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Education:

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

 Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering (2009-2013) Supervisor: Prof. James A. Smith

Dissertation Title: Observation-Driven Understanding and Prediction of Urban Flood Hazard

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- M.S.E. in Civil Engineering (2005)
 - Supervisor: Prof. Avery H. Demond
- B.S.E. in Civil and Environmental Engineering with concentration in hydrology (2001-2005)

Research and Professional Employment:

- Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering-Water Resources, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin (2016-present)
- NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow, Hydrological Sciences Laboratory, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland (2014-2016)
- **Disaster Risk Management Analyst**, Latin America and Caribbean Regional Disaster Risk Management and Urban Unit, The World Bank, Washington, D.C. (2013-2014)
- **Graduate Student Researcher**, Hydrometeorology Research Group, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey (2009-2013)
- Water Resources Engineer, JMS Ingenieros Consultores, San Pedro de La Paz, Chile (2008-2009)
- **Regional Sanitation Engineer**, Peace Corps Basic Sanitation, Monteagudo, Bolivia (2006-2008)

Teaching and Mentoring Experience:

- CEE311: Hydroscience. Spring 2018.
- CEE716: Statistical Modeling of Hydrologic Systems. Spring 2017.
- CEE315: Hydrology. Fall 2016, 2017.
- CEE619: Special Topics in Hydrology: Dynamics of Floods and Flood Risks. Spring 2016.
- Doctoral Supervisor for Christopher Bosma (2016-), Guo Yu (2017-)
- Master's Supervisor for Alexandra Sampson (2016-), Samantha Hartke (2017-)
- Undergraduate Research Supervision for Allison Lobue (2016-), Cassia Smith (2017)

- Co-supervisor for master's thesis, Aureline Grange, thesis title: *"Challenges of Flash Flood Distributed Hydrologic Modeling in Small Urban Watersheds,"* (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and Princeton University), 2013.
- Invited lecturer for CEE460: Risk Analysis (Princeton University), 2013.
- Invited lecturer for CEE321: Water Resources Engineering (College of New Jersey), 2012.
- Assistant Instructor for CEE306: Hydrology (Princeton University), 2012.

Funded Research Proposals:

- *CAREER: A Dynamic-Stochastic Approach to Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis Across Scales,* The National Science Foundation. PI. Award term: 2018-2023. Award to UW-Madison: \$507,000.
- Development of a Web-based Stochastic Storm Transposition Toolkit for Physically-based Rainfall and Flood Hazard Analysis, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Office of Science and Technology. Co-PI. Award term: 2016-2019. Total award: \$253,600. Award to UW-Madison: \$226,300.
- A Regional Analysis Framework for Evaluating Satellite Rainfall Extremes in Complex Terrain for Landslide Hazards Applications, NASA Precipitation Measurement Program. Co-PI. Award term: 2016-2019. Total award: \$345,700. Award to UW-Madison: \$171,000.
- A Toolkit for High-Resolution Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis using Stochastic Storm Transposition and IMERG Satellite Precipitation, submitted to NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Award Date: June 2014. 2-year postdoctoral fellowship and travel support.

Peer-Reviewed Publications, in Review or in Press:

• Wright, D.B., *Precipitation Information for Global Flood Modeling*, accepted, invited chapter for AGU Books volume on Global Flood Hazard Modeling.

Peer-Reviewed Publications, Published or Accepted:

