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EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. in Ecology - December 2005

Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL, B.A. with highest honors in Biology - May 2001

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, 2015-present

Assistant Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, 2009-2015

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois, July 2006-2009

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University,
July 2006-2008

Postdoctoral Associate, Departments of Plant Biology and Animal Sciences, University of
Illinois, January-June 2006

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Illinois, 2002-2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

Stable Isotopes in Environmental Research (MEES 698R), University System of
Maryland, 3 credits (graduate level), Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015

Environmental Impacts of Unconventional Gas-Well Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing
(MEES 608Y), University System of Maryland, 1 credit seminar (graduate level), Fall
2013

Guest Lecturer

Professional Development in Atmospheric Sciences, University of Illinois, Fall 2006
Organismal and Evolutionary Biology, University of Illinois, Spring 2006

Teaching Assistant

Ecology, University of Illinois, Fall 2004 and Fall 2005

Introduction to Plant Biology, University of Illinois, Spring 2005

Introduction to Biology, University of Illinois, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Young Scientists Support Award to attend XIII IPC/XI IOPC, Tokyo, 2012

- Arnold O. Beckman Research Award for Campus Research Board proposal of distinction, University of Illinois, 2008
- Selected participant at Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research Symposium (DISCCRS III), Hawaii, September 2007
- List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by their Students, University of Illinois, Fall 2004 and Spring 2005
- NSF Paleoclimatology award for American Quaternary Association Meeting, 2004
- Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2004
- Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Illinois, 2002
- Biology Departmental Award, Trinity Christian College, 2001

PUBLICATIONS (# = postdoc or graduate student co-author, * = undergraduate student co-author)

Sabo RD[#], **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2016. Episodic, seasonal, and annual export of atmospheric and microbial nitrate from a temperate forest. *Geophysical Research Letters*: in press.

Pylant CL[#], **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick MC, Gates JE, Keller SR. 2016. Geographic origin and population dynamics of bats killed at wind-energy facilities. *Ecological Applications*: in press.

Urban MA[#], **Nelson DM**, Jiménez-Moreno G, Hu FS. 2016. Carbon isotope analyses reveal relatively high abundance of C₄ grasses during early-middle Miocene in southwestern Europe. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 443: 10-17.

Nelson DM, Braham M, Miller TA, Duerr AE, Cooper J, Lanzone M, Lemaître J, Katzner T. 2015. Stable hydrogen isotopes identify leapfrog migration, degree of connectivity, and summer distribution of Golden Eagles in eastern North America. *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* 117: 414-429.

Urban MA[#], **Nelson DM**, Street-Perrott FA, Verschuren D, Hu FS. 2015. A late-Quaternary perspective on atmospheric pCO₂, climate, and fire as drivers of C₄-grass abundance. *Ecology* 96: 642-653.

Pylant CL[#], **Nelson DM**, Keller SR. 2014. Stable hydrogen isotopes record the summering grounds of eastern red bats (*Lasiurus borealis*). *PeerJ* 2:e629.

Landesman WJ[#], **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick MC. 2014. Soil properties and tree species drive β -diversity of soil bacterial communities. *Soil Biology and Biochemistry* 76: 201-209.

Nelson DM, Urban MA[#], Hu FS. 2014. Spatiotemporal variation in the origin of C₄ grasses: $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ analysis of grass pollen from the southeastern United States. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 396: 227-231.

Keller SR, Trott R, Pylant CL[#], **Nelson DM**. 2014. Genome-wide microsatellite marker

