

# Win Cowger

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST

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I use science, data, and software to tackle the global challenges of plastic pollution and waste. This CV was produced with an application I built hosted at https://wincowger.shinyapps.io/DataDrivenCV/

# Education

University of California, Riverside

Riverside, CA, USA

PhD. Environmental Science Soil and Water

2017 -> 2021

• (3.62 GPA)

**Iowa State University** 

Ames, IA, USA

BS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

2013 -> 2015

• (3.93 GPA) & Honors Program Graduate

Waterloo, CA, USA

Hawkeye Community College
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

2011 -> 2013

(4.0 GPA)

# **Employment**

#### Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research

Long Beach, CA, USA

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

October 2021 -> Current

· Leading research on plastic pollution, applying for grants, publishing peer reviewed papers, collecting field and lab based data.

#### **University of California at Riverside**

Riverside, CA, USA

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

July 2017 -> October 2021

• I research plastic pollution, specifically source allocation of plastic pollution with an emphasis on fluvial transport dynamics. I collect field data, conduct lab experiments, write grants, orchestrate collaborations, present at conferences, and develop process-based models. I apply my science to real-world problems by collaborating closely with nonprofit and government groups to develop my research priorities.

**5 Gyres** California, USA

**CONTRACT DATA SCIENTIST** 

June 2017 -> September 2020

• I analyze and compile large datasets to answer questions about mismanaged waste for 5 Gyres Institute. Some examples of questions are: What are the most common types of litter in the United States and Where are hotspot sources and sinks of plastic pollution to the marine environment in South Fast Asia?

Plant Prudent Ames, IA, USA

FOUNDING MEMBER (LINK: HTTP://ARCG.IS/0Y9NB)

February 2017 -> August 2018

• I founded a small business focused on developing web based tools to help people grow plants wisely. Our beta tool is out now which helps lowa landowners determine the most suitable species of trees to plant on their land based on soil type.

Prudenterra Ames, IA, USA

SENIOR GIS ANALYST

February 2016 -> September 2017

• I research the feasibility of utilizing advanced GIS functions for Prudenterra, a company that specializes in sustainable agriculture and conservation consulting. Promoted to Senior GIS Analyst on July 2017 and hours cut to 5 hours or less per week during graduate school. I lead a small team of GIS analysts.

Cradle to Grave Farms Sioux Falls, SD, USA

ORGANIC FARM ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

February 2016 -> December 2016

Provided technical GIS and environmental management planning assistance to an organic hop, barley, honey, chicken, and tomato farm. Directly managed hop and tomato fields and chickens.

Crew Leader February 2016 -> December 2016

• I led a team of 5 conservation workers that traveled around the Midwest. We worked with professionals in Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, National Parks Service, and various state and county conservation agencies. I coordinated projects, submitted time sheets, project reports, and expense reports. My crew controlled invasive plant species with power tools and herbicide, built boardwalks, maintained fences, and mapped work using GPS and GIS. I volunteered for a one-month disaster relief effort where I built a phone application for FEMA to quickly find resources for survivors.

#### **Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa**

Iowa, USA

CREW MEMBER

May 2015 -> December 2015

and stairs, and harvested prairie seeds. I volunteered for a disaster relief effort for two weeks where I was the database manager for the volunteer reception center.

Worked with the Polk County Conservation Board to upkeep parks by removing invasive species using power tools and/or herbicide, built trails

Iowa State University

Ames, IA, USA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

January 2014 -> May 2015

• Supervised by Dr. Soupir & Dr. Cademartiri, Worked with a similar freedom to a graduate student to develop a chemical assay for quantifying bacteria in water and developed a device to concentrate bacteria from freshwater sources. Worked in a biological lab doing colony counts, growth curves, and filtration. Worked in a chemical lab creating chemical combinations, testing pH, and working with enzymes.

Iowa State University

Ames, IA, USA

TUTOR

September 2013 -> December 2013

 ASC Tutor in Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus. Tutored college and high school math courses in Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus to groups ranging from 1-5 people.

# Service

#### UNIVERSITY

### **University of California Riverside**

Riverside, CA, USA

**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER** 

June 2019 -> September 2021

Graduate student association member in my department. Expanded inclusivity, diversity, and transparency within our department and advocated for the graduate students.

Iowa State University

Ames, IA, USA

PRESIDENT OF THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION CLUB

December 2013 -> December 2014

Led meetings, and planned activities and speakers. Presented with a groundwater flow model to children and professionals to teach the basics
of groundwater flow.

Iowa State University

Ames, IA, USA

MAGAZINE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

August 2013 -> May 2014

· Contacted authors, edited their submissions, and found sponsors for magazine Getting into Soil and Water.

Iowa State University

Ames, IA, USA

CALS AMBASSADOR

September 2013 -> May 2015

· Led tours for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to prospective students. Planned training and social events for the Ambassador group.

#### Nonprofit

Recycle My Battery

New Jersey, USA

ADVISER

June 2022 -> Current

• Advise on strategies for preventing batteries from getting into the environment.

Code for Sacramento Sacramento, CA, USA

PROJECT SPONSOR

September 2021 -> Current

I advise the Code for Sacramento group on how to create software for progressing knowledge and management actions on trash and microplastics.

### **Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research**

Long Beach, CA, USA

BOARD MEMBER

September 2020 -> Current

• I am a board member for the institute serving this institute that focuses on plastic pollution research.

