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Summary

- Ph.D. candidate in Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan
- Interdisciplinary researcher with experience in simulation modeling, risk, resilience, and data science
- Motivated by addressing social and environmental sustainability challenges

Education

- 2016-21 (expected) **University of Michigan**
Ph.D. in Industrial and Operations Engineering
- Advisor: Seth D Guikema
 - Committee: Daniel G Brown, Arun Agrawal, Mark van Oyen
 - Thesis topic: "Evaluating robust strategies for enhancing smallholder farmer resilience"
- 2016-19 *M.Sc. in Industrial and Operations Engineering*
- 2012-15 **University of Canterbury**
B.Eng. with 1st class honors in Natural Resources Engineering
- Thesis topic: "Gravity currents propagating over rough boundaries"

Employment History

- 2016- **University of Michigan**
Research Assistant
- 2019 **Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research** (Umwelt Forschung Zentrum, UFZ)
Visiting Scholar

Publications

In peer-reviewed journals

- 2020 **Williams T.G.**, Guikema S.D., Brown D.G, Agrawal A. "Assessing model equifinality for robust policy analysis in complex socio-environmental systems" *Environmental Modelling & Software* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2020.104831>
- 2020 **Williams T.G.**, Guikema S.D., Brown D.G, Agrawal A. "Resilience and equity: quantifying the distributional effects of resilience-enhancing strategies in a smallholder agricultural system" *Agricultural Systems* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.agsy.2020.102832>
- 2020 **Williams T.G.**, Logan T.M., Zuo C., Liberman K., and Guikema S.D. "Parks and safety: a comparative study of green space access and its inequities in five US cities" *Landscape and Urban Planning* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2020.103841>
- 2019 Logan, T. M., **Williams, T. G.**, Nisbet, A. J., Liberman, K. D., Zuo, C. T., and Guikema, S. D. "Evaluating urban accessibility: Leveraging open-source data and analytics to overcome existing limitations." *Environment and Planning B – Urban Analytics and City Science* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/2399808317736528>
- 2017 Zhou, J., Cenedese, C., **Williams, T.**, Ball, M., Venayagamoorthy, S., Nokes, R. "On the propagation of gravity currents over and through a submerged array of cylinders." *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2017.604>

Under review

Williams T.G., Dreßler G., Stratton A.E., Müller B. “Ecological and financial strategies provide complementary benefits for smallholder climate resilience: insights from an agent-based model” under review in *Ecology and Society*

Bakhtsiyarava M., **Williams T.G.**, Verdin A., Guikema S.D., Grace K., “A non-parametric analysis of household-level food insecurity in Ethiopia and Nigeria” under review in *Food Security*

In progress

Williams T.G., Trush S., Sullivan J., Liao C., Chesterman N., Agrawal A., Guikema S.D., Brown D.G. “Direct and indirect land-use changes associated with large-scale land acquisitions in Ethiopia” invited contribution for *Journal of Land Use Science*

Logan T.M., Anderson M.J., **Williams T.G.**, Conrow L. “Measuring inequality in the built environment: an approach for evaluating the distribution of amenities and burdens”

Conference Contributions

* indicates presenting author

Oral presentations

- 2020 **Williams T.G.***, Dreßler G., Stratton A.E., Müller B. “Ecological and financial strategies provide complementary benefits for smallholder climate resilience: insights from an agent-based model” *Michigan University-Wide Sustainability and Environment (MUSE) Conference*
- 2019 Logan, T. *, Gray, S., Caines, M., **Williams, T.**, Rachunok, B., Chapman, B. “Roundtable: Tomorrow’s Perspective on Today’s Risk: Technology, Environment, and Society” *Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting*
- 2019 **Williams T.G.***, Guikema S.D., Brown D.G, Agrawal A. “Acknowledging uncertainty in models for sustainable development: a framework for robust policy analysis” *Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting*
- 2019 Smith, A.*, Southworth J., Agrawal, A., Brown, D., Liao, C., Khatami R., Sullivan, J., **Williams, T.**, Muir, C., Trush, S., Ayana, A. “A comparative analysis of the social-ecological impacts of LSLAs in Ethiopia and Tanzania in the context of sustainable development” *Global Land Programme 4th Open Science Meeting*
- 2019 **Williams, T.*** “Computation and data science for food security” *Michigan University-Wide Sustainability and Environment (MUSE) Conference*
- 2019 **Williams, T.***, Logan, T, Zuo, C., Liberman, K., and Guikema, S. “Parks and safety: a comparative study of green space access and its inequities in five US cities” *Michigan University-Wide Sustainability and Environment (MUSE) Conference*
- 2018 **Williams, T.***, Guikema, S. “Modeling climate resilience in smallholder agricultural systems: an agent-based approach” *Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting*
- 2018 **Williams, T.***, Guikema, S. “Modeling climate resilience in smallholder agricultural systems: an agent-based approach” *Sustainable Development Conference*
- 2017 **Williams, T.***, Logan, T, Zuo, C., Liberman, K., and Guikema, S. “How accessible are our cities? A cross-sectional analysis of access to green space.” *INFORMS Annual Meeting*
- 2017 Logan, T. M., **Williams, T. G.***, Nisbet, A. J., Liberman, K. D., Zuo, C. T., and Guikema, S. D. “Measuring accessibility to core urban services.” *Michigan University-Wide Sustainability and Environment (MUSE) Conference*.