- development from next-generation sequencing of two non-model bat species impacted by wind turbine mortality: *Lasiurus borealis* and *L. cinereus* (Vespertilionidae). *Molecular Ecology Resources* 14: 435-436.
- Urban MA[#], Nelson DM, Kelly R, Ibrahim T*, Dietze M, Pearson A, Hu FS. 2013. A hierarchical Bayesian approach to the classification of C₃ and C₄ grass pollen based on SPIRAL δ¹³C data. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 121: 168-176.
- Griener K[#], Nelson DM, Warny S. 2013. Declining moisture availability on the Antarctic Peninsula during the Late Eocene. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 383-384: 72-78.
- Nelson DM, Henderson AK, Huang Y, Hu FS. 2013. Influence of terrestrial vegetation on leaf wax δD of Holocene lake sediments. *Organic Geochemistry* 56: 106-110.
- Nelson DM, Verschuren D, Urban MA[#], Hu FS. 2012. Long-term variability and rainfall control of savanna fire regimes in equatorial East Africa. *Global Change Biology* 18: 3160-3170.
- Nelson DM. 2012. Carbon isotopic composition of *Ambrosia* and *Artemisia* pollen: assessment of a C₃-plant paleophysiological indicator. *New Phytologist* 195: 787-793.
- Tian J, Nelson DM, Hu FS. 2011. How well do sediment indicators record past climate? An evaluation using annually laminated sediments. *Journal of Paleolimnology* 45: 73-84.
- Nelson DM, Cann IKO, Mackie RI. 2010. Response of archaeal communities in the rhizosphere of maize and soybean to elevated atmospheric CO₂ concentrations. *PLoS ONE* 5: e15897.
- Henderson AK[#], Nelson DM, Hu FS, Huang YS, Shuman BN, Williams J. 2010. Holocene precipitation seasonality captured by a dual hydrogen and oxygen isotope approach at Steel Lake, Minnesota. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 30: 205-214.
- Urban MA[#], Nelson DM, Jiménez-Moreno G, Châteauneuf J-J, Pearson A, Hu FS. 2010. Isotopic evidence of C₄ grasses in southwestern Europe during the Early Oligocene-Middle Miocene. *Geology* 38: 1091-1094.
- Edwards EJ, Osborne CP, Strömberg CAE, Smith SA, C₄ Grasses Consortium (including Nelson DM). 2010. The origins of C₄ grasslands: merging evolutionary and ecosystem science. *Science* 328: 587-591.
- Nelson DM, Cann IKO, Altermann E, Mackie RI. 2010. Phylogenetic evidence for lateral gene transfer in the intestine of marine iguanas. *PLoS ONE* 5: e10785.
- Grimm EC, Maher LJ, Nelson DM. 2009. The magnitude of error in conventional bulk-sediment radiocarbon dates from central North America. *Quaternary Research* 72: 301-308.
- Nelson DM, Glawe AJ*, Labeda DP, Cann IKO, Mackie RI. 2009. *Paenibacillus tundrae* sp.

- nov. and *Paenibacillus xylanexedens* sp. nov., psychrotolerant, xylan-degrading, bacteria from Alaskan tundra. *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology* 59: 1708-1714.
- Mackie RI, **Nelson DM**, Wheeler E, Wikelski M, Cann IKO. 2008. Fermentative digestion in herbivorous lizards: bacterial population analysis in the intestinal tract of free-living land (*Conolophus pallidus*) and marine iguanas (*Amblyrynchus cristatus*) on the Galapagos archipelago. Pages 193-202 in S. Morris and A. Vosloo, eds. *Molecules to Migration: The Pressures of Life*. Medimond Publishing Co., Bologna, Italy.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS. 2008. Patterns and drivers of Holocene vegetation change near the prairie-forest ecotone in Minnesota: revisiting McAndrews' transect. *New Phytologist* 179: 449-459.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Scholes DR*, Joshi N*, Pearson A. 2008. Using SPIRAL (Single Pollen Isotope Ratio AnaLysis) to estimate C₃- and C₄-grass abundance in the paleorecord. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 269: 11-16.
- Power MJ and 84 others (including **Nelson DM**). 2008. Changes in fire activity since the Last Glacial Maximum: an assessment based on a global synthesis and analysis of charcoal data. *Climate Dynamics* 30: 887-907.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Mikucki J, Tian J, Pearson A. 2007. Carbon-isotopic analysis of individual pollen grains from C₃ and C₄ grasses using a spooling wire microcombustion interface. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 71: 4005-4014.
- Nelson DM**, Ohene-Adjei S, Hu FS, Cann IKO, Mackie RI. 2007. Bacterial diversity and distribution in the Holocene sediments of a northern temperate lake. *Microbial Ecology* 54: 252-263.
- Tian J, **Nelson DM**, Hu FS. 2006. Possible linkages of late-Holocene drought in the North American midcontinent to Pacific Decadal Oscillation and solar activity. *Geophysical Research Letters* 33: L23702.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Grimm EC, Curry BBC, Slate J. 2006. The influence of aridity and fire on Holocene prairie communities in the eastern Prairie Peninsula. *Ecology* 87: 2523-2536.
- Hu FS, **Nelson DM**, Clarke GH, Rühland K, Huang Y, Kaufman DS, Smol JP. 2006. Abrupt climatic events during the last glacial-interglacial transition in Alaska. *Geophysical Research Letters* 33: L18708.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Michener RH. 2006. Stable-carbon isotope composition of Poaceae pollen: an assessment for reconstructing C₃ and C₄ grass abundance. *The Holocene* 16: 819-825.
- Anderson LL, Hu FS, **Nelson DM**, Petit RJ, Paige KN. 2006. Ice-age endurance: DNA evidence of a white spruce refugium in Alaska. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*

