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EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana, IL **2005**
Doctor of Philosophy, Ecology

Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL **2001**
Bachelor of Arts, Biology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor, *UMCES Appalachian Laboratory*, Frostburg, MD **2021 – present**

Director, *UMCES Appalachian Laboratory*, Frostburg, MD **2021 – present**

Associate Professor, *UMCES Appalachian Laboratory*, Frostburg, MD **2015 – 2021**

Visiting Research Fellow, *Nagoya University*, Nagoya, Japan **2016 – 2017**

Assistant Professor, *UMCES Appalachian Laboratory*, Frostburg, MD **2009 – 2015**

Postdoctoral Fellow, *Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL* **2006 – 2009**

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, *Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA* **2006 – 2008**

Postdoctoral Associate, *Departments of Plant Biology and Animal Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL* **2006**

Graduate Research Assistant, *University of Illinois, Urbana, IL* **2002 – 2004**

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Executive Governance and Operational Stewardship (2021 – Present)

- Serve as Director for a primary research unit within the statewide UMCES system and the broader University System of Maryland (USM), overseeing a 47,000 sq ft facility and leading a team of ~60 faculty, research scientists, students, postdocs, and staff.
- Steward overall unit vision, strategic planning, and daily operations, managing an annual operating budget of ~\$3M and growing annual research expenditures to ~\$4M/yr.

- Represent Appalachian Laboratory on the UMCES Executive Council, aligning unit-level goals with university-wide research, education, and service missions.
- Faculty Recruitment and Academic Governance: Successfully recruited 3 tenure-track faculty members using evidence-based search frameworks later adopted university-wide; led 2 successful faculty promotion and tenure reviews through UMCES and USM processes; and currently leading strategic hiring following several faculty retirements.
- Capital Infrastructure and Sustainability Grants: Secured competitive federal, state, and institutional funding for campus modernization—including a 150-kW rooftop solar array (offsetting ~18% of annual electricity consumption), a Maryland Energy Administration facility decarbonization award, bird-friendly window retrofits, and comprehensive IT network modernization.
- Crisis Management and Risk Mitigation: Successfully navigated unexpected federal grant terminations and funding delays by securing internal bridge support and emergency matching funds to preserve critical research infrastructure and ensure graduate student degree completion.

Advancement, Philanthropy and Public-Private Partnerships

- Advancement & Philanthropic Growth: Championed new unit fundraising strategy, significantly expanding private support through individual donor cultivation and regional foundations.
- Founded The Appalachian Laboratory Investor Network (TALIN): Established a privately funded advancement program (2024 – Present) to seed high-impact, early-stage environmental research across Appalachia. To date, TALIN has funded 5 projects in an annual competition among unit faculty.
- Federal & Regional Economic Capacity Building: Partnered with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) across multiple award cycles (2023 – Present) to secure dedicated grant funding for high-performance computing, advanced analytical instrumentation, and wireless/wired network infrastructure.
- Public-Private Innovation: Launched the CleanTech R&D Grant (2024 – Present) to foster local public-private partnerships and regional technology transfer.

Workforce Development, Community Engagement, and System-Wide Service

- Student Pathways and Experiential Learning: Founded a structured undergraduate internship program (2022 – Present) for regional college students, securing philanthropic and regional workforce funding for student stipends.
- University Leadership: Chair the Search Committees for the Director of Horn Point Laboratory (HPL, 2022) and the Director of Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL, 2024).
- Community Recognition: Created the *Appalachian Laboratory Inspiration Award* (2022 – Present) to recognize those who share a commitment to future generations by advancing STEM in the tri-state region.
- Cross-Institutional Academic Leadership: Foster joint academic partnership in the multi-campus Marine Estuarine Environmental Sciences (MEES) graduate program and with nearby Frostburg State University.

- Executive Leadership Development: Graduated from Leadership Maryland (2022), engaging with statewide executive leaders to address regional economic, education, health, workforce, and environmental challenges.