#### **National Cleanup Day**

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SCIENCE ADVISER

December 2019 -> Current

· Advise on the availability and use of data for reporting about the problem of litter pollution and cleanup.

**5 Gyres** California, USA

RESEARCH ADVISER

• Assist with research priorities, writing manuscripts, and developing software tools.

Longest Swim

North Pacific Ocean

METHODS ADVISER 2018

• Advised on methods for ocean litter monitoring during a swim across the pacific ocean.

Lets Do It World

Tallinn, Estonia

Data Science and IT Adviser

September 2017 -> June 2020

• I guide data management, data collection, and emerging IT for Let's Do It World. I advised creating the World Waste Platform, a data sharing and visualization platform for all waste data worldwide.

#### **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Open Research Europe Europe

GATEWAY ADVISER

June 2022 -> Current

• I am a Gateway Adviser to Open Research Europe, a scientific publisher that is free to publish in and free to view. Promoting their efforts on Social Media.

**US Congress**Washington, DC, USA

WRITTEN TESTIMONY 2021

• Assisted in the drafting of a written testimony to the US congress on plastic pollution.

California EPA California, USA

REGULATION ADVISER 2019

· Reviewed definition of microplastics for regulation in drinking water.

US EPA USA

METHODS ADVISER 2018

Reviewed trash monitoring methods for an EPA workgroup.

TeamMates Waterloo, IA, USA

**MENTOR** *October 2012 -> May 2013* 

• Mentored a fifth-grader once a week to encourage him to be the best that he could be.

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

SoCal SETAC California, USA

Board Member September 2022 -> Current

• On the board of directors for Southern California SETAC Chapter.

### **Thriving Earth Exchange, AGU**

Pinole, CA, USA

June 2018 -> Current

SCIENCE PARTNER

January 2021 -> Current

 Worked with AGU to mentor a workgroup composed of city officials and nonprofit groups, on how to collect data on trash in streams to inform management and policy making. Gave hands-on field training and data analysis services.

#### **Thriving Earth Exchange, AGU**

Staunton, CA, USA

SCIENCE PARTNER

May 2019 -> June 2020

 Worked with AGU to mentor a nonprofit group, Shenandoah Green, on how to collect microplastic data. Visited them in Staunton, VA to give hands-on field training.

#### **REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS**

#### **Environmental Science and Pollution Research (1)**

**Applied Spectroscopy (2)** 

Science of the Total Environment (4)

**Environmental Science and Technology (7)** 

#### **Environmental Science and Technology Letters (3)**

Journal of Open Source Software (1)	
Frontiers in (1)	
ACS Omega (1)	
Nature Scientific Reports (1)	
Analytical Chemistry (1)	
ASCE (1)	
Microplastics and Nanoplastics (1)	
Water Research (1)	
SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS	
Geological Society of America	USA
	2022 -> Current
Society for Applied Spectroscopy	USA 2020 -> 2021
American Geophysical Union	2020 -> 2021 USA
American deophysical onion	2018 -> Current
SETAC North America	North America
	2018 -> 2021
SETAC Southern California	Southern California, USA
	2018 -> Current
Working Groups	
American Geophysical Union	USA
Reviewer	August 2022 -> Current
Reviewing the Thriving Earth Exchanges policies and procedures.	Ü
California EPA	California, USA
FACILITATOR	2022 -> Current
California Water Data Challenge 3 day event on microplastics data portals.	
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies REVIEWER	Japan 2022
Reviewed a Training Needs Assessment report on microplastic monitoring in Sri Lanka.	2022
Pacific Northwest Microplastic Consortium	Pacific Northwest, USA
TEAM MEMBER	2020 -> Current
Participate in biannual meetings about microplastics research progress.	
Microplastics Methodology Working Group	California, USA
<ul> <li>Team Member</li> <li>Developing standard operating procedures and writing review manuscripts for microplastic pollution.</li> </ul>	2019 -> Current
Trash Monitoring Work Group	California, USA
Subgroup Co-Lead	2019 -> Current
• Led a group of government employees, private professionals and nonprofit groups to develop tools for impro	oving the quality and utility of trash

**Environmental Research Letters (2)** 

data.

Ocean Protection Council California, USA

ACTION ITEM CO-LEAD 2018 -> Current

Led action items for Ocean Protection Council to improve chemical analysis of trash and develop databases.

United Nations China

• Reviewed a litter methodology on an expert panel with the United Nations in China.

#### **Southern California Coastal Water Research Project**

Southern California U.S.

 TEAM MEMBER
 2017 -> 2022

Bight 2018 Trash Monitoring Team Planning and implementation of the regional trash monitoring in streams around Southern California.

# **Publications**

REVIEWER

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

#### **Science of the Total Environment**

Global

2018

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.SCITOTENV.2022.158866)

2022

• Koutnik, V. S., Leonard, J., El Rassi, L. A., Choy, M. M., Brar, J., Glasman, J. B., Cowger, W., & Mohanty, S. (2022). Children's playgrounds contain more microplastics than other areas in urban parks. The Science of the Total Environment, 158866.