of the United States of America 103: 12447-12450.

Nelson DM, Hu FS, Tian J, Stefanova I, Brown TA. 2004. Response of C₃ and C₄ plants to middle-Holocene climatic variation near the prairie-forest ecotone of Minnesota. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 101: 562-567.

Hu FS, Kaufman D, Yoneji S, **Nelson D**, Shemesh A, Huang Y, Tian J, Bond G, Clegg B, Brown T. 2003. Cyclic variation and solar forcing of Holocene climate in the Alaskan subarctic. *Science* 301: 1890-1893.

Hu FS, Lee BY, Kaufman DS, Yoneji S, **Nelson DM**, Henne PD. 2002. Response of tundra ecosystem in southwestern Alaska to Younger-Dryas climatic oscillations. *Global Change Biology* 8, 1-8.

GRANTS

- Maryland Sea Grant, *Variation in retention and export of atmospheric nitrate as a function of land use across the Chesapeake Bay watershed*, **PI**, 2/16-1/18. **\$149,361**
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Population genomics of bats killed by wind turbines in the central Appalachians*, **co-PI** with P. Gugger (PI), JE Gates, and M. Fitzpatrick. 9/15-8/18. **\$40,000**.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service. *Geographic origins and population genetics and genomics of bats killed at wind-energy facilities in the Midwest*, **PI**, 9/15-8/19. **\$20,786**.
- California Energy Commission, *Learning from real-world experience to understand renewable energy impacts to wildlife*, **co-PI** with T. Katzner (PI), S. Loss, T. Allison, J. Diffendorfer, and J. Yee, 8/15-12/18. **\$44,942** to UMCES (overall project: \$1,000,000).
- US National Park Service, *Assessment of white-nose syndrome, geographic origin, and genetic diversity of bats at five national park units in western Pennsylvania*, **PI**, 7/15-6/17. **\$146,191**.
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Assessing potential migration pathways and changes in effective population size of hoary bat populations in the central Appalachians*, **PI**, 10/14-6/16. **\$40,000**.
- NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training, *Watershed Research Investigations: A student-teacher-scientist partnership to support healthy streams*, **co-PI** with C.D. Stylinski (PI) and A.J. Elmore, 9/14-8/17. **\$240,249**.
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources. *Sampling to support an isotopic and genetic assessment of red bats in Maryland*, **PI**, 4/1/14-12/31/15. **\$25,000**.
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources. *How representative are wind-turbine killed red bats of the broader population in Maryland? An isotopic and genetic assessment*, **PI**, 7/13-6/15. **\$40,000**.
- NSF (Plant Genome Research Program), *Combining genomics, remote sensing, and geospatial modeling to understand adaptation to growing season length in balsam poplar*, **co-PI** with S.R. Keller (PI), M.C. Fitzpatrick, A.J. Elmore and C.D. Stylinski, 1/13-12/16. **\$1,495,713**.
- NASA (Terrestrial Ecology Program), *Assessing the influence of local phenology on the response of forest productivity to changes in growing season length*, **co-PI** with A.J.

