Boettiger, C., Diver, S., Santos, B. S., Scoville, C., Armstrong, K., Blondin, H., Chand, K. et al. (2021). Promoting equity in the use of algorithms for high-seas conservation. *One Earth*, 4(6), 790–794.

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- Chapman, M., Scoville, C., Lapeyrolerie, M., & Boettiger, C. (2021). Power and accountability in reinforcement learning applications to environmental policy. The Thirty-Sixth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021). Ahttps://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2205.10911
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- Scoville, C., **Chapman**, M., Amironesei, R., & Boettiger, C. (2021). Algorithmic conservation in a changing climate. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 51, 30–35. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cosust.2021.01.009
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White papers

1 Xu, L., Rolf, E., Beery, S., Bennett, J. R., Berger-Wolf, T., Birch, T., Bondi-Kelly, E., Brashares, J., Chapman, M., Corso, A. et al. (2023). Reflections from the workshop on AI-assisted decision making for conservation. & https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2307.08774

In review

- 1 Chapman, M., & Faxon, H. (n.d.). The colonial infrastructures of contemporary conservation data (workshop manuscript).
- Chapman, M., Jung, M., Boettiger, C., Ringwald, L., Leclère, D., Gusti, M., Augustynczik, A., & Visconti, P. (n.d.). Meeting European conservation and restoration targets under future land-use demands (in review). Shttps://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/ynqfx
- 3 Ellis-Soto, D., **Chapman**, M., & Koltz, A. (n.d.). Addressing data disparities is critical for biodiversity assessments and conservation policies in the United States (in review).
- 4 Hulkund, N., Oliver, R., **Chapman**, M., & Beery, S. (n.d.). Data sharing policies and considerations must influence machine learning research directions in ecological applications (in review).
- Locke, D., Ellis-Soto, D., & **Chapman**, **M.** (n.d.). Historic residential segregation impacts biodiversity data availability disparately across the tree of life (in review).

 Phttps://doi.org/10.32942/X2D04V
- 6 Scoville, C., Amironesei, R., Xu, L., & Chapman, M. (n.d.). Participation and contestability in dynamic natural resource management (workshop manuscript).

Fellowships and Grants

- 2024-2027 NASA Biological Diversity and Ecological Conservation Co-PI (\$620,000)
 - 2023 NCEAS Director's Postdoc Fellowship, National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (approx. \$140,000)
 - Peccei Award, International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) (approx. \$7,000)
 - Moore Foundation, (research funding written into larger grant) (approx. \$7,000)
 - **Departmental Research Fellowship**, University of California Berkeley (\$17,000)

Fellowships and Grants (continued)

- International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) Summer Fellowship, Funded through the National Academy of Science (\$7,000)
 - Data Science Teaching Fellowship, Funded through the UC Berkeley Social Science Data-Lab (\$5,000)
 - Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES-22) Conference Student Award, Funded through the National Science Foundation (\$1500)
 - Environmental Data Science Summit travel grant (\$800), NCEAS (delayed to 2023 due to COVID)
- 2021 SESYNC Graduate Student Pursuit: Co- PI (project link) (approx. \$35,000)
- 2020 Rerkeley Center For Technology, Society, and Policy Fellowship (project link) (\$4,000)
- 2018 NSF National Research Traineeship Environment and Society: Data sciences for the 21st Century (\$32,000)
 - NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention.
- 2014 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship: Kiswahili (\$35,000 over two awards)

Selected Presentations

- 2024 Chapman, M. Can AI help us make more informed conservation decisions? Aspen Global Change Institute (AGCI), AI and Biodiversity Workshop, Invited Talk
 - Chapman, M. Addressing the social and political dimensions of biodiversity data.