**Chemosphere** Global

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.CHEMOSPHERE.2022.136449)

2022

• Kotar, S., McNeish, R., Murphy-Hagan, C., Renick, V., Lee, C.-F. T., Steele, C., Lusher, A., Moore, C., Minor, E., Schroeder, J., Helm, P., Rickabaugh, K., De Frond, H., Gesulga, K., Lao, W., Munno, K., Thornton Hampton, L. M., Weisberg, S. B., Wong, C. S., ... Rochman, C. M. (2022). Quantitative assessment of visual microscopy as a tool for microplastic research: Recommendations for improving methods and reporting. Chemosphere, 136449.

# **Microplastics and Nanoplastics**

California, USA

CORRESPONDING AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1186/S43591-022-00035-1)

2022

 Hapich, H., Cowger, W., Gray, A. et al. Trash Taxonomy Tool: harmonizing classification systems used to describe trash in environments. Micropl.&Nanopl. 2, 15 (2022).

Water Research Southern California, USA

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.WATRES.2022.118950)

2022

 Koutnik, V. S., Leonard, J., Brar, J., Cao, S., Glasman, J. B., Cowger, W., Ravi, S., & Mohanty, S. K. (2022). Transport of microplastics in stormwater treatment systems under freeze-thaw cycles: Critical role of plastic density. Water Research, 222, 118950.

### Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies

Southern California, USA

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.EJRH.2022.101096)

2022 entura

• Jumps, N., Gray, A. B., Guilinger, J. J., & Cowger, W. C. (2022). Wildfire impacts on the persistent suspended sediment dynamics of the Ventura River, California. Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies, 41, 101096.

Earth-Science Reviews Global

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.EARSCIREV.2022.104021)

2022

• Waldschläger, K., Brückner, M. Z. M., Carney Almroth, B., Hackney, C. R., Adyel, T. M., Alimi, O. S., Belontz, S. L., Cowger, W., Doyle, D., Gray, A., Kane, I., Kooi, M., Kramer, M., Lechthaler, S., Michie, L., Nordam, T., Pohl, F., Russell, C., Thit, A., ... Wu, N. (2022). Learning from natural sediments to tackle microplastics challenges: A multidisciplinary perspective. Earth-Science Reviews, 228, 104021.

#### Frontiers of Environmental Science & Engineering

Canad

2022

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.3389/FENVS.2022.912107)

Jenkins, T., Persaud, B. D., Cowger, W., Szigeti, K., Roche, D. G., Clary, E., Slowinski, S., Lei, B., Abeynayaka, A., Nyadjro, E. S., Maes, T., Thornton Hampton, L., Bergmann, M., Aherne, J., Mason, S. A., Honek, J. F., Rezanezhad, F., Lusher, A. L., Booth, A. M., ... Van Cappellen, P. (2022). Current State of Microplastic Pollution Research Data: Trends in Availability and Sources of Open Data. Frontiers of Environmental Science & Engineering in China, 10.

#### **Environmental Research Letters**

Southern California, USA

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://IOPSCIENCE.IOP.ORG/ARTICLE/10.1088/1748-9326/AC3C6A)

2022

Cowger, W., Gray, A., Hapich, H., Osei-Enin, J., Olguin, S., Huynh, B., Nogi, H., Singh, S., Brownlee, S., Fong, J., Lok, T., Singer, G., & Ajami, H. (2022).
 Litter origins, accumulation rates, and hierarchical composition on urban roadsides of the Inland Empire, California. Environmental Research Letters: ERL, 17(1), 015007.

Analytical Chemistry

Global

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1021/ACS.ANALCHEM.1C00123)

2021

 Win Cowger, Zacharias Steinmetz, Andrew Gray, Keenan Munno, Jennifer Lynch, Hannah Hapich, Sebastian Primpke, Hannah De Frond, Chelsea Rochman, Orestis Herodotou. Microplastic Spectral Classification Needs an Open Source Community: Open Specy to the Rescue! 2021. Analytical Chemistry. **Environmental Science and Technology** 

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1021/ACS.EST.1C01768)

2021

• Win Cowger, Andrew Gray, James Guilinger, Brandon Fong, Kryss Waldschläger. Concentration Depth Profiles of Microplastic Particles in River Flow and Implications for Surface Sampling. 2021. Environmental Science and Technology.

Applied Spectroscopy Glov

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1177/0003702820930292)

2020

 Win Cowger, Andy M. Booth, Bonnie M. Hamilton, Clara Thaysen, Sebastian Primpke, Keenan Munno, Amy L. Lusher, et al. 2020. Reporting Guidelines to Increase the Reproducibility and Comparability of Research on Microplastics. Applied Spectroscopy 74 (9): 1066–77.

Applied Spectroscopy Globa

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1177/0003702820929064)

2020

 Win Cowger, Andrew Gray, Silke H. Christiansen, Hannah DeFrond, Ashok D. Deshpande, Ludovic Hemabessiere, Eunah Lee, et al. 2020. Critical Review of Processing and Classification Techniques for Images and Spectra in Microplastic Research. Applied Spectroscopy 74 (9): 989–1010.

**Environmental Research**Germany and Southern California

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.ENVRES.2020.110192)

2020

Waldschläger, Kryss, Maximilian Born, Win Cowger, Andrew Gray, and Holger Schüttrumpf. 2020. Settling and Rising Velocities of Environmentally Weathered Micro- and Macroplastic Particles. Environmental Research, September, 110192.