- Elmore (PI), 6/12-5/15. **\$653,018.**
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Continuing Isotopic and Genetic Assessment of the Impacts of Wind-Turbine Mortality on Bat Populations in the Central Appalachians*, **PI**, 2/13-12/13. **\$40,000.**
 - Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *A Preliminary Isotopic and Genetic Investigation of the Impacts of Wind-Turbine Mortality on Bat Populations in the Central Appalachians*, **PI**, 6/11-6/13. **\$40,000.**
 - NSF (MRI-R²), *Acquisition of a Shared Stable Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer for Ecological, Geological, Biogeochemical, and Hydrological Research, Education, and Training in the Central Appalachians*, **PI**, 12/09-11/11. **\$434,273.**
 - National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, *Metagenomic Analysis of Spatial and Temporal Variation in the Composition of Soil Microbial Communities*, **PI**, 10/09-9/11. **\$239,651.**
 - NSF (DEB-Ecology), *Fire, Atmospheric pCO₂, and Climate as Alternative Primary Controls of C₄-Grass Abundance: The Late-Quaternary Perspective*, **co-PI** with F.S. Hu (PI) and A. Pearson, 07/08-06/12. **\$426,143.**
 - Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, *Elucidating the Origin of C₄ Photosynthesis: Carbon Isotope Analysis of Single Pollen Grains*, 01/08-12/08. **\$12,745.**
 - USDA National Research Initiative Competitive Grant (Soil Processes), *Structure and Function of Archaeal Communities in the Rhizosphere of Corn and Soybean Under Current and Future Atmospheric Conditions*, **PI**, 11/07-06/10. **\$125,000.**
 - Environmental Council, University of Illinois, *Analysis of the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ Composition of Fossil Grass Pollen Grains*, SURE (Special Undergraduate Research Experience) support to student Neeraj Joshi, 2006-2007. **\$1,400.**
 - Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Summer Research Awards, University of Illinois, 2004-2005. **\$2,250.**
 - Philip W. Smith Memorial Fund, University of Illinois, 2003. **\$1,000.**
 - Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grants, University of Illinois, 2002-2004. **\$3,500.**
 - Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Conference Travel Grants, University of Illinois, 2002-2004. **\$900.**
 - Graduate College Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, 2002. **\$150.**
 - School of Integrative Biology Enhancement Fund (for Stable Isotope Ecology course at University of Utah), University of Illinois, 2002. **\$760.**
 - Vander Velde Junior Scholar Research Grant, Trinity Christian College, 2000. **\$1,000.**

INVITED SEMINARS OR WORKSHOPS

- Graduate School of Environmental Sciences, Nagoya University. July 2015.
- Maryland DNR MANTA seminar series. October 2014.
- Department of Geology and Geophysics, Louisiana State University. April 2011.
- Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. September 2010.
- Quaternary Paleoecology seminar series, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. February 2010.
- Horn Point Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. December 2009.

- Department of Biology, West Virginia University. November 2009.
- Large Lakes Observatory, University of Minnesota, Duluth. September 2009.
- NESCent, C₄ Grass Evolution and Ecology Workshop, Durham, NC. April 2009.
- Department of Biology, University of Utah. January 2009.
- Appalachian Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. November 2008.
- Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alaska, Anchorage. April 2008.
- Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois. April 2008.
- School of Natural Resources, University of California, Merced. March 2008.
- Department of Biological Sciences, Wright State University. January 2008.
- Illinois State Museum. April 2006.
- Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. March 2006.
- Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University. February 2006.
- Climate, People, and Environment Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison. May 2005.

PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL MEETINGS

Oral

Scanga S, Sabo R, Lawrence G., Zabala G, Alinea A, Schirmer C, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman K. 2015. Long-term changes in ecosystem nitrogen availability and nitrate export in two neighboring watersheds in the Adirondack Mountains, New York (USA). Acid Rain 2015- Rochester, NY.

Katzner, T, **Nelson DM**, Braham M, Doyle J, Fernandez N, Duerr A, Bloom P, Fitzpatrick MC, Miller T, DeWoody A. 2015. Origins of eagles killed at the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area: Continental-scale environmental consequences of local-scale renewable energy development. Raptor Research Foundation conference- Sacramento, CA.

Zabala GA, Sabo R, Scanga SE, Lawrence GB, Alinea AA, Schirmer CD, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2015. Long-term changes in ecosystem nitrogen availability and nitrate export in two neighboring watersheds in the Adirondack Mountains. Ecological Society of America- Baltimore, MD.

Nelson DM, Kelly R, Tian J, Chipman M, Hu FS. 2015. Extrinsic and intrinsic forcing of regime shifts: a 3,000-year record of climate and lake-productivity changes in Minnesota. Ecological Society of America- Baltimore, MD. (invited)

Sabo R, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2015. Hydrobiogeochemical control of temporal variation in atmospheric nitrate export from a temperate forest watershed. Ecological Society of America- Baltimore, MD.

Landesman WJ, **Nelson DM**. 2015. Temporal dynamics of soil microbial communities over hourly, daily and seasonal scales. Ecological Society of America- Baltimore, MD.

- Nelson DM**, Tian J, Chipman M, Hu FS. 2015. Evaluating climate controls of aquatic proxy indicators: a case study using multi-proxy analyses of sediment-trap samples and annually laminated sediments. International Union for Quaternary Research XXIV Congress- Nagoya, Japan. (invited)
- Nelson DM**, Urban MA, Hu FS. 2014. Spatiotemporal variation in the environmental controls of C₄-grass origin and ecology: Insights from grass-pollen $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ data. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Pylant CL, **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick MC, Gates JE, Keller SR. 2014. Geographic origin and population size and structure of bats experiencing mortality at wind energy facilities in the central Appalachians. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting X- Denver, CO.
- Katzner T, **Nelson DM**, Braham M, Doyle J, DeWoody A, Bloom P, Duerr A, Miller T. 2014. Origins of eagles killed at the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting X- Denver, CO.
- Gill J, Jackson S, Goring SJ, Grimm EC, Mueller P, **Nelson DM**, Williams JW. 2014. Ecological novelty in space and time: Pattern, process, and the drivers of late-glacial no-analog plant associations. Ecological Society of America- Sacramento, CA.
- Nelson DM**. 2014. Stable isotopes and eastern golden eagles. Eastern golden eagle working group- Davis, WV.
- Katzner T, **Nelson DM**, Braham M, Doyle J, Bloom P, Miller T, Duerr A, DeWoody A. Miller T. 2014. Origins of eagles killed at the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area. The Western Section of The Wildlife Society - Reno, NV.
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Hu FS. 2013. A hierarchical Bayesian approach to the classification of C₃ and C₄ grass pollen based on the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ data of individual pollen grains. Geological Society of America- Denver, CO.
- Landesman WJ, **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick M. 2013. Metagenomic study of soil microbial community composition in relation to tree species, soil properties and geographic distance. Soil Ecology Society- Camden, NJ.
- Gill, J, Jackson S, Goring SJ, Grimm EC, Mueller P, **Nelson DM**, Williams J. 2013. Novelty in space and time: linking pattern and process to understand the drivers of late-glacial no-analog plant associations. International Biogeography Society- Miami, FL.
- Griener K, Warny S, **Nelson DM**. 2012. Declining moisture availability in late Eocene Antarctica as deduced from *Nothofagus* sporopollenin $\delta^{13}\text{C}$. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Nelson DM**. 2012. Assessment of the carbon stable isotope composition of pollen as an ecophysiological indicator in the paleorecord. XIII IPC/XI IOPC, Tokyo. (invited)

