

# **Min Gon Chung**

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Environmental Data Science Innovation & Inclusion Lab

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2020      **Ph.D., Environmental Science and Policy & Fisheries and Wildlife**  
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, Ecosystem Services, Sustainable Development, Conservation Policy, Biodiversity, Trade, Ecology, Human Well-being, Climate Change, Statistics, and Spatial Analysis.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2024–      **Environmental Data Science Innovation & Inclusion Lab, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA**  
*Postdoctoral Scholar*
- 2020–2023      **Center for Ecosystem Climate Solutions, University of California, Merced, CA, USA**  
*Postdoctoral Scholar*
- 2014–2020      **Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA**  
*Research Assistant with Dr. Jianguo Liu*
- 2013–2014      **Korea Environment Institute, Seoul, South Korea**  
*Research Assistant*
- 2011–2013      **Ecological Engineering Laboratory, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea**  
*Research Assistant with Dr. Hojeong Kang*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Colorado Boulder**

April 2024      **Forest Carbon Codefest**  
*Facilitator*

### **University Corporation for Atmospheric Research**

August 2023      **I-Guide Summer School – Advanced Network Analyses**  
*Instructor*

### **University of California, Merced**

Spring 2021      **ES 240 – Water Resources Plan and Management**  
*Course designer*

Fall 2020      **ES 200 – Environmental Systems**  
*Course designer*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles in Peer Review Journals:**

**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. Wyrsh, 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 Environment*, 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. Zaehring, 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 Chapters:**

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.

### **In Progress, Review, or Revision:**

**Chung, M.G.**, M. Goulden, H. Guo, S. Khan, and R. Bales. (internal review). Evapotranspiration management for sustaining water diversion during droughts.

**Chung, M.G.** and J. Liu. (internal review). Spatio-temporal dynamics of international flows in a metacoupled world

- Chung, M.G.**, C. Hovis, V. Frans, K. Kapsar, A. Torres, Y. Zhang, Y. Li, R. Chen, E. Dean, A. Herzberger, M. Lei, X. Xu, Y. Xing, and J. Liu. (internal review). Integration of distant human-nature interactions into biodiversity conservation.
- Li, Y., M. Li, M. Lenzen, A. Malik, B.D. Fath, R. Chen, P. Havlik, **M.G. Chung**, J. Gephart, Z. Xu, J. Gómez-Paredes, O. Azusa, A. Alsamawi, K. Niu, and J. Liu. (under review). Transnational impacts on achieving SDGs at the national and global scales. *Nature*.
- Guo, H., M. Goulden, **M.G. Chung**, Q. Xu, C. Nyelele, W. Guo, B. Egoh, M. Conklin, C. Keske, M. Safeeq, R. Bales. (under review). Valuing co-benefits of fire regulation through forest restoration in wildfire-vulnerable forests. *Journal of Environmental Management*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Chung, M.G.** Machine learning to predict changes in water diversion under a changing climate. EAS 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 Cities  
Nature Communications  
One Earth  
PLoS ONE  
Ecological Engineering  
Sustainable Cities and Society  
Ecology and Society  
Global Ecology and Conservation  
Tourism and Hospitality Management

### **Workshop Organizer:**

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| 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:**

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| 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. Seochon, 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, Michigan State University (\$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)

2012 Award for Excellence Article, The 4th Environment Article Contest of Korea Environment Institute

2012 Best Poster Award, The 67th Annual Conference of the Korean Association of Biological Science

2012 Encouragement Award, Annual Conference of the Ecological Society of Korea

2011–2012 BK21 Participation Scholarship, The National Research Foundation of Korea

2012 Research Assistantship, Yonsei University, South Korea

2009–2010 National Science and Engineering Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation

2010 Highest Honors, Yonsei University, South Korea

2009 Honors, Yonsei University, South Korea

2008 Honors for Exemplary Public Service, Eunpyeong District Office, South Korea

## **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, ArcGIS, QGIS, EARDAS, GeoDa, STATA, Mplus, and SAS.

**Language Skills:**

Fluent in English and Native in Korean.