CORE FACILITY LEADERSHIP, NATIONAL SERVICE AND GOVERNANCE

Founder and Director, Central Appalachians Stable Isotope Facility (CASIF) | 2009 – Present

- Conceived, established, and direct a premier core facility housing state-of-the-art isotope ratio mass spectrometry instrumentation (including two NSF-MRI awards); oversee technical operations, facility cost-recovery budgeting, and collaborative research services for clients nationally and globally.

Science Advisor, Renewable Energy Wildlife Institute (REWI) | 2019 – Present

- Guide collaborative, multi-sector research bridging clean energy deployment, wildlife conservation, and federal/state regulatory policy across industry, agency, and academic sectors.

Editorial Board Member, *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment* and *PeerJ* | 2017 – Present

- Provide ongoing editorial governance, manuscript oversight, and scholarly peer review for journals in ecological and environmental science.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, *Scientific Job Skills 101 (MEES 609B)*, 1 credit

Fall 2019, Spring 2022, 2024, 2026

Lecturer, *Stable Isotopes in Environmental Research (MEES 698R)*, 3 credits

Fall 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, and 2025

Lecturer, *Environmental Impacts of Unconventional Gas-Well Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing (MEES 608Y)*, 1 credit

Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant, *Ecology*

Fall 2004 and 2005

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Plant Biology*

Spring 2005

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Biology*

Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

Short-Term Invitation Fellowship, *Japan Society for the Promotion of Science*

2017

Young Scientists Support Award, *XIII IPC/XI IOPC conference*

2012

Participant, Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research Symposium (DISCCRS III) 2007

List of Teachers Ranked Excellent, University of Illinois Fall 2004 and Spring 2005

NSF Paleoclimatology support award, American Quaternary Association conference 2004

Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Illinois 2002

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

Shuman B, Stefanova I, Ray-Cozzens T, Stefanescu I, Johnson J, **Nelson DM**. 2026. The role of the climate niche in repeated abrupt tree declines and ecotone dynamics in the Appalachian Mountains during the Holocene. *Frontiers of Biogeography* 34: e70172.

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Wiles S, Schlenker N, **Nelson DM**, Shuman B, Williams JW. 2025. Are ecotonal systems more sensitive to climate change? Past ecotonal dynamics and rates of vegetation change in Michigan. *Global Ecology and Biogeography*.

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Weaver SP, Hale AM, **Nelson DM**, Fritts SR, Katzner T, Chipps AS, Korstian JM, LiCari ST, Nagel J, Williams DA. 2025. Spatiotemporal patterns in sex ratios of bat fatalities at wind energy facilities in the United States. *Global Ecology and Conservation* 61: e03672.

Katzner TE, **Nelson DM**, Marques AT, Voigt C, Lambertucci S, Rebolo N, Bernard E, Diehl R, Murgatroyd M. 2025. Impacts of onshore wind-energy production on biodiversity. *Nature Reviews Biodiversity*: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s44358-025-00078-1>.

Woodland RJ, Hilderbrand RH, **Nelson DM**. 2025. Predictable effects of storage time on $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values of ethanol-preserved nymphs of *Epeorus vitreus* (Walker, 1853) and *Acentrella turbida* (McDunnough, 1924) (Ephemeroptera). *Aquatic Insects* 46: 1–15.

Schlenker N[#], Johnson J[#], Ray-Cozzens T[#], Stefanova V, **Nelson DM**, Shuman BN, Williams JW. 2024. Interacting effects of fire and hydroclimate on oak and beech community prevalence in southern Great Lakes region. *Journal of Ecology* 1101-1112.