 North American Congress for Conservation Biology (NACCB), Vancouver 2024
 - Chapman, M & Faxon, H. The colonial infrastructures of contemporary biodiversity data. Data Justice Workshop, Barcelona 2024
 - Chapman, M & Faxon, H. The colonial infrastructures of contemporary biodiversity data. World Biodiversity Forum, Davos 2024
 - Chapman, M. Do biodiversity data biases risk entrenching social inequity into policy strategies? Resources for the Future (Invited talk)
 - Chapman, M. From individual decisions to international agreements: addressing biodiversity loss in the age of algorithms. Oregon State University (Invited Seminar)
 - Chapman, M. From individual decisions to international agreements: addressing biodiversity loss in the age of algorithms. National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (Invited Roundtable Seminar)
 - Chapman, M. From data to decisions: toward a just and sustainable planetary future in the age of AI. *University of Oregon (Invited Seminar)*
 - Chapman, M. From individual decisions to international agreements: addressing biodiversity loss in the age of algorithms. Stony Brook University (Invited Seminar)
 - Chapman, M. AI is transforming the way we confront climate change and biodiversity loss. GreenBiz Sustainability Conference (Invited keynote panel)
- 2023 Chapman, M. AI for equitable climate action. GLOCAL Innovation Grant Kick-off (invited keynote speaker)
 - Chapman, M. Human histories shape the biodiversity data that decide our future. GEO BON Conference, Montreal 2023)

Selected Presentations (continued)

- Chapman, M. From individual decisions to international agreements: Addressing biodiversity loss in an age of algorithms. *University of California Santa Barbara* (invited departmental seminar)
- Chapman, M. Addressing biodiversity loss in an age of algorithms. *International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (invited seminar)*.
- Chapman, M. From individual decisions to international agreements: Addressing biodiversity loss in an age of algorithms. University of California Berkeley (Wildlife seminar)
- 2022 Chapman, M, Jung, M., and Visconti, P.. Multiscale prioritization of conservation and restoration measures to meet 2030 biodiversity targets in the EU. *IIASA Summer Symposium* [Slides]
 - Chapman, M, Boettiger, C, and Brashares, J. Potential contributions of private lands to U.S. 2030 biodiversity targets. ESA 2022 [Slides]
 - Chapman, M. Climate mitigation and biodiversity contributions of land conservation and management (as part of a panel on "Ecologists Perspectives on COP26") ESA 2022. [Slides]
 - Chapman, M. Governing AI Applications To Monitoring and Managing Our Global Environmental Commons. AAAI/ACM conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES 2022). [Slides]
- 2021 Chapman, M., Schell, C., Brashares, J. "30x30: The New Conservation". Breakthroughs Magazine Virtual Series. [Recording]
 - Chapman, M. Pathways to 30x30: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature. California Biodiversity Network Bioinformatics and Conservation Planning round table.
 - Chapman, M., Boettiger, C. From data to decisions: Algorithms, power, and effective ocean management. UN FAO global forum on AI for a digital blue Planet. [Recording]
- 2020 Chapman, M. Large climate mitigation from adding trees to agricultural lands. The Nature Conservancy Seminar Series (Invited Talk).
 - Chapman, M. Large climate mitigation from adding trees to agricultural lands. Woodwell Climate Research Center Friday Seminar Series (Invited Talk).
 - Chapman, M., et al. Tipping points in diversified farming systems. Ecological Society of America 2020 Meeting. Contributed Talk. [Recording]
- 2018 Chapman, M., and Walker, W. (2018). A Global Analysis of Woody Aboveground Carbon Storage in Crop and Pasture lands. AGU Fall Meeting. (Presentation)

Working Groups and Assessments

- 2024-2025 USGS North American Biodiversity and Climate Assessment (Chapter Lead Author)
 - NSF/NCEAS Biodiversity Data & Conservation Science working group
 - 2024 Data Justice Workshop (Invited paper/presentation)
 - Resources for the Future: Climate Change and Natural Capital Workshop
- 2022-2024 Ethics and Practices of Algorithmic Conservation Reading Group (link) Co-founder/organizer
 - 2023 Environmental Data Science Innovation Summit (ESIIL)

Working Groups and Assessments (continued)

$2023,\ 2024$	Environmental Data Science Summit (NCEAS)
2022	AI-Assisted Decision-Making for Conservation (Harvard Center for Research of

AI-Assisted Decision-Making for Conservation (Harvard Center for Research on Computing and Society)