Applied Spectroscopy

Glob

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1177/0003702820921465)

2020

 Primpke, Sebastian, Silke H. Christiansen, Win Cowger, Hannah De Frond, Ashok Deshpande, Marten Fischer, Erika Holland, et al. 2020. EX-PRESS: Critical Assessment of Analytical Methods for the Harmonized and Cost Efficient Analysis of Microplastics. Applied Spectroscopy, April, 3702820921465.

Environmental Pollution low

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/J.ENVPOL.2019.04.052)

2019

 Cowger, W., Gray, A. B., & Schultz, R. C. (2019). Anthropogenic litter cleanups in lowa riparian areas reveal the importance of near-stream and watershed scale land use. Environmental Pollution, 250, 981-989.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

IWA Publishing Global

FIRST AUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.2166/9781789061697\_0109)

2019

 Cowger, W., Gray, A. B., Eriksen, M., Moore, C., & Thiel, M. (2019). Evaluating wastewater effluent as a source of microplastics in environmental samples. MICROPLASTICS IN WATER AND WASTEWATER, 109.

#### **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

ACM Sigspatial Riverside, CA, USA

COAUTHOR (LINK: HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1145/3347146.3359074)

2010

Kang, Y., Zhao, Z., Magdy, A., Cowger, W., & Gray, A. (2019, November). Scalable Multi-resolution Spatial Visualization for Anthropogenic Litter
Data. In Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems (pp. 560-563).

**IEEE** Riverside, CA, USA

COAUTHOR 2019

 Zhao, Z., Kang, Y., Magdy, A., Cowger, W., & Gray, A. (2019, April). A Data-Driven Approach for Tracking Human Litter in Modern Cities. In 2019 IEEE 35th International Conference on Data Engineering Workshops (ICDEW) (pp. 69-73). IEEE.

#### DISSERTATION

UC Riverside Riverside, CA, USA

FIRST AUTHOR 2021

· Cowger W, 2021, Watershed Transport Processes of Anthropogenic Litter, University of California Riverside

# THESIS

Iowa State University

Ames, IA, USA

First Author 2015

 Cowger W, Schultz R. 2015. The Bhagsu Clean Watershed Project, Iowa State University, Honors Program, Honors Project Records, RS 3/3/3, Special Collections Department, Iowa State University Library.

# INVITED EDITORIALS

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Cleanup News	USA
First Author (Link: https://www.cleanupnews.org/home/litter-hurts-humans-too)  • Win Cowger, 3 Ways Littering Hurts Humans Too. Cleanup News. 2020.	2020
	LICA
Cleanup News First Author (Link: https://www.cleanupnews.org/home/5-plastic-pollution-myths-debunked)	USA 2020
Win Cowger, 5 Myths About Plastic Pollution Debunked. Cleanup News. 2020.	2020
Iowa State University	Ames, IA, USA
First Author	2015
Win Cowger, A letter from the President in Getting into Soil and Water Magazine, 2015	
Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa	Ames, IA, USA
FIRST AUTHOR	2015
Win Cowger, Minnesota and Iowa Conservation Corps Blogger, 2015	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON PUBLICATIONS	
Break Free From Plastic	California, USA
Break Free From Plastic. Brand Audit 2020. 2020. (Link:	2020
https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/BFFP-2020-Brand-Audit-Report.pdf)	2020
Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY, USA
Kathryn Munster, An Analysis of Citizen Science and its Effects on Marine Plastic Pollution, 2019.	2019
Undergraduate Thesis, Syracuse University.	2019
Environment International	Riverside, CA, USA
COFFIN S, DUDLEY S, TAYLOR A, WOLF D, WANG J, LEE I, ET AL. COMPARISONS OF ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGICAL	
ACTIVITIES OF EXTRACTS FROM NORTH PACIFIC GYRE PLASTICS WITH UV-TREATED AND UNTREATED PLASTICS USING IN VITRO	2018
AND IN VIVO MODELS. ENVIRON INT. 2018 DEC 1;121:942–54.	
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5 GYRES ET AL., BAN LIST 2.0, 2018. (LINK:	2018
HTTPS://www.breakfreefromplastic.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/5Gyres_BANList2.pdf)	- W ·
Lets Do It World  World Cleanup Day 2018 Waste Report, Let's Do It World. 2018. (Link:	Tallinn, Estonia
HTTPS://WWW.LETSDOITWORLD.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2019/01/WCD_2018_WASTE_REPORT_FINAL_26.01.2019.PDF)	2018
In the News	
KVCR Inland Edition	Riverside, CA, USA
Win Cowger Discusses Roadside Rubbish. (Link:	2022
HTTPS://www.kvcrnews.org/show/inland-edition/2022-03-02/3-2-2022-win-cowger-discusses-roadside-rubbish)	2022
Code for America	USA
TRASH AI PROJECT WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN CODE FOR AMERICA BLOG (LINK:	2022
HTTPS://CODEFORAMERICA.ORG/NEWS/VOLUNTEER-SPOTLIGHT-TRASHAI/)	
Mina Guli	Global
QUOTED IN A BLOG POST BY ACCLAIMED RUNNER (LINK: HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/MINAGULI/STATUS/1555483770152751110)	2022
Scientific American	Long Beach, CA, USA
Interviewed in Scientific American article (Link:  https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/spray-on-rinse-off-food-lsquo-wrapper-rsquo-can-cut-plastic-	2022
PACKAGING/?UTM_TERM=AUTOFEED&UTM_MEDIUM=SOCIAL&UTM_SOURCE=TWITTER#ECHOBOX=1657485704)	2022
NBC	Long Beach, CA, USA
INTERVIEWED ON NBC ABOUT CHEWING GUM (LINK: HTTPS://www.lx.com/culture/sports/how-the-yankees-chewing-	Long Deuch, CA, USA
GUM-GAME-COULD-IMPACT-THE-ENVIRONMENT/54979/)	2022
Popular Science	Riverside, CA, USA
MOST ROADSIDE LITTER COMES FROM JUST DOWN THE STREET. (LINK:	
HTTPS://www.popsci.com/environment/litter-plastic-waste/)	2022