Wieringa JG[#], Nagel J[#], Campbell CJ[#], **Nelson DM**, Carstens BC, Gibbs HL. 2024. Geographic

- source of bats killed at wind-energy facilities in the eastern United States. *PeerJ*: 12: e16796.
- Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Conkling TJ, Allison TD, Diffendorfer JE, Dietsch TV, Fesnock AL, Loss SR, Ortiz PA, Paulman R, Rogers KH, Sanzenbacher PM, Katzner TE. 2024. The geographic extent of bird populations affected by renewable-energy development. *Conservation Biology*: e14191.
- LiCari ST[#], Hale AM, Weaver SP, Fritts SR, Katzner TE, **Nelson DM**, Williams DA. 2023. Understanding fatality patterns and sex ratios of Brazilian free-tailed bats (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) at wind energy facilities in western California and Texas. *Peer J* 11: e16580.
- Nagel J[#], **Nelson DM**, Gugger P. 2023. Population genetic structure and effective size of two endangered cave bat species. *Acta Chiropterologica* 25: 203-211.
- Bostic JT[#], **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2023. Downpour dynamics: outsized impacts of storm events on unprocessed atmospheric nitrate export in an urban watershed. *Biogeosciences* 20: 2485-2498.
- Wieringa JG[#], Nagel J[#], Campbell CJ[#], **Nelson DM**, Carstens BC, Gibbs HL. 2023. Combining stable isotopes, trace elements, and distribution models to assess the geographic origins of migratory bats. *Ecosphere*: 14: e4588.
- Korasidis V, Wing SL, **Nelson DM**, Bacynski AA. 2022. Reworked pollen reduces apparent floral change during the Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum. *Geology* 50:1398–1402.
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- Prakash A[#], DeYoung S, Lachmuth S, Adams JL, Johnsen K, Butnor JR, D.M. **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick MC, Keller SR. 2022. Genotypic variation and plasticity in climate-adaptive traits after range expansion and fragmentation of red spruce (*Picea rubens* Sarg.). *Philosophical Transactions B* 337: 20210008.
- Bostic JT[#], **Nelson DM**, Sabo RD, Eshleman KN. 2022. Terrestrial nitrogen inputs

- affect the export of unprocessed atmospheric nitrate to surface waters: Insights from triple oxygen isotopes of nitrate. *Ecosystems*: doi.org/10.1007/s10021-021-00722-9.
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- Pellegrini A, McLauchlan K, Hobbie S, Mack M, Marcotte A, **Nelson DM**, Perakis S, Reich PB, Whittinghill K. 2020. Frequent burning causes large losses of carbon from deep soil layers in a temperate savanna. *Journal of Ecology* 108: 1426–1441.
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- Vander Zanden HB, Reid A*, Katzner T, **Nelson DM**. 2018. Effect of heat and singeing on stable hydrogen isotope values of bird feathers and implications for their use in determining geographic origins. *Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry* 32: 1859–1866.
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GRANTS

City of Frostburg, *Support to fund the Appalachian Laboratory's Watershed Moments FY27 Events*, PI, 7/26-6/27. **\$3,000.**

First United Community Dreams Foundation, *Summer internships for undergraduates at the Appalachian Laboratory*, PI, 5/26-8/26. **\$3,000.**

Appalachian Regional Commission, *Equipment for scientific research and training*, **PI**, 3/26-2/27. **\$312,851.**

Maryland Energy Administration, *UMCES Appalachian Laboratory Electrification Project*, **PI**,

4/26-4/28. **\$1,500,000.**

Maryland Department of the Environment, *Air quality measurements in western Maryland*, **PI**, 11/25-10/26. **\$58,011.**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Wet deposition in western Maryland*, **PI**, 7/25-6/27. **\$34,991.**

Community Trust Foundation, *Summer internships for undergraduates at the Appalachian Lab*, **PI**, 6/25-8/25. **\$14,400.**

Maryland Department of the Environment, *Air quality measurements in western Maryland*, **PI**, 11/24-10/25. **\$58,078.**

National Science Foundation, MRI: Track 1: *Acquisition of instrumentation for ultra sensitive stable isotope measurements for environmental research, education and training in the central Appalachians*, **PI**, 10/24-9/27. **\$355,668.**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Wet deposition in western Maryland*, **PI**, 7/24-6/25. **\$20,226.**

Appalachian Regional Commission, *Acquisition of a discrete analyzer system*, **PI**, 4/24-9/25. **\$26,675.**