Poster presentations

- 2018 **Williams, T.***, Guikema, S. "Modeling climate resilience in smallholder agricultural systems: an agent-based approach" *University of Michigan Engineering Graduate Symposium*
- 2018 **Williams, T.***, Logan, T, Zuo, C., Liberman, K., and Guikema, S. "How accessible are our cities? A cross-sectional analysis of access to green space." *Michigan University-Wide Sustainability and Environment (MUSE) Conference*.
- 2018 **Williams, T.***, Logan, T, Zuo, C., Liberman, K., and Guikema, S. "How accessible are our cities? A cross-sectional analysis of access to green space." *University of Michigan Engineering Graduate Symposium*
- 2017 **Williams, T.***, Logan, T, Zuo, C., Liberman, K., and Guikema, S. "How accessible are our cities? A cross-sectional analysis of access to green space." *Research Symposium 2017: Urban Environment. Environmental Science and Policy Program. Michigan State University*

Service and Leadership

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Journals: *Risk Analysis, Landscape and Urban Planning*

Societies and organizations

- 2020 Society of Risk Analysis Students and Young Professionals Committee
- 2018-20 MUSE (Michigan University-wide Sustainability and Environment) Initiative: Workshop Co-Coordinator
- 2018-19 MUSE Conference 2019: Agenda Management
- 2017-18 MUSE Conference 2018: Workshops Organizer
- 2017-19 University of Michigan Adventure Racing, Rogaining, and Orienteering (ARRO) Club President
- 2014-15 University of Canterbury Meditation Club President
- 2014 Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Canterbury Students Committee member
- 2013-14 EWB Conference Team

Awards and Fellowships

- 2020 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2019 JR Templin Scholarship
- 2016 Industrial and Operations Engineering Department Fellowship
- 2015 John Blackett Prize
- 2015 University of Canterbury Natural Resources Engineering Prize
- 2015 Environment Canterbury Natural Resources Engineering Prize
- 2014 IPENZ Rivers Group UC Prize
- 2014 Tonkin & Taylor Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering Prize
- 2014 Beca Engineering in Society Scholarship
- 2014 URS Scholarship
- 2014 MWH New Zealand Ltd Geotechnical Engineering Prize
- 2014 C S McCully Scholarship
- 2014 Ian McMillan Prizes
- 2014 Vice Chancellor's Excellence Award
- 2013 MWH / Jim McFarlane Memorial Prize
- 2013 College House Rowley Scholarship
- 2012 University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders Scholarship
- 2012 University of Canterbury Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship

2011 NZQA Scholarship Physics

Educational Workshops / Courses

2020 Preparing Future Faculty Workshop (*University of Michigan*)
2019 Summer Session in Epidemiology: Spatial Statistics for Epidemiological Data (*University of Michigan*)

Teaching Experience

2018 IOE460: Decision analysis – *graduate student instructor*
2015 ENCN342: Fluid mechanics – *tutor*
2014 ENGR102: Engineering mechanics - *tutor*
2013-14 Miscellaneous private tutoring for freshman-level engineering classes

Industry Experience

2016 **Beca Ltd**
Graduate Environmental Engineer, Auckland Water Team
Design, analysis, and report writing for: water treatment plants; pipeline routing; landfill leachate tank design
2014-15 **Beca Ltd**
Summer Intern, Auckland Water Team
Wrote and edited engineering design reports; GoldSim modeling
2013-14 **Geotechnics Ltd**
Summer Intern, Auckland
Calibrated and repaired geotechnical engineering testing equipment

Key Strengths

Gallup Strengths Finder® strengths:

- **Harmony:** I believe that little is gained from conflict, and aspire to unite people via their similarities.
- **Achiever:** I have a constant need for attainment.
- **Relator:** I derive pleasure and strength from forming close relationships with people.
- **Includer:** I want to include people and make them feel a part of the group. I am instinctively accepting of others, regardless of race, sex, nationality, personality, or faith.
- **Learner:** I constantly strive to learn and improve. The process of learning is as important as the knowledge I gain.

Other Skills

- Programming: Python, R
- Language: German (conversational-fluent)

Interests

- Running: Dexter-Ann Arbor Half Marathon (2018), RAGNAR del Sol (2015), Shotover Moonlight mountain marathon (2014), Speights West Coaster 21K (2014), Speights West Coaster 30K (2013), Port Hills crater rim 28K (2013)

- Adventure racing, rogaining, and orienteering: Naine Rouge gaine (2018), Flying pig (2017), Python rogaine (2016, 2017, 2018), Sleeping Bear Adventure Race (2016), TWALK (2013, 2014, 2016), Castle hill bouldergaine (2014), Golden Road rogaine (2014), Heights of Winter rogaine (2013)
- Cross country skiing: USCSA Nationals (2017), Michigan cup races (2017)

References

Available upon request.