- Wright, D.B., D.B. Kirschbaum, S. Yatheendradas, <u>Satellite Precipitation Characterization, Error</u> <u>Modeling, and Error Correction Using Censored Shifted Gamma Distributions</u>, Journal of Hydrometeorology 18: 2801–2815, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., R. Mantilla, and C.D. Peters-Lidard. "<u>A remote sensing-based tool for assessing rainfall-</u> <u>driven hazards</u>," Environmental Modelling & Software 90 (34-54), 2017.
- Lee, H., D.E. Waliser, R. Ferraro, T. Iguchi, C.D. Peters-Lidard, B. Tian, P.C. Loikith, **D.B. Wright**, *Evaluating hourly rainfall characteristics over the US Great Plains in dynamically downscaled climate model simulations using NASA-Unified WRF*, J. Geophys. Res. Atmos., 122, 7371–7384, 2017.
- Ayalew, T.B., W.F. Krajewski, R. Mantilla, D.B. Wright, S. Small. "Effect of Spatially Distributed Small Dams on Flood Frequency: Insights from the Soap Creek Watershed," Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, 04017011, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., T.R. Knutson, J.A. Smith. "<u>Regional Climate Model Projections of Rainfall from U.S.</u> <u>Landfalling Tropical Cyclones</u>," Climate Dynamics, 0930-7575(1-15), 2015.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck. "*Flood Frequency Analysis Using Radar Rainfall Fields and Stochastic Storm Transposition,*" Water Resources Research, 50 (1592–1615), 2014.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck. "Long-term high-resolution radar rainfall fields for *urban hydrology*," Journal of the American Water Resources Association, 50(3:713-734), 2014.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, "<u>Critical examination of area reduction factors</u>," Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, 19(4:769-776), 2014.

- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck. "*Estimating the frequency of extreme rainfall using weather radar and stochastic storm transposition*," Journal of Hydrology, 448(150-165), 2013.
- Smith, J.A., M.L. Baeck, G. Villarini, **D.B. Wright**, W.F. Krajewski. "*Extreme Flood Response: The June* 2008 Flooding in Iowa," Journal of Hydrometeorology, 14(1810-1825), 2013.
- Yang, L., J.A. Smith, D.B. Wright, M.L. Baeck, G. Villarini, F. Tian, H. Hu. "<u>Urbanization and Climate</u> <u>Change: An Examination of Nonstationarities in Urban Flooding</u>," Journal of Hydrometeorology, 14(1791-1809), 2013.
- Smith, B.K, J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, G. Villarini, **D.B. Wright**, "*The Spectrum of Storm Event Hydrologic Response in Urban Watersheds*," Water Resources Research, 49(2649–2663), 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J. A. Smith, G. Villarini, M. L. Baeck, "<u>Applications of Radar-Based Rainfall Estimates for</u> <u>Urban Flood Studies</u>," Stormwater and Urban Water Systems Modeling, Monograph 21 (Ed. W. James), Computational Hydraulics International, Guelph, ON Canada, 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck. "*<u>The hydroclimatology of flash flooding in Atlanta</u>," Water Resources Research, 48, W0524, 2012.*
- Wright, D.B. and J.M. Schwenk, "*Aplicación de HEC-RAS 4.0 en el Cálculo del Comportamiento Hidráulico* <u>en Mini- y Pequeñas Centrales Hidroeléctricas</u>," Energía y Desarrollo, 26, August 2010.
- Towey, T., S.-C. Chang, A. Demond, D. Wright, N. Barabas, A. Franzblau, D. Garabrant, B. Gillespie, J. Lepkowski, W. Luksemburg, P. Adriaens, "<u>Hierarchical Cluster Analysis of Polychlorinated Dioxins</u> and Furans in Michigan, USA, Soils: Evaluation of Industrial and Background and Congener <u>Profiles</u>," Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 29(10):64-72, 2010.

Technical Reports:

- Wright, D.B., "Methods in Flood Hazard and Risk Assessment," Technical Notes developed under the World Bank LCR Probabilistic Risk Assessment Program (CAPRA), The World Bank, 20 pp., 2016.
- Wright, D.B., C.L. Linero, M.C. Rogelis. *The 24 December 2013 Christmas Eve Storm in Saint Lucia: Hydrometeorological and Geotechnical Perspectives*, Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Disaster Risk Management and Urban Development Unit, The World Bank, 113 pp., 2014.
- Government of Saint Lucia and the World Bank, *Saint Lucia Joint Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment: Flood Event of December 24–25, 2013,* World Bank Group, 66 pp. 2014.

Popular Media:

• Wright, D.B., "Shelter from the Storm: Urban Floods in Latin América", Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica Sección ü, June 2013.