Maryland Energy Administration, *UMCES - AL 150.495 kW DC Rooftop Solar PV Array*, **PI**, 4/24-7/24. **\$125,000.**

US Geological Survey, *Assessing vulnerability of California leaf-nosed bats to renewable energy development: diet analysis and spatial explicit demographic models to inform permitting and management decisions*, **PI**, 6/24-5/26. **\$80,000.**

Appalachian Regional Commission, *Data network upgrade initiative: phase II*, **PI**, 1/23-12/26. **\$110,000.**

Maryland Department of the Environment, *Air quality measurements in western Maryland*, **PI**, 11/23-10/24. **\$60,558.**

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Evaluating the floral resource provisioning and ecological function of solar facility pollinator habitat plantings*, **co-PI** with R.T. Richardson (PI) and E.B. Cohen (co-PI). 7/23–6/25. **\$95,546.**

USGS-MWRRC, *Assessing and understanding spatiotemporal variation in stable hydrogen and oxygen isotope values of Maryland's rivers*, **co-PI** with L.W. Cooper (PI) and K.N. Eshleman (co-PI), 9/23–8/24, **\$50,000.**

Appalachian Regional Commission, *Data network upgrade initiative*, **PI**, 3/23-9/26. **\$50,000.**

NSF (Population and Community Ecology Program), *Supplemental request for Collaborative Research: Mechanisms of tree population collapses in eastern North America: Disentangling causes of abrupt ecological change during the Holocene*, **PI**, 1/23–12/23, **\$54,755**.

Sea Duck Joint Venture, *Identifying the diets and breeding areas of harvested juvenile sea ducks: a continued stable isotope investigation*, **PI**, 7/23–6/25, **\$83,461**.

USGS-MWRRC, *Assessing and understanding spatiotemporal variation in stable hydrogen and oxygen isotope values of Maryland's rivers*, **PI** with L.W. Cooper and K.N. Eshleman, 10/22–9/23, **\$69,004**.

NSF (Population and Community Ecology Program), *Supplemental request for mentoring and research experience for a U.S. veteran*, **PI**, 5/22–11/22, **\$8,332**.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Evaluating the floral resource provisioning and ecological function of solar facility pollinator habitat plantings*, **co-PI** with R.T. Richardson (PI) and E.B. Cohen (co-PI). 7/22–6/23. **\$44,467**.

Maryland Sea Grant (Project development funds), *How does oligotrophication affect stream macroinvertebrate communities and food webs?*, **co-PI** with R. Hilderbrand (PI) and R. Woodland (co-PI), 11/21–10/22. **\$12,142**.

Maryland Sea Grant, *Evaluating the effects of stormwater best management practices on nitrogen dynamics using stable isotopes*, **PI** with K.N. Eshleman and J.T. Bostic (co-PIs), 2/22–1/24, **\$140,105**.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, *Informing management and recovery of spotted owls through understanding movement and dispersal of barred owls*, **PI**, 3/22–2/25, **\$195,977**.

US Geological Survey, *Geographic origin of trumpeter swans wintering in western states: implications for management of trumpeter swan populations and hunting seasons for tundra swans*, **PI**, 8/21–8/26, **\$10,000**.

NSF (Evolutionary Processes Program), *Supplemental request for Collaborative Research: Evolutionary responses to climate change at range limits: adaptation, migration, and population size at the core, margin, and trailing edge*, **co-PI** with M.C. Fitzpatrick (PI), 6/21–7/22, **\$54,287**.

NSF (Population and Community Ecology Program), *Supplemental request for a unique and high-quality mentoring and research experience in paleoecology for a U.S. veteran*, **PI**, 5/21–11/21, **\$8,332**.

Wind Wildlife Research Fund, *Understanding interspecific differences between collision risk of male and female bats to inform minimization strategies*, **co-PI** with S. Weaver (PI) and A. Hale, S. Fritts, and T. Katzner (co-PIs), 3/21–3/23, **\$46,988** to UMCES (overall project: \$161,480).

US Geological Survey, *Range-wide demographic consequences of golden eagle fatalities in Wyoming*, **PI**, 10/20–9/22, **\$48,000**.

