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Qualifications

Research and analysis — Hydrologic modeling & remote sensing, archival & field data collection, public health & safety, Python, Matlab, ArcGIS, R, bash, Fortran

Project management — Relationship building, proposal writing, reporting, accountability

Teaching and coalitions — Scientific presentations, academic workgroups, community teach-ins, high school classrooms, grassroots campaigns

Publications and writing — Six peer-reviewed articles in top academic journals, seven funding or award proposals, one report to Seattle's City Council, 30+ newsletter issues

Education

Ph.D. in Geological Sciences, University of Colorado (CU) Boulder Aug 2012 – Jun 2017

- ARCS Foundation Scholar for excellence in science and science communication
- Dissertation focused on enhancing the information content of soil moisture data

A.B. in Environmental Earth Sciences, Dartmouth College, NH Sep 2005 – Jun 2009

- Graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude*

Professional Experience

Owner and Research Collaborator at Oxbow Science, LLC, Seattle, WA Jan 2020 – Aug 2025

- Improve estimates of soil moisture, agricultural production, and continental energy fluxes by leveraging remotely-sensed and *in situ* observations
- Quantify model improvements from data assimilation (ensemble Kalman smoother)
- Participatory research among community members impacted by the criminal legal system: the [Black Brilliance Research Project](#) (BBRP) provided Seattle's City Council with a community-led framework for equity, health, and safety post George Floyd
- Coordinate field efforts with the *Tye for Five* campaign ([Tye Reed's 2023 run](#) for Seattle city council): organized volunteers, fundraised, and won public funding

Grassroots Organizing and Communication in Seattle, WA Jan 2021 – Dec 2024

- Organizer with [Seattle Solidarity Budget](#), a coalition and campaign to build a more equitable city by centering the needs of Seattle's most marginalized residents
- Create public-facing assets and newsletters to increase citizen research and education

Post-doctoral Research Associate at Univ. of Maryland / NASA Dec 2017 – Jan 2020

- Increase the resolution and observability of land-atmosphere transfer models
- Synthesize observations, models, and soil maps to estimate water, energy, and carbon fluxes, with a focus on locations that lack ground-based instrumentation
- Build in-house software modules that read new data into existing model frameworks
- Founder of a reading group to co-develop modeling and communication strategies

Senior Engineering Technician with Geosyntec Consultants in MA Aug 2010 – Jul 2012

- Collect and analyze field data, including installation of real-time data streams
- Produce timely text and figures for regulatory submittals to EPA

Publications

- Tangdamrongsub, N., Dong, J., and **Shellito, P. J.** (2022). Assessing Performances of Multivariate Data Assimilation Algorithms with SMOS, SMAP, and GRACE Observations for Improved Soil Moisture and Groundwater Analyses. *Water*, 14, 621, doi: 10.3390/w14040621
- Tangdamrongsub, N., Jasinski, M. F., and **Shellito, P. J.** (2021). Development and evaluation of 0.05° terrestrial water storage estimates using CABLE land surface model and assimilation of GRACE data. *Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci.*, 25, 4185–4208, doi: 10.5194/hess-2020-665
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- Shellito, P. J.**, E. E. Small, and B. Livneh (2018), Controls on surface soil drying rates observed by SMAP and simulated by the Noah land surface model, *Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci.*, 22, 1649–1663, doi: 10.5194/hess-22-1649-2018.
- Shellito, P. J.** et al. (2016), SMAP soil moisture drying more rapid than observed in situ following rainfall events, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 43(15), 8068–8075, doi:10.1002/2016GL069946.
- Shellito, P. J.**, E. E. Small, and M. H. Cosh (2016), Calibration of Noah Soil Hydraulic Property Parameters Using Surface Soil Moisture from SMOS and Basinwide In Situ Observations, *J. Hydrometeorol.*, 17(8), 2275–2292, doi:10.1175/JHM-D-15-0153.1.

Other Interests

Dancing, trail running, canoeing, dog training, gardening, mutual aid, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*