Invited Presentations:

- Wright, D.B., "RainyDay: A Flexible Alternative For Estimating Rainfall Frequency and Severity," MSI GuaranteedWeather, Kansas City, MO, January 9, 2018.
- Wright, D.B., D.B. Kirschbaum, S. Yatheendradas, T. Stanley, S. Hartke, "Precipitation error characterization for extreme events and applications for hydrometerological hazards," NASA Precipitation Measurement Mission Science Team Meeting, San Diego, CA, October 19, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., "Modern Precipitation Data and Its Applications: Errors, Insights, and Flood Frequency *Analysis in a Changing World*," University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, October 16, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., "*The Riddle of Flood Hazards in a Changing World*," Weston Roundtable Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, March 30, 2017.

- Wright, D.B., "Data-Driven Assessment of Rainfall and Flood Hazards in a Changing World," Environmental Engineering Seminar Series, Marquette University and the Global Water Center, Milwaukee, WI, March 3, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., "Horton's 'Rule of Data' Revisited: Alternatives for Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis in a Changing World," Ven Te Chow Hydrosystems Laboratory Seminar Series, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champagne, IL, February 3, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., "Probabilistic Modeling of Extreme Rainfall and Nonstationary Flood Hazards Using Remote Sensing," Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, December 5, 2016.
- Wright, D.B., "Data-Driven Understanding of Rainfall and Floods in (Two) Changing Environments," Water Resources Engineering and Environmental Fluid Mechanics seminar series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, September 15, 2016.
- Wright, D.B., "Thunderstorms, Hurricanes, and the Flood Hydroclimate of the Eastern United States," Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research Climate, People, and the Environment Program seminar series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, January 29, 2016.
- Wright, D.B., "Multi-Scale Flood Risk Estimation using Rainfall Remote Sensing," Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, October 30, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., "Using Remote Sensing to Understand the Joint Probability of Extreme Rainfall and Flood *Response*," Dam Safety Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO, October 29, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., "The Importance of Rainfall (and Rainfall Remote Sensing) for Understanding Floods and Flood *Risks,*" Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of Texas Arlington, Arlington, TX, September 28, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., C.D. Peters-Lidard, "*RainyDay: Open Source Extreme Rainfall Modeling*," Engineering for Climate Extremes Partnership Workshop 3rd Annual Workshop, National Center for Atmospheric Research, August 20, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., "RainyDay: A Tool for the Assessment of Long-Term Flood Hazard using Rainfall Remote Sensing," National Weather Service Office of Hydrologic Development, Silver Spring, MD, May 14, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., "Rainfall, Hazards, and Hydrology: The Engineering Importance of Hydrometeorology and *Remote Sensing*," Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI, March 24, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., "Rainy Day: Toward Modern Flood Hazard Assessment using Remote Sensing," IIHR-Hydroscience and Engineering, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, January 23, 2015.
- Wright, D.B., "Hurricanes, Thunderstorms, and Urban Flooding in the Eastern United States," Center for Urban Environmental Research and Education, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, October 10, 2014.
- Wright, D.B., "Understanding Flood Hazards with Remote Sensing," Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of California Davis, Davis, CA, April 23, 2014.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, T.R. Knutson, M.L. Baeck, "Present and Future Impacts of Tropical Cyclones on Urban Flooding in the Eastern United States," AIR Worldwide, Boston, MA, July 30, 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, "Understanding Urban Flood Risk: Integrating Hydrology, *Meteorology, and Climate Science,*" Columbia Water Center, Columbia University, New York, NY, June 21, 2013.

- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, "Understanding Urban Flood Risk: Integrating Hydrology, Meteorology, and Climate Science," The Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, Washington D.C., May 7, 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, "An Observation-Driven Approach to Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis Using High-Resolution Radar Rainfall Fields and Stochastic Storm Transposition," Nuclear Regulatory Commission Workshop on Probabilistic Flood Hazard Assessment, Washington D.C., January 29, 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, J. Yeung, L. Yang. *"Rainfall modification in urban areas: no easy answers,"* Symposium on Fluid Dynamics and the Global Environment, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 22, 2012.