Sea Duck Joint Venture, *Evaluating stable hydrogen isotopes for identifying breeding areas of harvested sea ducks*, **PI**, 9/20–8/22, **\$39,937**.

NSF (Population and Community Ecology Program), *Collaborative Research: Mechanisms of tree population collapses in eastern North America: Disentangling causes of abrupt ecological change during the Holocene*, **PI**, 6/19–5/22, **\$119,999** to UMCES. (overall project: \$932,261).

US Fish and Wildlife Service, *Using novel biomarkers to assess geographic scale and demographic impacts on three species of tree-roosting bats killed at wind turbines*, **co-PI** with P. Gugger (PI). 1/18–1/21. **\$246,407** to UMCES (overall project: \$484,552).

NSF (Evolutionary Processes Program), *Collaborative Research: Evolutionary responses to climate change at range limits: adaptation, migration and population size at the core, margin, and trailing edge*, **co-PI** with M. Fitzpatrick and S. Keller (PIs), 7/17–6/20. **\$509,644** to UMCES (overall project: \$1,179,604).

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, *Population genomics and isotopic analysis of bats killed by wind turbines in the central Appalachians: continuation to enhance sampling*, **co-PI** with P. Gugger (PI), 7/16–6/19. **\$40,000**.

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), 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. Styliniski (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**, 4/14–12/15. **\$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. Styliniski, 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), 6/12–5/16. **\$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 (no-cost extension until 9/12). **\$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, 7/08–6/12. **\$426,143.**

Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, *Elucidating the Origin of C₄ Photosynthesis: Carbon Isotope Analysis of Single Pollen Grains*, **co-PI** with F.S. Hu (PI), 1/08–12/08. **\$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**, 11/07–6/10. **\$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

- Boise State University, 2025
- LaVale Lions Club, 2024
- Daughters of the American Revolution, Cresap (Maryland) chapter, 2023
- Sea Duck Joint Venture annual meeting, 2021
- Tallgrass Prairie & Oak Savanna Fire Science Consortium, 2021
- McDaniel College, 2019
- Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, West Virginia University, 2019
- Chesapeake Bay Program Modeling Workgroup, 2019
- Chesapeake Bay Program Forestry Workgroup, 2019
- Ohio Biodiversity Partnership Conference, 2017
- National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution, 2017
- Japanese Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Yokosuka, Japan, 2017
- Center for Ecological Research, Kyoto University, 2017
- Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Kyoto, 2017
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, webinar on Advanced Topics in Conservation Genetics Webinar Series, 2016
- Graduate School of Environmental Sciences, Nagoya University, 2015
- Maryland DNR MANTA seminar series, 2014
- Department of Geology and Geophysics, Louisiana State University, 2011
- Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, UMCES, 2010
- Quaternary Paleoecology seminar series, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 2010
- Horn Point Laboratory, UMCES, 2009
- Department of Biology, West Virginia University, 2009

- Large Lakes Observatory, University of Minnesota, Duluth, 2009
- NESCent, C₄ Grass Evolution and Ecology Workshop, Durham, North Carolina, 2009
- Department of Biology, University of Utah, 2009
- Appalachian Laboratory, UMCES, 2008
- Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alaska, Anchorage, 2008
- Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois, 2008
- School of Natural Resources, University of California, Merced, 2008
- Department of Biological Sciences, Wright State University, 2008
- Illinois State Museum, 2006
- Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2006
- Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University, 2006
- Climate, People, and Environment Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2005

PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL MEETINGS

Oral

Endyke SC, **Nelson DM**, Cohen EB, Martin K, Vander Zanden HB, Katzner TE. 2026.

Uncovering the migration patterns of juvenile long-tailed ducks and surf scoters using a dual-isotope approach. 8th International Sea Duck Conference- Cape Cod, MA.