**Bloomberg** Riverside, CA, USA THE FUTILITY OF PICKING UP THE TRASH (LINK: HTTPS://WWW.BLOOMBERG.COM/NEWS/ARTICLES/2022-02-16/HOW-TO-PREVENT-LITTERING-ACCORDING-TO-RESEARCHERS?UTM\_MEDIUM=SOCIAL&UTM\_CAMPAIGN=SOCIALFLOW-2022 ORGANIC&UTM\_CONTENT=CITYLAB&UTM\_SOURCE=TWITTER) **Scientific American** Riverside, CA, USA TINY ROBOTS COULD CLEAN UP MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION. SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN (LINK: HTTPS://WWW.SCIENTIFICAMERICAN.COM/ARTICLE/TINY-ROBOTS-COULD-CLEAN-UP-MICROPLASTIC-POLLUTION/) **AGU Thriving Earth Exchange** Pinole, CA, USA SCIENTIST SPOTLIGHT: DISRUPTING THE SCIENTIFIC ECHO CHAMBER (LINK: HTTPS://THRIVINGEARTHEXCHANGE.ORG/SCIENTIST-SPOTLIGHT-DISRUPTING-THE-SCIENTIFIC-ECHO-2021 CHAMBER/?MKT\_TOK=OTG3LULHVC01NZIAAAF-ZA61CY9HCFTV6W\_GRL72WV2DN-C6IIC7TULJEBGFIZ5UPBLY0WTCYHVEX2ZWTHHYURSAKI4ODIK0C1W7MI2UxZFDUK8K-JI4SU-Yvzw) **ECO Magazine** Riverside, CA, USA OCEAN INNOVATORS (LINK: HTTP://DIGITAL.ECOMAGAZINE.COM/PUBLICATION/?M=9890&I=696698&P=48&VER=HTML5) **SCRIPPS-RADY** Riverside, CA, USA TRASH DATA TREASURE: HUNTING FOR SOLUTIONS TO PLASTIC WASTE (LINK: 2020 HTTPS://CMBC.UCSD.EDU/BLOG-TRASH-DATA-TREASURE/) **Ecowatch** Riverside, CA, USA THE OCEAN CLEANUPS INTERCEPTOR AIMS TO CLEAN 1,000 RIVERS IN 5 YEARS. WILL IT WORK? (LINK: 2020 HTTPS://WWW.ECOWATCH.COM/OCEAN-CLEANUP-INTERCEPTOR-2645510058.HTML) **KHOI Public Radio** Iowa, USA WIN COWGERS RESEARCH ON TRASH IN IOWAS WATERWAYS (LINK: HTTPS://KHOIFM.ORG/NODE/2119) 2019 **Engineering and Technology Magazine** United Kingdom PLASTIC WASTE POLLUTION IN THE OCEAN: TECHNOLOGY AT THE TIPPING POINT (LINK: HTTPS://EANDT.THEIET.ORG/CONTENT/ARTICLES/2018/05/PLASTIC-WASTE-POLLUTION-IN-THE-OCEAN-TECHNOLOGY-AT-THE-2018 TIPPING-POINT/) Let's Do It World A VOYAGE TO HUMANKIND'S LARGEST CREATION – THE NORTH PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH (LINK: 2019 HTTP://VANNEWSAGENCY.COM/DETAILSNEWS?NEWSID=VN2963071023) **NOAA MDP Blog** California, USA MONITORING FOR CLEAN BEACHES (LINK: 2019 HTTPS://BLOG.MARINEDEBRIS.NOAA.GOV/MONITORING-CLEAN-BEACHES?UTM\_MEDIUM=EMAIL&UTM\_SOURCE=GOVDELIVERY) **UNESCO Press Release** UNESCO PRIZEWINNER USES AI TOOL TO DETECT AND COLLECT TRASH WORLDWIDE (LINK: 2019 HTTPS://EN.UNESCO.ORG/NEWS/UNESCO-PRIZEWINNER-USES-AI-TOOL-DETECT-AND-COLLECT-TRASH-WORLDWIDE) ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS **UC Riverside** Riverside, CA, USA LEAD (LINK: HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=S2IH2X4BPBU&LIST=PLCPTAL\_CR2BL-RKEYG4610V4AGRYK5BD5) 2020 -> 2021 • Win Cowger, UCR Environmental Science Podcast Oakland, CA, USA **Digital Topo** SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR (LINK: HTTP://DIGITALTOPO.NET/DEV/PROJECTS/NATGEO-OCEANS-VIZ/) 2020 • Orestis Herodotou, Win Cowger, Facing the Facts of Ocean Plastic Pollution SCI-Arc Los Angeles, CA, USA SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR (LINK: HTTPS://SHURUQTRAMONTINI.COM/CURRENT-AFFAIRS) 2019 • Shuruq Tramontini, Current Affairs