- Landesman, WJ, **Nelson DM**. 2012. Metagenomic analysis of soil microbial communities at multiple spatial scales: assessing the relative importance of soil properties and plant type. Ecological Society of America- Portland, OR.
- Nelson DM**. 2012. Impacts of Holocene climate variability on vegetation dynamics near the prairie-forest border in north-central Minnesota: research progress and prospects. American Quaternary Association- Duluth, MN. (invited)
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Verschuren D, Hu FS. 2012. The effects of fire, climate, and pCO₂ on C₄ grass abundance in equatorial East Africa: an evaluation of the C₄-fire hypothesis. Ecological Society of America- Portland, OR.
- Griener K, Warny S, **Nelson DM**, Raine JI, Askin RA. 2012. Combining a new method in carbon isotopic analysis with standard palynological methods to quantify Neogene Antarctic climate change. American Association of Petroleum Geologists annual meeting.
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Verschuren D, Hu FS. 2011. How fire, pCO₂, and climate control C₃/C₄ variation: a late-Quaternary perspective from equatorial East Africa. Geological Society of America- Minneapolis, MN.
- Griener K, Warny S, **Nelson DM**, Raine JI, Askin RA. Coupled palynological and carbon isotopic analyses of *Nothofagus* to quantify Neogene Antarctic climate change. 2011. Geological Society of America- Minneapolis, MN.
- Griener K, Warny S, **Nelson DM**, Raine JI, Askin RA. Quantification of aridity changes in Neogene Antarctic paleoenvironments using morphologic and carbon isotopic analyses of pollen. 2011. International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Nelson DM**, Urban MA, Verschuren D, Hu FS. 2011. Using SPIRAL (Single Pollen Isotope Ratio AnaLysis) to elucidate grassland responses to environmental change during the late Quaternary and beyond. International Union for Quaternary Research XXVIII Congress- Bern, Switzerland. (invited)
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Verschuren D, Hu FS. 2010. Linking grassland fire-regime shifts to climatic variation of the past 25,000 years: Charcoal records from two East African lakes. Ecological Society of America- Pittsburgh, PA.
- Nelson DM**, Grimm EC. 2010. Trends in the Holocene climate, vegetation, and fire history of grasslands in the Midwest and Northern Great Plains, U.S.A. Symposia: Pondering the Future by Peering into the Past: Integrating Paleoecology and Contemporary Research to Predict Grassland and Shrubland Responses to Climate Change. Ecological Society of America- Pittsburgh, PA. (invited)
- Nelson DM**. 2010. $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ analysis of single grass-pollen grains: a new tool for investigating the

ecology and evolution of C₄ grasses in paleorecords. Midcontinent Paleobotany Colloquium- Frostburg, MD.

Nelson DM, Cann IKO, Mackie RI. 2009. Metagenomic analysis of microbial community structure in the rhizosphere of maize and soybean under current and future atmospheric CO₂ concentrations. Organized oral session: Missing Links in the Root-Soil Organic Matter Continuum. Ecological Society of America- Albuquerque, NM.

Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Pearson A, Hu FS. 2009. When did C₄ photosynthesis evolve? New evidence from δ¹³C analysis of single grass-pollen grains. Ecological Society of America- Albuquerque, NM.

Mackie RI, **Nelson DM**, Wheeler E, Wikelski M, Cann IKO. 2008. Fermentative digestion in herbivorous lizards: bacterial population analysis in the intestinal tract of free-living land (*Conolophus pallidus*) and marine iguanas (*Amblyrynchus cristatus*) on the Galapagos archipelago. MARA- Kenya.

Nelson DM, Hu FS, Pearson A. 2007. Stable carbon isotope ratios of individual pollen grains as a proxy for C₃- versus C₄-grass abundance in paleorecords: a validation study. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.

Nelson DM, Hu FS, Pearson A. 2006. Carbon isotopic analysis of individual pollen grains from C₃ and C₄ grasses using a moving-wire combustion interface. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.