Ibrahim N, **Nelson DM**, Buckardt A, Bryant J, Dressel D, Gower CN, Ivey G, Journey J, Kiss BW, Kristof A, Knetter JM, Lonner B, Long W, Murchison CR, Proett M, Reishus B, Snoddy L, Sanders TA, Stringham B, Vritska M, Woolstenhulme R, Zimmerman D, Katzner TE. 2026. Geographic origins of hunted trumpeter swans: Stable isotope evidence to inform conservation management. American Ornithological Society- Amherst, MA.

Ibrahim N, **Nelson DM**, Katzner TE. 2026. Geographic origins of hunted trumpeter swans: Stable isotope evidence to inform conservation management. 2026 Pacific Flyway Study Committee. Virtual Presentation.

Katzner TE, McGrady MJ, Fuller K, Buij R, Ali Al-Obedi L, Habib M, El Moghrabi L, Al Sayed Omar O, Quaneer T, Abu Said M, Aktay S, Suliman A, Sarrouf-Wilson M, **Nelson DM**, Ibrahim N, Endyke SC, Miller TA. 2026. Trade of birds from across Europe is widespread and impactful throughout the Middle East. American Ornithological Society- Amherst, MA.

SC Endyke, **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick M, Bataille C, Katzner TE. 2026. A sulfur isoscape for improving assessment of bird movement in North America. American Ornithological Society- Amherst, MA.

Katzner TE, **Nelson DM**, Marques AT, Voigt C, Lambertucci S, Rebolo N, Bernard E, Diehl R, Murgatroyd M. 2025. Impacts of onshore wind-energy production on biodiversity. Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife- Montpellier.

- Weaver SP, Hale AM, **Nelson DM**, Fritt SR, Katzner T, Chipps AS, Korstian JM, LiCari ST, Nagel J, Williams DA. 2025. Spatiotemporal patterns in sex ratios of bat fatalities at wind energy facilities in the United States. Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society- Denton, TX.
- O'Hara G, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2024. Using stable isotopes ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\Delta^{17}\text{O}$) to evaluate sources and cycling of nitrate in suburban Maryland watersheds. Maryland Water Monitoring Council- North Linthicum, MD.
- Williams J, Asena W, Ives T, Johnson J, **Nelson D**, Ray-Cozzens T, Schlenker N, Shuman B, Toomey A, S. Wiles. 2024. Drivers of forest compositional change in the Great Lakes region during the Holocene: Testing hypotheses about hydroclimate, fire, and biotic Interactions. American Geophysical Union- Washington D.C.
- Conkling TJ, Duerr AE, Endyke SC, Miller TA, Millsap BA, **Nelson DM**, Vander Zanden HB, Zimmerman GS, Katzner TE. 2024. Regional vulnerability of golden eagles to renewable Energy production. Wind Wildlife Research Meeting- Corpus Christi, TX.
- Endyke, SC, **Nelson DM**, Cohen E, Martin K, Vander Zanden H, Katzner TE. 2024. Stable isotopes identify migratory connectivity for heavily harvested sea duck populations. American Ornithological Society- Estes Park, CO.
- Conkling TJ, Duerr AE, Endyke SC, Miller TA, Millsap BA, **Nelson DM**, Vander Zanden HB, Zimmerman GS, Katzner TE. 2023. Vulnerability of golden eagles to renewable energy production. American Ornithological Society- Estes Park, CO.
- Campbell CJ, **Nelson DM**, Nagel, J, Clerc J, Guralnick R, Vander Zanden HB. 2023. Migration is a key factor driving distribution and interactions with energy development in at-risk bats. North American Society for Bat Research- Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Williams JW, Wiles S, **Nelson D**, Shuman BN. 2023. Ecotonal populations show higher compositional variability during Holocene shifts of the Michigan Tension Zone. Geological Society of America- Pittsburgh, PA.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Duerr AE, Katzner TE. 2023. Vulnerability of Caprimulgiformes populations to fatalities at wind energy facilities. Renewable Energy Wildlife Symposium.
- Conkling TJ, Duerr AE, Miller TA, Millsap BA, **Nelson DM**, Vander Zanden HB, Zimmerman GS, Katzner TE. 2023. Vulnerability of golden eagle populations to fatalities at wind energy facilities. Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife Impacts- Sibenik, Croatia.
- Hale A, Weaver S, LiCari S, Fritts S, Katzner T, **Nelson D**, Williams D. 2023. Understanding interspecific differences in collision fatality of male and female bats to inform minimization strategies. Western Bat Working Group- British Columbia.