# Funding\_\_\_\_

### **ONGOING**

### McPike Zima Charitable Foundation (\$5,000)

USA

PI (MOORE INSTITUTE)

2022 -> Current

Break Free From Plastic (\$10,000)	Asia
PI (Moore Institute)	2022 -> Current
Global Brand Audit Study	
HIDA (\$10,000)	Germany
PI (PERSONAL)	2022 -> Current
HIDA Visiting Researcher Grant	
NREL (\$110,000) PI (Moore Institute)	USA 2022 - Current
• Water Pact	2022 -> Current
Peoples Lab (\$250,000)	California, USA
PI (Moore Institute, UCR, SFEI)	2022 -> Current
Microplastics Data Portal	
5 Gyres (\$2500)	Long Beach, CA, USA
PI (MOORE INSTITUTE)	2022 -> Current
Microfiber Analysis	
NSF I Corps (\$2,000)	Riverside, CA, USA
PI (PERSONAL)	2020 -> Current
Open Specy Startup Grant. NSF I Corps.	
NOAA (\$350,000) Vriting (UCR)	California, USA 2019 -> Current
NOAA Marine Debris Grant	2013 -> Current
California Waterboards (\$100,000)	California, USA
VRITING (UCR)	2019 -> Current
California Waterboards	
COMPLETED	
CICLO (\$2,000)	Long Beach, CA, USA
PI (MOORE INSTITUTE)	2022
Measurement of degraded fibers	
GES (\$600)	Japan
ו (Moore Institute) Honorarium for reviewing a technical manuscript.	2022
JC Riverside (\$14,400)	Riverside, CA, USA
PI (UCR)	2021 -> 2021
Dissertation Year Fellowship	2021 2021
National Marine Sanctuaries and NOAA (\$6,000)	Riverside, CA, USA
VRITING (UCR)	2019 -> 2021
Trash Taxonomy	
Renew Oceans (\$6,000)	Varanasi, India
COPI (UCR)	2019 -> 2019
River Trash Monitoring	
JCR Office of Technology Partnerships (\$1,000)	Riverside, CA, USA
PI (Personal) Open Specy	2019 -> 2019
Benioff Ocean Institute (\$1,000,000)	Varanasi, India
COPI (UCR, RENEW OCEANS)	2019 -> 2020
River Trash Monitoring and Collection Innovation	2013 - 2020
5 Gyres (\$1,000)	Maryland, USA
(Personal)	2019
Solutions Summit	
5 Gyres (\$3,000)	Bermuda
PI (PERSONAL)	2019
Ocean Plastic Leadership Summit	

UC Riverside (\$1,400) Riverside, CA, USA PI (PERSONAL) 2019 · GSA Travel Grant Microsoft (\$40,000) COPI (LET'S DO IT WORLD) 2019 • Microsoft Artificial Intelligence Development Microsoft (\$16,776) Estonia COPI (LET'S DO IT WORLD) 2018 · Microsoft AI for Earth Grant **UC Riverside (\$1,960)** Riverside, CA, USA WRITING (UCR) 2018 • UC Riverside Undergraduate Summer Learn and Earn Lets Do It World (\$1,200) Tallinn, Estonia PI (PERSONAL) 2018 · Let's Do It World, Clean World Conference, Estonia **United Nations (\$1500)** PI (PERSONAL) 2018 · United Nations Working Group, Hotspots of Marine Litter Socal SETAC (\$500) Southern California, USA PI (PERSONAL) • SETAC North America Competitive Travel Grant UC Riverside (\$700) Riverside, CA, USA PI (PERSONAL) 2018 · GSA Travel Grant NSF (\$138,000) Riverside, CA, USA PI (PERSONAL) 2018 -> 2021 · National Science Foundation GRFP **UC Riverside (\$40,000)** Riverside, CA, USA PI (PERSONAL) 2017 -> 2021 · Chancellors Distinguished Fellowship Algalita (\$500) North Pacific Ocean PI (PERSONAL) · Algalita Pacific Gyre Research Voyage Lets Do It World (\$450) Tallinn, Estonia PI (PERSONAL) 2017 · Let's Do It World, Clean World Conference, Estonia **CSIRO (\$500)** Tasmania, Australia PI (PERSONAL) 2017 • CSIRO Research Travel Grant, Australia **UC Riverside (\$1,400)** Riverside, CA, USA PI (PERSONAL) 2017 GSA Travel Grant Oklahoma State University (\$250) Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA PI (PERSONAL) 2014 • Oklahoma Student Water Conference Travel Scholarship **Iowa State University (\$750)** Ames, Iowa PI (PERSONAL) 2014 • Undergraduate Honors Program Grant Iowa State University (\$500) Ames, Iowa PI (PERSONAL) 2014 Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship

Phi Theta Kappa (\$1,000)

Ames, lowa
PI (Personal)

2014

• Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Iowa State University (\$1,000)

Ames, Iowa

2014

2013

2013

2012

2011

PI (Personal)

• Fred Foreman Scholarship in Leadership Participation

Iowa State University (\$1,250)