Grimm EC and **Nelson DM**. 2006. Vegetation and Climate in Illinois: PaleoIndian to Historic. Midwest Archaeological Conference. Urbana, IL.

Nelson DM and Hu FS. 2004. How climate and vegetation interact to control the fire regime on the northern Prairie Peninsula. Symposia: Cultural and Environmental Controls of Past Fire Regimes. Ecological Society of America- Portland, OR. (invited)

Nelson DM and Hu FS. 2004. Dynamics of middle-Holocene climate, vegetation, and fire on the northern Prairie Peninsula. American Quaternary Association- Lawrence, KS. (invited)

Curry BB, Grimm EC, **Nelson DM**, Slate JE, Greenberg SE, Scott JW. 2004. Contrasting hydrological responses to Holocene climate at Nelson Lake and Crystal Lake, northeastern Illinois. American Quaternary Association- Lawrence, KS.

Nelson DM, Hu FS, Tian J, Brown TA, Stefanova I, Wright HE Jr. 2003. Response of C₃/C₄ plants to mid-Holocene aridity in west-central Minnesota. Ecological Society of America- Savannah, GA.

Nelson DM, Tian J, Hu FS. 2002. Mid-Holocene C₃/C₄ variations in Minnesota as inferred from charcoal δ¹³C records. International Paleo-Grasslands Conference- St Cloud, MN.

Poster

- Campbell CJ, **Nelson DM**, Gugger PF. 2016. A continent-wide approach to link movement ecology and genetic structure of migratory foliage-roosting bats. Northeast Bat Working Group meeting- Baltimore, MD.
- Sabo R, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2015. Forest response to declining atmospheric N deposition: Insights from merging the kinetic N saturation conceptual model with the N flush hypothesis. Gordon Research Conference- Andover, NH.
- Cunningham V, **Nelson DM**, Elmore AJ. 2015. Assessing the influence of landscape factors and ecosystem processes on the stability of growing-season canopy greenness in a deciduous forest. Ecological Society of America- Baltimore, MD.
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Jimenez-Moreno G, Hu FS. 2014. Spatiotemporal variation in C₄-grass abundance during the early to middle Miocene in Spain. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Pylant, CL, **Nelson DM**, Keller SR. 2014. Stable isotope and genetic tools for investigating the impacts of wind-turbine mortality on Lasiurine tree bats. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting X- Denver, CO.
- Nelson DM**, Katzner T, Miller TA, Duerr AE, Cooper J, Lanzone M, Wheeler M, Brandes D. 2013. Assessing the movements and diets of golden eagles in eastern North America using stable isotope and telemetry data. Ecological Society of America- Minneapolis, MN.
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Kersaw P, Hu FS. 2013. Long term controls of fire, climate and *p*CO₂ on C₄ grass abundance in southeastern Australian grasslands. Ecological Society of America- Minneapolis, MN.
- Plyant CL, **Nelson DM**, Keller SR, Fitzpatrick MC, Gates JE. 2013. Assessing regional sources of bat mortality at wind turbine sites using stable isotopes and population genetics. Ecological Society of America- Minneapolis, MN.
- Griener K, **Nelson DM**, Warny S. 2012. Carbon isotopic analysis of Southern beech (*Nothofagus*) pollen reveals shifts in Antarctic hydrology during the late Eocene. XIII IPC/XI IOPC, Tokyo.
- Paulman R and **Nelson DM**. 2011. Identifying the sources and transformations of nitrogen in streams using $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of nitrate. Maryland Streams Symposium. Westminster, MD.
- Landesman, WJ, **Nelson DM**, Gardner, R. 2010. Metagenomic analysis of soil microbial community composition at multiple spatial scales: Project design, hypotheses and predictions. 2nd Annual Argonne Soils Workshop. Chicago, IL

- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Pearson A, Hu FS. 2009. When did C₄ photosynthesis originate: New evidence from $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ analysis of single grass-pollen grains. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Nelson DM**, Henderson A, Hu FS, Huang YS, Shuman BN, Williams J. 2009. Holocene climate seasonality captured by a dual isotope approach at Steel Lake, Minnesota. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Nelson DM**, Cann IKO, Mackie RI. 2008. Pyrosequencing reveals the influence of elevated atmospheric CO₂ on the composition of archaeal communities in the rhizosphere of C₃ and C₄ crops. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Verschuren D, Pearson A. 2008. Estimating C₃- and C₄-grass abundance in the paleorecord: Development and application of SPIRAL (Single Pollen Isotope Ratio AnaLysis). Ecological Society of America- Milwaukee, WI.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Pearson A. 2007. Carbon isotopic analysis of individual modern and fossil grass-pollen grains using a moving-wire combustion interface. European Geophysical Union- Vienna, Austria.
- Nelson DM**, Ohene-Adjei S, Hu FS, Cann IKO, Mackie RI. 2007. Bacterial diversity and distribution in the Holocene sediments of a northern temperate lake. European Geophysical Union- Vienna, Austria.
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- Slate JE, Scherer RP, Curry BB, **Nelson DM**, Grimm EC. Diatoms responded to climate change in the American Midwest. 2003. North American Diatom Symposium- Islamorada, FL.
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SERVICE

To University

Member of faculty development working group, UMCES, 2015-2016

Secretary of faculty senate, UMCES, 2015-

Member of faculty senate, UMCES, 2015-

Member of faculty search committee for evolutionary ecologist, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, spring 2015

Member of UMCES Self Study Workgroup on Faculty Excellence for MSCHE accreditation, UMCES, 2014-2015

Member of equipment/infrastructure committee, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, 2011-
Member of faculty search committee for microbial ecologist, UMCES Horn Point Laboratory, fall 2013

Member of open house committee, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, 2012, 2015

Member of faculty retreat committee, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, 2012

Reviewer of Environmental Chemistry AOS applications, MEES Graduate Program, 2010-2011

Member of faculty search committee for forest ecologist, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, fall 2010

Member of safety committee, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, 2010-2011

Spring seminar series chair, UMCES Appalachian Laboratory, 2010

Coordinator and presenter at UMCES Science Forum on Environmental Genomics, 2009

Co-chair, IGB Fellows Symposium, University of Illinois, 2008

Audio/visual technician, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology seminar series, University of Illinois, 2004

To Profession

STEMnet presentation, 3 environmental science classes, Mountain Ridge High School. 2014.

Judge, Eastern Panhandle (WV) Regional High School Science Fair. 2011-2014.

Committee Member, Cooper Award, Ecological Society of America, 2012-2014.

Judge, Mineral County (WV) Middle School Science Fair. 2012.

Chair, Paleoecology section, Ecological Society of America, 2010-2011

Member of organizing committee, 27th Midcontinent Paleobotanical Colloquium, 2010

Co-organizer and moderator, Symposium entitled “Paleoecosystem Ecology: Reconstructing Material and Energy Flows of the Past,” Ecological Society of America, 2009

Vice-chair and chair-elect, Paleoecology section, Ecological Society of America, 2008-2010

Judge, Deevey Award, Ecological Society of America meeting, 2008, 2010, 2013

Presider, Paleoecology oral presentations session, Ecological Society of America meeting, 2008

Judge, Best Undergraduate Presentation Award, Ecological Society of America meeting, 2008

Peer reviewer (journals)

Atmospheric Environment; Biological Invasions; Ecology; Ecology and Evolution; Ecosystems; Environmental and Experimental Botany; Geobiology; Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems; Geology; Geophysical Research Letters; Global Change Biology; Gondwana Research; Hydrobiologia; International Journal of Biological Sciences; International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology; Journal of Biogeography; Journal of Environmental Management; Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres; Journal of Paleolimnology; Microbial Ecology; Microbiology; New Phytologist; PLOS ONE; Polar Research; Proceedings of the 17th Central Hardwood Forest Conference; Quaternary Research; Quaternary Science Reviews; Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry; The Holocene; Trees - Structure and Function; Vegetation History and Archaeobotany

Peer reviewer (proposals)

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