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Employment

Nov 2017-present	**NERC Knowledge Exchange Fellow**, University of Bristol *Improving the understanding and consideration of uncertainty in the (re)insurance industry* (collaboration with AXA XL, OASIS LMF, JBA Risk Management).
Apr-Oct 2017	**Research Associate: Applied Sensitivity**, University of Bristol *Advancing model development and validation in the (re)insurance industry using Global Sensitivity Analysis* (collaboration with (re)insurance company XL Catlin). NERC-funded grant to Professor Thorsten Wagener.

Education

Dec 2012-Mar 2017	**PhD Civil Engineering**; University of Bristol *Investigating long-term drivers and controls on fluvial dissolved organic carbon and nitrate in the UK.* NERC and University of Bristol doctoral studentship award. Supervisors: Dr Nicholas Howden, Professor Thorsten Wagener.
2011-2012	**MSc Water and Environmental Management (distinction)**; University of Bristol Thesis title: *Understanding the spatial heterogeneity of soil carbon on the North Wyke Farm Platform at Rothamsted Research.*
2006-2011	**BSc Environmental and Resources Engineering (100/110)** Thesis title: *Sewage treatment, focusing on sewage sludge and its utilization in agriculture.*

Grants and awards

2017	Green Capital Change Maker Award
2016	Bristol University Alumni Travel Grant for EGU: £500
2015	British Hydrological Society (BHS) Travel Grant for AGU: £500
2015	Green Capital Change Maker Gold Award
2014	British Hydrological Society (BHS) Travel Grant for EGU: £650
2014	Best poster prize for 2nd year-PhD student at Natural Systems and Processes Poster Session, Bristol University

Workshops and tutorials

Aug 2019-Oct 2019	**Delivered tutorials** on the use of Global Sensitivity Analysis and the SAFE toolbox at Willis Re and AON (~14 participants)
Jun 2019	**Co-delivered** two **workshops** on Global Sensitivity Analysis and the SAFE toolbox with applications to a flood model with JBA Risk Management and OASIS LMF during the **OASIS Conference 2019** (~50 and 30 participants)

Apr 2019	**Co-organised workshop** insurance sector – University of Bristol on strengthening resilience in the developing world
Nov 2018-Feb 2019	**Co-delivered tutorials** on the use of Global Sensitivity Analysis and the SAFE toolbox applied to a rainfall-runoff model for research group at the University of Bristol and at the University of Southampton (~10 and 15 participants)
Aug-Dec 2018	**Delivered** two **tutorials** on the use of Global Sensitivity Analysis and the SAFE toolbox applied to actuarial pricing model at **AXA XL** (~20 participants)

Selected presentations:

2019	**Bristol Actuarial Society** (Bristol, UK) *How can sensitivity analysis help the insurance industry make more robust decisions based on pricing models?*
2019	**European Geophysical Union General Assembly** (Vienna, Austria) *Transferring expertise on Global Sensitivity Analysis to (re)insurance practitioners using workflows*
2018	**Models to Decisions** (Cambridge, UK) *Overcoming the "valley of death" – Transferring tools and expertise on sensitivity analysis to the (re)insurance sector*
2018	**European Geophysical Union General Assembly** (Vienna, Austria) *Overcoming the "valley of death" – Transferring tools and expertise on sensitivity analysis to the (re)insurance sector*
2017	**American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting** (New Orleans, US) *How can sensitivity analysis improve the robustness of mathematical models utilized by the re/insurance industry?*

Selected publications

Noacco, V., Sarrazin, F., Pianosi, F. and Wagener, T. (2019), Matlab/R workflows to assess critical choices in Global Sensitivity Analysis using the SAFE toolbox, *MethodsX* (in review) 10.31223/osf.io/pu83z

Noacco, V., T. Wagener, C. Duffy, and N. Howden (2019), Drivers of dissolved organic carbon (DOC) concentration variability in the River Thames between 1884 and 2013, *Hydrol. Process.*

Noacco, V., Wagener, T., Howden, N.J.K., Understanding dominant controls on nitrate export through analysing a process-based model across three temperate catchments (in preparation).

Noacco, V., T. Wagener, F. Worrall, T. P. Burt, and N. J. K. Howden (2017), Human impact on long-term organic carbon export to rivers, *J. Geophys. Res. Biogeosciences*, *122*(4), 947–965, doi:10.1002/2016JG003614.

Outreach, public engagement and EDI activities

Feb 2019	Co-organised national gender equality workshop "Quality through equality – tackling gender issues in hydrology" at the University of Bristol.
2016-2017	**Forest School**, volunteered and ran water-related sustainability projects for students years 3-6, Bannerman Road Community Academy, Bristol.
2013	**Inspire Summer School**, volunteered at summer school for 30 girls year 11 to encourage them to go into STEM, University of Bristol.