Ames, Iowa

PI (PERSONAL)

• Iowa State Agronomy Travel Fellowship

Phi Theta Kappa (\$1,000)

Ames, lowa

PI (PERSONAL)

• Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Hawkeye Community College (\$2,500) Waterloo, IA, USA

PI (PERSONAL)

· McElroy Minority Scholarship

Hawkeye Community College (\$1250)

Waterloo, IA, USA

PI (PERSONAL)

• McElroy Minority Scholarship

# **Teaching**

#### **COURSE INSTRUCTOR**

**UC Riverside**Riverside, California, USA

COURSE CO-FACILITATOR 2021

• Diversity Equity and Inclusion in Geosciences Course

UC Riverside Riverside, California, USA

 COURSE FACILITATOR
 2018 -> 2019

• R Clean Community. Community-focused student-led research.

#### WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

California EPA California, USA

 CO-FACILITATOR
 2018 -> 2021

Annual full day meetings focused on advancing trash data for California. Workshops were called Trash Data Dives

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hawkeye Community College Waterloo, IA, USA

STUDENT

• Exploring Math and Teaching Course

# **Mentoring**

UC Riverside Riverside, California, USA

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER 202

A COMPARISON OF PLASTIC WASTE INPUT MODELS WITH GROUND OBSERVATIONS IN VARANASI, INDIA. Undergraduate Capstone Project.
 Primary Mentor. Spring 2021.

UC Riverside Riverside, California, USA

Graduate Student Researcher 2017 -> 2021

 During my time as a PhD student, I taught over 20 undergraduate students to collect field and lab data, may of whom coauthored my peer reviewed manuscripts, and mentored 2 other graduate students. Summer 2017-Summer 2021.

# **Presentations**

INVITED

**CSU Long Beach** Long Beach, CA, USA Dr. Hollands Class 2022 · Watershed Transport Processes of Anthropogenic Litter **Pinole City Council** Pinole, CA, USA PINOLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2022 Final results of creek trash assessment. **AWWA** Anaheim, CA, USA ANNUAL MEETING 2022 · Watershed Transport Processes of Anthropogenic Litter **UC Riverside** Riverside, CA, USA MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2022 • Highlights on plastic pollution progress and resources for success **Pinole City Council** Pinole, CA, USA PINOLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2021 · Engaging Community to Protect the Pinole Creek Watershed: Assessment of trash impacts to promote a thriving ecosystem. Santa Ana College Santa Ana, CA, USA SHELLY MOORE'S CLASS 2021 · Past present and future of waste management **University of Waterloo** Waterloo, ON, Canada MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MICROPLASTICS DATA · Reporting Guidelines to Increase the Reproducibility and Comparability of Microplastic Research San Francisco Estuary Institute Richmond, CA, USA SFEI CLEAN WATER GROUP 2021 · Watershed transport processes of anthropogenic litter **Pacific Northwest Microplastic Workgroup** Virtual PACIFIC NORTHWEST MICROPLASTIC WORKGROUP MEETING 2021 • Big Trash Data Sets and Applications California EPA California, USA TRASH WEBINAR SERIES • Big Trash Data Sets and Applications **Rita Allen Foundation** CIVIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP 2021 · Panel discussion on civic science. **SETAC Europe** Europe SETAC EUROPE MEETING 2021 · Reporting Guidelines for Increasing the Comparability and Reproducibility of Microplastic Research **ThermoFisher Scientific** THERMOFISHER GLOBAL MICROPLASTIC SYMPOSIUM 2021 · Open Source Raman and IR Spectroscopy, Paving the Future for Spectral Analysis using Artificial Intelligence Scripps-Rady SCRIPPS-RADY OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION CHALLENGE 2021 • Trash Data Tools **Socal SETAC** SOCAL SETAC MEETING 2020 · Open Specy: An open source, online, spectra classification and sharing tool for plastic pollution research **Drexel University** Pennsylvania, USA Dr. Watson's Lab Seminar 2020 Processes of Fluvial Plastic Pollution Transport and Community Science **Staunton City Council** Staunton, VA, USA STAUNTON CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION 2019 · Plastic pollution in Staunton

**James Madison University** Harrisonburg, VA, USA SUSTAINABLE SHENANDOAH 2019 · A discussion on plastic pollution. **UC Riverside** Riverside, CA, USA Undergraduate Environmental Science Club 2019 · Life of a graduate student **5** Gyres Maryland, USA **SOLUTIONS SUMMIT** 2019 · Global trends in plastic pollution research **Lets Do It World** CLEAN WORLD CONFERENCE 2019 · Policy implications of waste data. CONFERENCE PLATFORM **American Geophysical Union** New Orleans, LA, USA HYDROLOGY 2021 · Litter origins, accumulation rates, and hierarchical composition on urban roadsides of the Inland Empire, California **SETAC North America** Virtual FATE AND TRANSPORT 2021 • Trash Taxonomy coauthored with Hannah Hapich. **American Geophysical Union** HYDROLOGY 2020 · Concentration-Discharge Relationships of Plastic Pollutants in Streams **UC Riverside** Riverside, CA, USA SANTA ANA RIVER SYMPOSIUM 2019 · R Clean Community SciX Palm Springs, CA, USA MICROPLASTIC SPECTROSCOPY 2019 • Open Specy: An open source, online, spectra classification and sharing tool **SETAC North America** Toronto, Canada FATE AND TRANSPORT 2019 • How to sample microplastics in streams **Socal SETAC** FATE AND TRANSPORT • Are Microplastic Methods Comparable and Do They Reflect Reality? California EPA Sacramento, CA, USA CALIFORNIA WATER DATA SYMPOSIUM 2019 • A Call for Open Access to Trash Data Microsoft Al For Good • Coauthored Kristiina Kerg, Kris Haamer, Win Cowger, WADE an Al Trash Detection Algorythm. **American Geophysical Union** Washington, DC, USA ANNUAL MEETING 2018 • Are Microplastic Methods Comparable and Do They Reflect Reality? **SETAC North America** Sacramento, CA, USA Annual Meeting • Are Microplastic Methods Comparable and Do They Reflect Reality? NOAA San Diego, CA, USA INTERNATIONAL MARINE DEBRIS CONFERENCE 2018 · Lead a session on big data in marine debris science that combined lectures with a panel discussion. Presented in a session about the role of open data in marine debris with Let's Do It World.

