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Curriculum Vitae
Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences
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EDUCATION

2020 **Ph.D., Fisheries and Wildlife & Environmental Science and Policy**
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA
Dissertation: Complex Interactions among Ecosystem Services, Human Well-Being, and their Interlinkages to Telecoupling Processes

2013 **M.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering**
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea
Thesis: Mapping Ecosystem Services and Statistical Analysis for Ecosystem-Based Management of Coastal Areas

2011 **B.S., Civil Engineering**
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

AREAS OF EXPERTISE: Coupled human and natural systems; conservation science; ecosystem services; nature-based solutions; climate adaptation; environmental data science.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024–present Postdoctoral Scholar (NSF #2153040)
Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences,
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (PI: Dr. Jennifer Balch)

2024–present Research Associate (USGS Powell Center)
Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences,
University of Colorado, Denver, CO (PI: Dr. Ben Crawford)

2020–2023 Postdoctoral Scholar (California Climate Investments #CCR20021)
Center for Ecosystem Climate Solutions & Sierra Nevada Research Institute,
University of California, Merced & Irvine, CA (PIs: Dr. Roger Bales & Dr. Mike Goulden)

2014–2020 Research Assistant (NSF #1518518 & #1924111)
Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability,
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA (PI: Dr. Jianguo Liu)

2013–2014 Research Assistant, Korea Environment Institute, Seoul, South Korea.

2011–2013 Research Assistant, Ecological Engineering Laboratory, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (PI: Dr. Hojeong Kang)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Amaral, C., **M.G. Chung (Co-PI)**, S. Heffernan, L. Jones, S. Reinold, C. Wanner, E. Rolf, V. Iglesias, J.K. Balch, T. Tuff, A. Mukund, B. Kencairn, A. Hudak, D. McNutt. "Co-Designing a Scalable Digital Twin Decision Tool to Overcome Barriers to Trustworthy Forest Nature Climate Solutions in the Western U.S." *Allen Family Philanthropies*. pending ($1.4M)

Ward, K, **M.G. Chung (Co-PI)**. "H2OPE: Water poverty and equity." *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*. pending. ($1.5M)

Ilangakoon, G., C. Nagy, A. Post, C.H. do Amaral, K. Jay, **M.G. Chung (Co-I)**. "Carbon Storage Shifts in Western US Drylands: Multi-Model Assessment of Climate and Land Use Drivers." *NASA ROSES*. pending. ($889K)

Chung, M.G. (**PI**), B. Grawford, D. Damby, N. Clements. "Developing a multi-hazard air quality forecasting system." *Earth Science Information Partners*. not selected. ($20K)

Crawford, B., P. Ibsen, **M.G. Chung (Co-PI)**. "Improving Air Quality Forecasting with Machine Learning-based Urban Heat Modeling." *NSF CO-WY Engine*. not selected. ($400K)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Denver
October 2024 Guest lecturer, ENVS 6002 – Research Topics in Environmental Science

University of Colorado Boulder
May 2024 Facilitator, ESIIL Innovation Summit
April 2024 Facilitator, Forest Carbon Codefest

University Corporation for Atmospheric Research
August 2023 Instructor, I-Guide Summer School – Advanced Network Analyses

University of California, Merced
Spring 2021 Course designer, ES 240 – Water Resources Plan and Management
Fall 2020 Course designer, ES 200 – Environmental Systems

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress, Review, or Revision:

Chung, M.G., M. Goulden, H. Guo, S. Khan, G. Cui, and R. Bales. (under review). Human systems decouple forest restoration from water diversions during drought. *Nature Communications*.

Chung, M.G., M. Goulden, J. Balch, H. Yang, C. Amaral, G. Ilangakoon, R.C. Nagy, H. Guo, and R. Bales (under review). Promoting long-term carbon durability in fire-prone forests requires reducing stocks. *Global Change Biology*.