- Bjerrum CJ, Wellman CH, **Nelson DM**, Pearson A, Beerling, DJ. 2023. Low and rising atmospheric carbon dioxide during the evolution of aerosols from land plants. Goldschmidt- Lyon, France.
- Katzner T, **Nelson D**, Conkling T, Poessel S. 2022. Movement and demography of trumpeter swans: information to support management of the Rocky Mountain Population. 7th International Swan Symposium & 26th Trumpeter Swan Society Conference- Jackson, WY.
- Conkling T, Vander Zanden H, Allison T, Diffendorfer J, Dietsch T, Duerr A, Fesnock A, Hernandez R, Loss S, **Nelson D**, Sanzenbacher P, Yee J, Katzner T. 2022. Vulnerability of avian populations to renewable energy production. The Wildlife Society, Annual Meeting- Spokane, WA.
- Korasidis V, Wing S, **Nelson DM**, Bacynski AA. 2022. Reworked pollen reduces apparent floral change during the Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum (PETM). Conference on Climatic and Biotic Events of the Paleogene- Bremen, Germany.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Duerr AE, Katzner TE. 2022. Vulnerability of common nighthawk populations to fatalities at wind energy facilities. Wind Wildlife Research Meeting.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Allison TD, Diffendorfer JE, Dietsch TV, Duerr AE, Fesnock AL, Hernandez RR, Loss SR, **Nelson DM**, Sanzenbcher PM, Yee JL, Katzner TE. 2022. Vulnerability of avian populations to wind energy production. The Wildlife Society conference.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Allison TD, Diffendorfer JE, Dietsch TV, Duerr AE, Fesnock AL, Hernandez RR, Loss SR, **Nelson DM**, Sanzenbcher PM, Yee JL, Katzner TE. 2022. Vulnerability of avian populations to wind energy production. Conference of Wind Energy and Wildlife Impacts.
- Schlenker N, Williams JW, Shuman BN, **Nelson D**, Ray-Cozzens T, and Johnson, J. 2021. Patterns and drivers of abrupt collapses of mesic tree populations in the US Great Lakes region: Initial results. International Biogeography Society conference.
- Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Conkling TJ, Allison TD, Diffendorfer JE, Culver RCE, Dietsch TV, Fesnock AL, Loss SR, Ortiz PA, Paulman R, Rogers KH, Sanzenbcher PM, and Katzner TE. 2021. The geographic extent of birds affected by solar energy in California. American Wind Wildlife Institute Solar symposium.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Allison TD, Diffendorfer JE, Dietsch TV, Duerr AE, Fesnock AL, Hernandez RR, Loss SR, **Nelson DM**, Sanzenbcher PM, Yee JL, Katzner TE. 2021. Vulnerability of avian populations to solar energy production. American Wind Wildlife Institute Solar symposium.

- Korasidis V, Wing S, **Nelson DM**, Bacynski AA, Harrington G. 2021. Reworked pollen reduces apparent floral change during the Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum. Geological Society of America annual meeting- Portland, OR.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Allison TD, Diffendorfer JE, Dietsch TV, Duerr AE, Fesnock AL, Hernandez RR, Loss SR, **Nelson DM**, Sanzenbacher PM, Yee JL, Katzner TE. 2021. Vulnerability of raptor populations to wind energy production. Raptor Research Foundation Annual Conference- Boise, Idaho.
- Campbell CJ, Fitzpatrick MC, Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**. 2021. The R package ‘isocat’, a toolset for comparing and summarizing origins of animals from stable isotope data. IsoEcol- virtual.
- Katzner TE, Conkling TJ, Ortiz TA, **Nelson DM**, Miller TA, Crandall R, