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## Education

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**PhD Geological Sciences.** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2023.

Dissertation Title: *Advancing Remote Sensing of Fluvial Sediment Transport and Storage*

**M.S. Geological Sciences.** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2019.

**B.S. Geophysics.** Ohio State University School of Earth Sciences. 2016.

## Teaching Experience

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**Field Instructor.** 2020-2022  
*Integrating Geosciences and Engineering in the Arctic*

Three week undergraduate field course in Arctic hydrology. Helped undergraduates define and test field-based hypotheses on permafrost hydrology in Northern Alaska.

**Teaching Assistant.** 2019; 2021  
*Water in Our World* (300-level hydrology course)

Weekly review and computational lab sections. Introduction to manipulating, graphing, and interpreting data for applications in hydrology and climate.

**Teaching Assistant.** 2016  
*Introduction to Earth Science;*  
*Geology of our National Parks*

Weekly review and hands-on lab for introductory Earth Science classes. Wide variety of topics for non-science majors.

## Service

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Instrumentation Committee member - Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science (CUAHSI). Since 2022.

Department Senator - Graduate and Professional Student Government. 2021-2022.

## Publications

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**Langhorst, T., Pavelsky, T., Eidam, E., Cooper, L., Davis, J., Spellman, K., Clement, S., Arp, C., Bondurant, A., Friedmann, E., & Gleason, C. (2023).** Increased scale and accessibility of sediment transport research in rivers through practical, open-source turbidity and depth sensors. *Nature Water*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s44221-023-00124-2>

**Langhorst, T., & Pavelsky, T. (2023).** Global Observations of Riverbank Erosion and Accretion From Landsat Imagery. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface*, 128(2), e2022JF006774. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022JF006774>

Yang, X., **Langhorst, T., & Pavelsky, T. (2023).** Chapter A2.4: River Morphology in Cloud-Based Remote Sensing with Google Earth Engine: Fundamentals and Applications (1st ed.). <https://www.eefabook.org>

Harlan, M. E., Gleason, C. J., Flores, J. A., **Langhorst, T. M., & Roy, S. (2023).** Mapping and characterizing Arctic beaded streams through high resolution satellite imagery. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 285(May 2022), 113378. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2022.113378>

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River Avulsion Underway in the Peace-Athabasca Delta, Canada. *Water Resources Research*, 59(3), e2022WR034114. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022WR034114>

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- Yang, X., Pavelsky, T. M., Ross, M. R. V., Januchowski-Hartley, S. R., Dolan, W., Altenau, E. H., Belanger, M., Byron, D., Durand, M., Van Dusen, I., Galit, H., Jorissen, M., **Langhorst, T.**, Lawton, E., Lynch, R., Mcquillan, K. A., Pawar, S., & Whittemore, A. (2022). Mapping Flow-Obstructing Structures on Global Rivers. *Water Resources Research*, 58(1), 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021wr030386>
- Eidam, E. F., **Langhorst, T.**, Goldstein, E. B., & McLean, M. (2021). OpenOBS: Open-source, low-cost optical backscatter sensors for water quality and sediment-transport research. *Limnology and Oceanography: Methods*, 20(1), 46–59. <https://doi.org/10.1002/lom3.10469>
- Whittemore, A., Ross, M. R. V., Dolan, W., **Langhorst, T.**, Yang, X., Pawar, S., Jorissen, M., Lawton, E., Januchowski-Hartley, S., & Pavelsky, T. (2020). A Participatory Science Approach to Expanding Instream Infrastructure Inventories. *Earth's Future*, 8(11). <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020EF001558>
- Kyzivat, E. D., Smith, L. C., Pitcher, L. H., Fayne, J. V., Cooley, S. W., Cooper, M. G., Topp, S. N., **Langhorst, T.**, Harlan, M. E., Horvat, C., Gleason, C. J., & Pavelsky, T. M. (2019). A high-resolution airborne color-infrared camera water mask for the NASA ABoVE campaign. *Remote Sensing*, 11(18). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs11182163>
- Langhorst, T.**, Pavelsky, T. M., Frasson, R. P. D. M., Wei, R., Domeneghetti, A., Altenau, E. H., Durand, M. T., Minear, J. T., Wegmann, K. W., & Fuller, M. R. (2019). Anticipated improvements to river surface elevation profiles from the surface water and ocean topography mission. *Frontiers in Earth Science*, 7. <https://doi.org/10.3389/feart.2019.00102>
- Tuozzolo, S., **Langhorst, T.**, de Moraes Frasson, R. P., Pavelsky, T., Durand, M., & Schobelock, J. J. (2019). The impact of reach averaging Manning's equation for an in-situ dataset of water surface elevation, width, and slope. *Journal of Hydrology*, 578. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2019.06.038>

## Conference Submissions

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- Simultaneous remote sensing of river discharge and suspended sediment on the Sagavanirktok River, Alaska. *AGU Fall Meeting 2022. Oral.*
- The first year of OpenOBS deployments: successful turbidity measurements in diverse environments and applications. *OSM 2022. Poster.*
- Global riverbank migration from 36 years of satellite imagery. *AGU Fall Meeting 2021. Oral.*
- Variability and controls of riverbank erosion in the United States from 35 years of satellite imagery. *AGU Fall Meeting 2020. Poster.*
- Remotely sensed discharge and sediment flux of the Sagavanirktok River. *AGU Fall Meeting 2019. Poster.*
- Anticipated improvements to in-river DEMs from the Surface Water and Ocean Topography mission. *AGU Fall Meeting 2018. Poster.*

## Successful Funding

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**Title:** Sediment fluxes in boreal rivers: determining relative seasonal loads and expanding long-term monitoring capability

**Funding Agency:** NSF, #2153778

**Principal Investigator:** Emily Eidam, Oregon State University

**Role:** Contributing Researcher (funded but not named as an investigator)

**Duration:** Fall 2022 - Fall 2024

**Amount:** \$336,638 (2 semesters + \$15,000 instrument development funds for Langhorst)

**Description:** This project has two major components: capture the sediment load of the Tanana River in Alaska throughout the entire year, and engage with local middle school students to help monitor the river. Both of these tasks were supported by my development of a low-cost, open-source turbidity and depth sensor, allowing us to leave the sensors through the winter without risking expensive commercial sensors, and allowing students to build their own sensors. My work on this project was detailed in the Langhorst et al., (2023) publication in *Nature Water*.

**UNC Masters Merit Assistantship**, 2017-2018 academic year.