Chung, M.G., M. Goodchild, C. Folke, A. Vina, and J. Liu. (internal review). Uncovering a

complex metacoupled world: Spatio-temporal dynamics of international flows before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lee, H., E. Choi, O. Ju, C.O. Hong, Y. Kwak, J. Yun, J. Lee, **M.G. Chung**, S.M. Moon, A. Ho, and H. Kang (under review). Unexpected Improvements in the Global Sustainability of Rice Yields by Suppressing CH4 Emissions through Optimized N Fertilization. *Nature Food*.

Articles in Peer Review Journals:

Guo, H., M. Goulden, **M.G. Chung**, Q. Xu, C. Nyelele, W. Guo, B. Egoh, M. Conklin, C. Keske, M. Safeeq, and R. Bales. 2025. Valuing co-benefits of fire regulation through forest restoration in wildfire-vulnerable forests. *Science of the Total Environment*. 1001: 180487. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2025.180487

Chung, M.G., H. Guo, C. Nyelele, B. Egoh, M. Goulden, C. Keske, R. Bales. 2024. Valuation of disturbance on water and carbon fluxes in mixed-conifer mountain forests. *Ecohydrology*. e2642. doi: 10.1002/eco.2642

Nyelele, C., C. Keske, **M.G. Chung**, H. Guo, and B. Egoh. 2023. Using social media data to estimate recreational travel costs: A case study from California. *Ecological Indicators*. 154: 110638. doi: 10.1016/j.ecolind.2023.110638

Nyelele, C., C. Keske, **M.G. Chung**, H. Guo, and B. Egoh 2023. Using social media data and machine learning to map recreational ecosystem services. *Ecological indicators*. 154: 110606. doi: 10.1016/j.ecolind.2023.110606

Quesnel Seipp, K., T. Maurer, M. Elias, P. Saksa, C. Keske, K. Oleson, B. Egoh, R. Cleveland, C. Nyelele, N. Goncalves, K. Hemes, P. Wyrsch, D. Lewis, **M.G. Chung**, H. Guo, M. Conklin, and R. Bales. 2023. A multi-benefit framework for funding forest management in fire-driven ecosystems across the Western U.S. *Journal of Environmental Management*. 344: 118270. doi: 10.1016/j.jenvman.2023.118270

Guo, H., M. Goulden, **M.G. Chung**, C. Nyelele, B. Egoh, C. Keske, M. Conklin, and R. Bales. 2023. Valuing the benefits of forest restoration on enhancing hydropower and water supply in California's Sierra Nevada. *Science of the Total Environment*. 876: 162836. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2023.162836

Chung, M.G. and J. Liu. 2022. International food trade benefits biodiversity and food security in low-income countries. *Nature Food.* 3: 349-355. doi: 10.1038/s43016-022-00499-7

Chung, M.G., K. Frank, Y. Pokhrel, T. Dietz, and J. Liu. 2021. Natural infrastructure in sustaining global urban freshwater ecosystem services. *Nature Sustainability*. 4: 1068-1075. doi: 10.1038/s41893-021-00786-4

Chung, M.G., Y. Li, and J. Liu. 2021. Global red and processed meat trade and non-communicable diseases. *BMJ Global Health*. 6:e006394. doi: 10.1136/bmjgh-2021-006394

Yang, H., A. Lingmann-Zielinska, Y. Dou, **M.G. Chung**, J. Zhang, J. Liu. 2021. Complex

effects of telecouplings on forest dynamics: an agent-based modeling approach. *Earth Interactions*. 26: 15-27. doi: 10.1175/EI-D-20-0029.1

Yang, H., A. Viña, J.A. Winkler, **M.G. Chung**, Q. Huang, Y. Dou, J. Zhang, W. McShea, M. Songer, and J. Liu. 2021. A global assessment of the impact of individual protected areas on preventing forest loss. *Science of the Total Environment*. 777: 145995. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.145995

Chung, M.G., K. Kapsar, K. Frank, and J. Liu. 2020. The spatial and temporal dynamics of global meat trade networks. *Scientific Reports*, 10: 16657. doi: 10.1038/s41598-020-73591-2

Xu, Z., Y. Li, S.N. Chau, T. Dietz, C. Li, L. Wan, J. Zhang, L. Zhang, Y. Li, **M.G. Chung**, and J. Liu. 2020. Impacts of international trade on achieving global sustainable development goals. *Nature Sustainability*. 3: 946-971. doi: 10.1038/s41893-020-0572-z