**Lets Do It World** 

CLEAN WORLD CONFERENCE 2018

· Panel discussion Development of the World Waste Platform

#### **University of California ANR**

Sacramento, CA, USA

APPS FOR AG HACKATHON

· Developed and presented a suite of spatial tools and business model for a business that utilizes urban land for agriculture, pays landowners for underutilized land, beautifies neighborhoods, and combats food deserts.

**Project AWARE** Iowa, USA

ANNUAL MEETING 2016

Where did the trash you've cleaned up come from? A more productive future for stream cleanups.

#### CONFERENCE POSTER

**SETAC North America** North America

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

· Open Specy: An Open Source Online Tool for Raman and FTIR Spectral Analysis of Microplastics and Beyond, Led a session on big data, methods, and standards in microplastic research.

**SETAC Europe** North America

Annual Meeting

· Open Specy: An Open Source Online Tool for Raman and FTIR Spectral Analysis of Microplastics and Beyond

#### **American Geophysical Union**

2021

Annual Meeting 2019

• Estimating Riverine Microplastic Flux by Accounting for Transport Dynamics

**SETAC North America** 

· Coauthored Hannah Hapich, Win Cowger, Twitter Reveals Public Conversation Around Plastic Pollution

#### **Council for Watershed Health**

Los Angeles, California

LA WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM

• Are Microplastic Methods Comparable and Do They Reflect Reality?

**UC Riverside** Riverside, California

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CONFERENCE UCR

· Environmental Relevance in a Sea of Plastic

**UC Riverside** Riverside, California

GIS DAY CONFERENCE UCR · R Clean Community

**Socal SETAC** Los Angeles, California

ANNUAL MEETING

• Environmental Relevance in a Sea of Plastic

**UC Riverside** Riverside, California

GIS DAY CONFERENCE UCR 2017

• CleanupOurWorld: Open Source Mismanaged Waste Database with Visualization

**Iowa State University** Ames, Iowa

**IOWA WATER CONFERENCE** 

**Oklahoma State University** Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

OKLAHOMA STUDENT WATER CONFERENCE 2015

# **Software Competencies**

# LANGUAGES

R

VISUAL BASIC

HTML

CSS

Рутном
JAVASCRIPT
Programs
Docker
Terminal
R Studio
IMAGEJ
QGIS
INKSCAPE
ArcMap
ARCGIS ONLINE AND GEOAPPS
MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE
GOOGLE SUITE
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK (ACPF)
Stella
AMAZON AWS EC2
Lab Hardwater Competencies
Raman Microscope
FTIR ATR, MICROSCOPE, FOCAL PLANE ARRAY
Fluorescence Microscope
Particle Size Analyzer
Fluorescence Spectrophotometer
Field Measurement Competencies
DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT
GRAB SAMPLING
OCEAN NEUSTON SAMPLING
STREAM PARTICULATE SAMPLING
Drone flying

INFILTRATION MEASUREMENT

ECOSYSTEM SURVEYING

SOIL SURVEYING

TRASH SURVEYING

# **Certificates**

NSF I Corps Innovat'R Business Discovery

August 2020

Lab Safety Training UCR

August 2017

COMMERCIAL HERBICIDE APPLICATOR February 2016

WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER TYPE II February 2016

GENERAL LAB SAFETY ISU

January 2015

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE May 2015

FEMA Trainings ICS and NIMS

May 2015

2015

IOWATER TRAINING November 2013

# Awards\_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST VIEWED BLOG POST

SETAC North America	Virtual
3RD BEST STUDENT PLATFORM PRESENTATION (COAUTHOR)	2021
UC Riverside	Riverside, California
S. Sue Johnson Endowed Graduate Award (\$2,500)	2021
American Geophysical Union	San Francisco, California
OUTSTANDING STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARD	2019
UC Riverside	Riverside, California
3RD PLACE IN COAUTHORED POSTER, GIS DAY	2019
UC Riverside	Riverside, California
2ND PLACE IN POSTER COMPETITION, GIS DAY	2018
Iowa State University	Ames, IA, USA
2ND PLACE IN POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION	2015
NACTA	Illinois, USA
3RD PLACE, NACTA SOIL JUDGING COMPETITION	2015
Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa	Iowa