Conference Presentations:

- Wright, D.B., G. Yu, K. Holman, "A Web-based Stochastic Storm Transposition Toolkit for Physically-based Rainfall and Flood Hazard Analysis," American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, January 8, 2018.
- Smith, Cassia, G. Yu, **Wright, D.B.**, *"What Is Driving the Observed Changes in Flooding in the Turkey River in Iowa?,"* American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 14, 2017.
- Zhou, Z., J.A. Smith, L. Yang, M.L. Baeck, **D.B. Wright**, S. Liu "*Regional frequency analysis of extreme rainfall for the Baltimore Metropolitan region based on stochastic storm transposition*," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., G. Yu, K. Holman, "RainyDay: An Online, Open-Source Tool for Remote Sensing-based Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2017.
- Bosma, C., **D.B. Wright**, P. Nguyen, *Assessing the Regional Frequency, Intensity, and Spatial Extent of Tropical Cyclone Rainfall*, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 12, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., "Data-Driven Flood Frequency Analysis in a Changing World," EWRI Congress, Sacramento, CA, May 22, 2017
- Wright, D.B., "Flood Frequency Analysis and Hydrologic Design in a Nonstationary World using Stochastic Storm Transposition and Rainfall Remote Sensing," Weather Radar and Hydrology International Symposium, Seoul, South Korea, April 13, 2017.
- Wright, D.B., D.B. Kirschbaum, S. Yatheendradas, "An Ensemble Generator for Quantitative Precipitation Estimation Based on Censored Shifted Gamma Distributions," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2016.
- Kirschbaum, D.B., **D.B. Wright**, T. Stanley, S. Yatheendradas, "A Regional Analysis Framework for Evaluating Satellite Rainfall Extremes in Complex Terrain for Landslide Hazards Applications" (Poster), NASA Precipitation Measurement Mission Science Team Meeting, Houston, TX, October 24-28, 2016.
- Wright, D.B., "Dynamical Data-Driven Assessment of Long-term Flood Hazards in a Changing *Environment*," Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Conference on Mathematics of the Planet Earth, Philadelphia, PA, October 1, 2016.
- Wright, D.B., R. Mantilla, C.D. Peters-Lidard, "Using Remote Sensing to Understand the Joint Probability of Extreme Rainfall and Flood Response," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 15, 2015.

- Wright, D.B., C.D. Peters-Lidard, T. Ayalew, R. Mantilla, F. Quintero, S. Yatheendradas, D. Kirschbaum, *"RainyDay: A Remote Sensing-Driven Extreme Rainfall Simulation Approach for Hazard Assessment,"* European Geosciences Union General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, April 16, 2015.
- Smith J.A., M.L. Baeck, L. Cunha, Y.-H. Ryu, **D.B. Wright**, B.K. Smith, M. Liu and A. Grange, *"Empirical Analyses of the Hydroclimatology of Flooding for Small Urban Watersheds,"* American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, February 4, 2014.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, T.R. Knutson, M.L. Baeck, "Present and Future Impacts of Tropical Cyclones on Urban Flooding in the Eastern United States," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2013.
- Sedlar, F., V.Y. Ivanov, J.X. Shao, U. Narayan, F. Nardi, T.E. Adams, V. Merwade, **D.B. Wright**, J. Kim, S. Fatichi, E. Rakhmatulina, *"The development of a hydrologic-hydraulic representation of an urbanscape: the case study of Nashville, Tennessee,"* American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, M.L. Baeck, "Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis Using High-Resolution Radar Rainfall Fields and Stochastic Storm Transposition", European Geosciences Union General Assembly, Vienna, Austria, April 6, 2013.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck, "New Approaches to Rainfall and Flood Frequency Analysis Using High Resolution Radar Rainfall Fields and Stochastic Storm Transposition," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 6, 2012.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck. *"Applications of Radar-Based Rainfall Estimates for Urban Flood Studies,"* Stormwater and Urban Water Systems Modeling, Computational Hydraulics Incorporated. Toronto, Canada, February 22, 2012.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck. *"The Flood Hydroclimatology of Urban Environments in the Southeastern United States,"* American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 6, 2011.
- Wright, D.B., J.A. Smith, G. Villarini, M.L. Baeck. "Hydroclimatologic Analyses of Extreme Rainfall and Flooding in Atlanta, Georgia Using Long-Term Radar-Rainfall Datasets," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 14, 2010.
- Smith, J. A., M.L. Baeck, G. Villarini, B.K. Smith, **D.B. Wright**. *"Urbanization and the Regional Rainfall Climatology of the Baltimore Metropolitan Region,"* American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 2010.
- Chang, S.-C., P. Adriaens, T. Towey, **D. Wright**, A. Demond, B. Gillespie, A. Franzblau, D. Garabrant, *"Analysis of Patterns in PCDD, PCDF and PCB Soil Concentrations from a Community in Michigan, USA,"* Dioxin 2006, Oslo, Norway, August 21-25, 2006.
- Towey, T., P. Adriaens, A. Demond, **D. Wright**, D. Gwinn, B. Gillespie, "Spatial Analysis of PCDD, PCDF, PCB Soil Concentrations from a Community in Michigan, USA," Dioxin 2006, Oslo, Norway, August 21-25, 2006.

Workshops /Special Courses:

- Teaching Fellow, American Society of Civil Engineers Excellence in Civil Engineering Education Teaching Workshop, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL, June 2017.
- Participant, *Summer School on Atmospheric Modeling*, NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ, July 2012.
- Climate science and water resources specialist and participant, Inter-University Student Initiative in Carbon Sequestration *Fall Meeting*, Princeton University, November 2011.

- Participant, three-week Advanced Study Program Summer Colloquium: *Statistical Assessment of Extreme Weather Phenomena Under Climate Change*, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, June 2011.
- International development specialist for *Sustainable Energy Development in South America*, University of Michigan and Universidad de Concepción, Concepción, Chile, February 2008.

Honors:

- NSF CAREER recipient, Hydrological Sciences Division, 2018-2023.
- Recipient, NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellowship Award, 2014.
- Outstanding Reviewer, Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, 2014; 2015.
- Recipient, Computational Hydraulics International University Grant Program Award, 2012.
- Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, Univ. of Michigan Chapter, member since 2003.
- University of Michigan Dean's List 2002-2005 and Cum Laude graduate.
- Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm, Boy Scouts of America, awarded 1998.

Service:

- Secretary, Natural Hazards Section, American Geophysical Union (2017-present).
- Session Co-chair, "Weather and Climate Ensembles for Hydrologic Forecasting and Scenario Analysis," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 2016.
- Member, NASA Precipitation Measurement Mission Science Team (2016-present).
- Member, WCIP-ACWI Subcommittee on Hydrology, Extreme Storm Events Work Group (2016present).
- Member, Early Career Scientists Committee, Natural Hazards Focus Group, American Geophysical Union (2015-2016).
- NASA proposal review panelist, 2016, 2017.
- Session Co-chair, "Monitoring, Prediction, and Hazard Mitigation of Hydroclimatic Extreme Events," American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 2015, 2017.
- Co-organizer, Outstanding Student Paper Awards, Natural Hazards Focus Group, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 2015.
- Peer reviewer for Geophysical Research Letters, Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, Journal of Climate, Water Resources Research, Journal of Hydrology, Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres, Journal of Hydrometeorology, Hydrologic and Earth Systems Science, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, Atmospheric Research, Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, Advances in Water Resources, Hydrological Processes, Journal of the American Water Resources Association, AGU Books.
- Reviewer for "Manual of Standard Practice for Radar Rainfall Data Estimation" from ASCE and EWRI.
- Technical Mentor Peru Project, Princeton University Engineers Without Borders, 2009-2015.
- Executive Board Member and founding member, University of Michigan BLUELab. 2004-2005.

Public Speaking:

- Invited speaker (on water services privatization in developing countries)—*Saturday FILM Series*, West Windsor Arts Council, January 2013.
- Invited speaker—*Collective Motion International Development Conference,* Princeton University, November 2010.
- Invited speaker—*Peace Corps* 50th Anniversary Celebration, University of Michigan, October 2010.

Memberships:

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Geophysical Union
- Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater, and Coastal Management
- Engineers Without Borders

Languages:

- English-native
- Spanish-advanced