Zhao, Z., M. Cai, T. Connor, **M.G. Chung**, and J. Liu. 2020. Metacoupled tourism and wildlife translocations affect synergies and trade-offs among Sustainable Development Goals across spillover systems. *Sustainability*, 12: 7677. doi: 10.3390/su12187677

Zhao, Z., M. Cai, F. Wang, J.A. Winkler, T. Connor, **M.G. Chung**, J. Zhang, H. Yang, Z. Xu, Y. Tang, Z. Ouyang, H. Zhang, and J. Liu. 2020. Synergies and tradeoffs among sustainable development goals across boundaries in a metacoupled world. *Science of the Total Evnrionment*, 751: 141749. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2020.141749

Chung, M.G., A. Herzberger, K. Frank, and J. Liu. 2019. International tourism dynamics in a globalized world: A social network analysis approach. *Journal of Travel Research*, 59: 387-403. doi: 10.1177/0047287519844834

Chung, M.G. and J. Liu. 2019. Telecoupled impacts of livestock trade on non-communicable diseases. *Globalization and Health*, 15: 43. doi: 10.1186/s12992-019-0481-y

Chung, M.G., H. Kang, T. Dietz, P. Jaimes, and J. Liu. 2019. Activating values for encouraging pro-environmental behavior: The role of religious fundamentalism and willingness to sacrifice. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 9: 371-385. doi: 10.1007/s13412-019-00562-z

Herzberger, A., **M.G. Chung**, K. Kapsar, K. Frank, and J. Liu. 2019. Telecoupled food trade affects pericoupled trade and intracoupled production. *Sustainability*, 11: 2908. doi: 10.3390/su11102908

Yang, H., A. Vina, J.A. Winkler, **M.G. Chung**, Y. Dou, F. Wang, J. Zhang, Y. Tang, T. Connor, Z. Zhao, and J. Liu. 2019. Effectiveness of China's protected areas in reducing deforestation. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 26: 18651-18661. doi: 10.1007/s11356-019-05232-9

Chung, M.G., T. Pan, X. Zou, and J. Liu. 2018. Complex interrelationships between ecosystem services supply and tourism demand: General framework and evidence from the origin of three Asian rivers. *Sustainability*, 10: 4576. doi: 10.3390/su10124576

Chung, M.G., T. Dietz, and J. Liu. 2018. Global relationships between biodiversity and nature-based tourism in protected areas. *Ecosystem Services*, 34: 11-23. doi: 10.1016/j.ecoser.2018.09.004. (*Featured in the news media*).

Liu, J., V. Hull, H.C.J. Godfray, D. Tilman, P. Gleick, H. Hoff, C. Pahl-Wostl, Z. Xu, **M.G. Chung**, J. Sun, and S. Li. 2018. Nexus approaches to global sustainable development. *Nature Sustainability*, 1: 466-476. doi: 10.1038/s41893-018-0135-8

Liu, J., Y. Dou, M. Batistella, E. Challies, T. Connor, C. Friis, J.D.A. Millington, E. Parish, C.L. Romulo, R.F.B. Silva, H. Triezenberg, H. Yang, Z. Zhao, K.S. Zimmerer, F. Huettmann, M.L. Treglia, Z. Basher, **M.G. Chung**, A. Herzberger, A. Lenschow, A. Mechiche-Alami, J. Newig, J. Roche, and J. Sun. 2018. Spillover systems in a telecoupled Anthropocene: typology, methods, and governance for global sustainability. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 33: 58-69. doi: 10.1016/j.cosust.2018.04.009

Carlson, A., J. Zaehringer, R. Garrett, R. Felipe, B. Silva, P. Furumo, A.R. Rey, A. Torres, **M.G. Chung**, Y. Li, and J. Liu. 2018. Toward rigorous telecoupling causal attribution: A systematic review and typology. *Sustainability*, 10: 4426. doi: 10.3390/su10124426

Chung, M.G., H. Kang, and S.U. Choi. 2015. Assessment of coastal ecosystem services for conservation strategies in South Korea. *PLoS ONE*, 10: e0133856. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0133856

Chung, M.G. and H. Kang. 2013. A review of ecosystem service studies: Concept, approach and future work in Korea. *Journal of Ecology and Environment*, 36: 1-9. doi: 10.5141/ecoenv.2013.001

Book/Report Chapters:

United Nations Environment Programme. 2025. *Global Environment Outlook 7: A future we choose – Why investing in Earth now can lead to a trillion-dollar benefit for all*. Nairobi. https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/49014.

Kang, H., H. Chang, and **M.G. Chung**. 2015. Rapid land use change impacts on coastal ecosystem services: A South Korean case study. *In* Water Ecosystem Services: A Global Perspective, J. Martin-Ortega, R.C. Ferrier, I.J. Gordon, and S. Khan (eds.), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK. pp.119-126.

PRESENTATIONS

Chung, M.G., D. Damby, N. Clements, and B. Crawford. Quantifying the contribution of multiple natural hazards to PM2.5 across the United States, AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA, December 18th, 2025.

Chung, M.G. Machine learning to predict changes in water diversion under a changing climate. ESA Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, USA, August 6th, 2024.

Chung, M.G. Valuation of historical forest management and disturbance on water and carbon fluxes in a productive mixed-conifer mountain forest. AGU Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL,

USA, December 16th, 2022.

Chung, M.G. A social network analysis for global flows of ecosystem services. The Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development at Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, April 13th, 2019.

Chung, M.G. and J. Liu. Global impacts of meat trade on non-communicable diseases. The Sustainability and Development Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, November 11th, 2018.

Chung, M.G., K. Frank, and J. Liu. Balancing built and natural infrastructure for sustainable freshwater supply to the World's cities. The 2018 IALE Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, April 9th, 2018.

Chung, M.G. and J. Liu. Global impacts of international food trade on biodiversity: Application of the telecoupling framework. The 20th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, West Lafayette, IN, USA, June 8th, 2017.

Chung, M.G., T. Dietz, and J. Liu. Complex relationships between biodiversity and cultural ecosystem services. The 2017 IALE Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA, April 10th, 2017. *(poster)*.

Chung, M.G., T. Pan, Y. Yao, and J. Liu. Telecoupled interactions among tourism, ecosystem services, and human well-being. The 2016 IALE Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC, USA, April 4th, 2016.

Chung, M.G. and J. Liu. International food trade among biodiversity hotspot and non-hotspot countries. The 9th IALE World Congress, Portland, OR, USA, July 6th, 2015. *(poster).*

Chung, M.G. Mapping ecosystem services and spatial statistical analysis of coastal areas for ecosystem-based management. The 4th Korea-Japan Exchange Seminar for Wetland Ecology and Biogeochemistry, Seoul, South Korea, March 5th, 2013.

Chung, M.G. Mapping ecosystem services and spatial statistical analysis of coastal areas. Annual Conference of the Ecological Society of Korea, Chuncheon, South Korea, February 14-15th, 2013. *(in Korean).*

Chung, M.G. Valuing ecosystem services of Korea coastal wetlands. The 3rd Seminar for Wetland Ecology and Biogeochemistry, Kitakyushu, Japan, May 10th, 2012.

Chung, M.G. and H. Kang. Mapping and valuing ecosystem services in Korea coastal wetlands. The 67th Annual Meeting of the Korean Association of Biological Sciences, Daejeon, South Korea, August 16-17th, 2012. *(poster).*

Chung, M.G. The study of coastal wetlands using the concept of ecosystem services. Annual Conference of the Ecological Society of Korea, Chuncheon, Korea, February 16-17th, 2012. *(in Korean).*

SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer:

Nature Food; Nature Cities; Nature Communications; One Earth; Ecological Engineering; Sustainable Cities and Society; Ecology and Society; Global Ecology and Conservation; PLoS ONE; Tourism and Hospitality Management

Workshop Organizer:

2018	Telecoupling framework: Concepts, applications, and hands-on exercise with the new cloud-based telecoupling toolbox. The 2018 IALE Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
2017	Network theory workshop: Visualizations of natural resource flows. The 13th Annual Andes Community of Practice Meeting, Sucre, Bolivia.

Invited Speaker:

2024	Advancing environmental data science for nature-based solutions. Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences Colloquium, University of Colorado, Denver, USA.
2016	Global impacts of international food trade on biodiversity. Telecoupling Framework for the Landscape Ecology Community, The 2016 IALE Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC, USA.
2016	Ecosystem services in a coupled human and natural system. National Institute of Ecology. Seocheon, South Korea.
2015	International food trade among biodiversity hotspot and non-hotspot countries. Telecoupling Framework for Studying Cross-Border and Cross-Scale Interactions Workshop, The 9th IALE World Congress, Portland, OR, USA.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020	Innovation in Sustainability Science Award, The Ecological Society of America
2019	The Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University ($7,000)
2018	Environmental Science and Policy Program (ESPP) Travel Grant Award, Michigan State University ($500)
2018	The Graduate School Travel Funding, Michigan State University ($650)
2018	Travel Funding from the College of Agricultural and Natural Resource, Michigan State University ($400)
2017	ESPP Urban Environment Research Fellowship, Michigan State University ($7,000)
2016–2017	The William W. and Evelyn M. Taylor Endowed Fellowship for International Engagement in Coupled Human and Natural Systems ($2,500)

2016–2017	Sustainable Michigan Endowed Project (SMEP) Scholars, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation ($25,000)
2016	ESPP Travel Grant Award, Michigan State University ($500)
2015	NASA–MSU Professional Enhancement Award ($780)
2014–2015	ESPP Fellowship, Michigan State University ($28,000)

MEDIA COVERAGE

"Red and processed meat trade linked to diet-related NCDs in Europe." By Flora Southey, Food Navigator, December 23, 2021. Available at: https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2021/12/23/Red-and-processed-meat-trade-linked-to-diet-related-NCDs-in-Europe

"The health impact of the global meat trade." By James Kingsland, Medical News Today, November 23, 2021. Available at: https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/the-health-impact-of-the-global-meat-trade

"Increased meat consumption leads to higher rates of serious disease, study finds." By Matthew Rozsa, Salon, November 22, 2021. Available at: https://www.salon.com/2021/11/22/increased-meat-consumption-leads-to-higher-rates-of-serious-disease-study-finds

"Global rise in red and processed meat trade contributes to diet-related non-communicable disease." By Emily Henderson, The Medical News, November 21, 2021. Available at: https://www.news-medical.net/news/20211121/Global-rise-in-red-and-processed-meat-trade-contributes-to-diet-related-non-communicable-disease.aspx

"Global spread of red meat consumption is bringing health concerns with it." By Sue Nichols, Technology Networks, November 17, 2021. Available at: https://www.technologynetworks.com/applied-sciences/news/global-spread-of-red-meat-consumption-is-bringing-health-concerns-with-it-355929

"Thirsty cities need a human/nature infrastructure combo." By Sue Nichols, SCIENMAG, October 21, 2021. Available at: https://scienmag.com/thirsty-cities-need-a-human-nature-infrastructure-combo

"What would Jesus do? Quite possibly, recycle." By Sue Nichols, phys.org, September 23, 2019. Available at: https://phys.org/news/2019-09-jesus-possibly-recycle.html

"More biodiversity equals more tourists." By Virginia Gewin, ESA Dispatches of Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment, January 28, 2019. Available at: https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/fee.1995

"More biodiversity means more ecotourism." By Dana Kobilinsky, the Wildlife Society, December 14, 2018. Available at: https://wildlife.org/more-biodiversity-means-more-ecotourism

"Biodiversity draws the ecotourism crowd." By Sue Nichols, Phys.org, November 8, 2018. Available at: https://phys.org/news/2018-11-biodiversity-ecotourism-crowd.html

SKILLSETS

Programming Skills:
R, Python, STATA, Mplus, SAS, ArcGIS, QGIS, EARDAS, GeoDa.

Language Skills:
Fluent in English and Native in Korean.