

## EDUCATION

**PhD Student in Earth and Environmental Sciences**, *The University of British Columbia, Canada* 09/2023 -  
Project: *Hydrological Responses to Wildfire at the Watershed Scale in British Columbia, Canada*  
Supervisor: Dr. Xiaohua (Adam) Wei

**MSc in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering**, *Beijing Forestry University, China* 09/2019 - 06/2022  
Project: *Non-point Source Pollution and Watershed Management in the Three Gorges Reservoir Region, China*  
Supervisors: Dr. Yujie Wang and Dr. Yunqi Wang

**BSc in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering**, *Beijing Forestry University, China* 09/2015 - 06/2019  
Project: *Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Runoff and Sediment Load in the Three Gorges Reservoir Region, China*  
Supervisors: Dr. Yujie Wang and Dr. Yunqi Wang

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**PhD Program** 09/2023 -  
*The University of British Columbia* Kelowna, Canada

### Hydrological responses to wildfires at the watershed scales in BC, Canada

- Analyzed 20 years of historical wildfire data, and quantified burn severity using satellite imagery
- Identified and selected 19 watersheds with burn areas exceeding 5% and over 3 years of post-fire streamflow records for focused analysis
- Applied statistical methods, including quantile regression and double mass curve analysis, to investigate post-fire streamflow turning points.
- Developed and implemented fieldwork plans for observational studies and soil sampling in selected watersheds.
- First-authored a review paper on hydrological responses to wildfire, currently under peer review.

**MSc Program / National Key R & D Program of China** 06/2019 - 06/2022  
*Beijing Forestry University* Beijing, Hubei and Chongqing, China

### Research on developing cost-effective watershed management strategies to reduce non-point source pollution

- Conceived the research project and established the theoretical framework
- Designed 60 Best Management Practice scenarios for watershed management
- Established a simulation-based optimization framework to develop robust and cost-effective watershed management strategies
- Made further optimization on the framework by incorporating several advanced evolutionary algorithms into the framework
- Drafted, edited and first-authored the research article [\[DOI\]](#)

### Study on assessing the influencing factors on non-point source pollution

- Conceptualized the research project and developed the theoretical framework
- Established a comprehensive database for the study watershed (watershed properties, field management records, long-term climate data, etc.)
- Identified the critical source areas within the watershed using semi-distributed hydrological model
- Quantified the contribution of each influencing factor to critical source areas, explored the non-linear relationships and potential thresholds that could cause sharp changes in pollution losses with machine learning techniques
- Drafted, edited and first-authored the research article [\[DOI\]](#)

### Research on quantifying the effectiveness of vegetated buffer stripes on reducing non-point source pollution

- Assembled experiment apparatus, collected water samples and measured water quality indicators (i.e., sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus) in the laboratory
- Quantified the reduction rates of vegetated buffers on sediment and nutrients, identified the optimal buffer width and vegetation type for the Three Gorges Reservoir Region
- Co-authored the research article [\[DOI\]](#) and co-patented a technique for constructing vegetated buffer stripes [\[Link\]](#)

## Undergraduate Program

11/2018 - 06/2019

Beijing Forestry University

Beijing, Chongqing and Hubei, China

### Analysis of runoff and sediment variations in the Three Gorges Reservoir Region

- Developed the research framework
- Conducted statistical analysis of long-term (2002-2017) runoff and sediment load variations in the Three Gorges Reservoir Region using Mann-Kendall test, double mass curve, Sen's slope, etc.
- Quantified the impact of human activity and climate change on runoff and sediment
- Drafted, edited and first-authored the research article [\[DOI\]](#)

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Team Leader / Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program for College Student

06/2017 - 10/2018

Beijing Forestry University

Beijing, China

- Designed the project. This study focused on exploring the effectiveness of vegetation patterns on reducing soil erosion in sloping areas
- Drafted and revised the application materials, raised the funding (5,000 CNY) for the project
- Designed experiments, assembled experimental setups (cultivated grass patterns on soil-bed experimental flume), and conducted experiment (collected water samples, measured sediment loads, etc.)
- Drafted a research report and made the final defense

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant / Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program for College Student

06/2020 - 09/2021

Beijing Forestry University

Beijing and Chongqing, China

- Supervised six undergraduate students on the research project that aimed at identifying optimal management practices to mitigate non-point source pollution.
- Prepared and revised application materials for the project
- Developed, registered, and licensed software for selecting optimal management practices [\[Link\]](#)

## PUBLICATION

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

**Wang S.**, Wang Y\*, Wang Y., Wang Z., 2022. Comparison of multi-objective evolutionary algorithms applied to watershed management problem. *Journal of Environmental Management* 324, 116255 [\[DOI\]](#)

**Wang S.**, Wang Y\*, Wang Y., Wang Z., 2022. Assessment of influencing factors on non-point source pollution critical source areas in an agricultural watershed. *Ecological Indicators* 141, 109084 [\[DOI\]](#)

**Wang S.**, Su B., Wang Y\*, Wang Y., Zhu J., Fu J., 2021. Change analysis of runoff and sediment in the Three Gorges Reservoir Region in recent 16 years. *Science of Soil and Water Conservation* 19, 69-78 (in Chinese with English abstract) [\[DOI\]](#).

Wang Z., Wang Y\*, Ding X., Wang Y., Yan Z., **Wang S.**, 2022. Evaluation of net anthropogenic nitrogen inputs in the Three Gorges Reservoir Area. *Ecological Indicators* 139, 108922 [\[DOI\]](#)

Fu J., Wang Y\*, Wang Y., Wang C., **Wang S.**, Wang Z., 2020. Effect of herbal buffer on pollutant reduction under different inflow conditions. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 34, 129-134 (in Chinese with English abstract) [\[DOI\]](#).

### Patent and Software Copyright

Wang Y., Wang Z., **Wang S.**, Cui W., 2021. "Best Management Practices (BMPs) Selection System v1.0 For Reducing Non-point Source Pollution in the Three Gorges Reservoir Area." CN Software Copyright 2021SR215280 [\[Certification\]](#)

Fu J., Wang Y., Wang Z., **Wang S.**, 2020. "The Construction Method of Vegetated Buffer Stripes for Optimized Flow Routing." CN Patent 110731238 A [\[Link\]](#)

### Manuscripts in Preparation

**Wang S.**, Wei X\*, Leach J\*, 2024. Hydrological impacts (of wildfires in Canada). (*in prep.*)

## SKILLS

<b>Languages and Tools</b>	Python, R, $\LaTeX$ , HTML
<b>Data Visualization</b>	Esri ArcGIS Pro (Arcpy), AutoCAD, Photoshop, Illustrator
<b>Technical Models</b>	SWAT, AnnAGNPS, RUSLE, WEPP, SPAW
<b>Laboratory Skills</b>	Experimental Design, Laboratory Techniques, Fieldwork
<b>Communication</b>	English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Elementary)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

International Four-Year Doctoral Partial Tuition Award, <i>The University of British Columbia</i>	2023
UBC Okanagan Graduate Research Scholarships, <i>The University of British Columbia</i>	2023
China Scholarship Council (CSC) Scholarship	2023
First Class Scholarships, <i>Beijing Forestry University</i>	2019 — 2022
Admission to the Graduate Program without Examination <sup>*</sup> , <i>Beijing Forestry University</i>	2018
Liang Xi Scholarships, <i>Beijing Forestry University</i>	2015 — 2018
Liang Xi Academic Class Student, <i>Beijing Forestry University</i>	2015

## REFERENCES

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