2019-2021 Ecological Forecasting Initiative Student Working Group Co-chair and Co-founder

2021 UC Berkeley Data and Environment Working Group Co-founder

■ Bioinformatics and Community Science Round Table steering committee, California Biodiversity Network

Culturally Relevant Education in Environmental Data Science (CREEDS) Workshop

2020 SESYNC Cyberinfrastructure Summer Institute

NIMBioS Adaptive Management Tutorial

People, Land, and Ecosystems: Leveraging NEON for Socio-Environmental Synthesis

2019 National Ecological Observation Network (NEON) Science Summit

Advancing Integrated Process-Based Modeling of Socio-Environmental Systems (SESYNC)

Graduate Student Workshop on Socio-Environmental Synthesis (SESYNC)

■ Ecological Forecasting Initiative Summer Course

2017 Mathematical Ecology Working Group: Woods Hole, MA

Teaching and Mentoring

Co-organizer Climate Change AI Virtual Summer School (2023, 2024)

Data Science Fellow & Instructor

UC Berkeley Social Science Data Lab; (1) Data wran-

gling (2) Deep learning in Python (3) Introduction to R, and (4) Data visualization (2022-2023)

Graduate Student Instructor UC Berkeley; ESPM 157: Data Science for Global Change Ecology (2020)

nology Course (2022)

Guest Lectures UC Santa Barbara: Data Science (2023)

Guest Lectures UC Santa Barbara; Data Science (2023)

Stanford University; Introduction to conservation planning and practice (2023)

University of California Santa Barbara; Introduction to Remote Sensing (2023)

Stanford University; Introduction to conservation planning and practice (2022)

Trinity College; U.S. Environmental Policy, Partisanship, and the Global Climate Crisis (2022)

UC Berkeley; Conservation and Technology (2022)

Middlebury Institute of International Studies; International Marine Science and Policy (2022)

Teaching and Mentoring (continued)

•	Middlebury Institute of International Studies; Ecological Analysis (2022)
Research Mentor	Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP) (2020-2022)
•	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program (2019-2022)
Technical Mentor	IPAM; Public Policy Course (2017)
Undergraduate Instructor	Yale University; Physics I (2014)
•	Yale University; Organic Chemistry II (2013)

Policy Documents and Briefs

2024	Land protection and restoration tools to effectively meet 2030 conserva-
	tion targets in the United States, USDA Internal Brief [PDF available upon
	request]

- - Conserving California: Advancing Science in Support of 30x30, Scientific Writer and Facilitator [PDF]
 - California's Pathways to 30x30: Conserving Freshwater Ecosystems, Legislative Summary; Lead Scientific Writer [PDF]
 - California's Pathways to 30x30: Expanding Access to Nature, Legislative Summary; Contributing Scientific Writer [PDF available upon request]
 - California's Pathways to 30x30: Working Lands and Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs), Legislative Summary; Contributing Scientific Writer [PDF available upon request]
 - California's Pathways to 30x30: Partnering with California Native American Tribes, Legislative Summary; Contributing Scientific Writer [PDF available upon request]
- 2021 Advancing 30x30 and Protecting Biodiversity, Lead Scientific Writer [PDF]
- 2018 Prioritizing Areas for Reforestation of Private Lands in the Brazilian Amazon. Policy Brief. [PDF]
- Analysis of National Circumstances in the Context of REDD+ and Identification of REDD+ Abatement Levers in Papua New Guinea Report produced by the Wildlife Conservation Society. [PDF]

Professional Service and Outreach

2024	Climate Change AI Innovation Grants Chair	
	Session organizer at World Biodiversity Forum	
	Session organizer at North American Convention for Conservation Biology	
2023-2024	Climate Change AI Core Team	
2022	Graduate Programs Committee student representative (ESPM, UC Berkeley)	
2021-2022	Graduate Admission Committee student representative (ESPM, UC Berkeley)	
2018-2021	UC Berkeley Graduate Student Association (GSA)	
2019-2021	Letters to a Pre-scientist: Volunteer	

Professional Service and Outreach (continued)

2018-2021 Ray Area Scientists in Schools (BASIS): Instructor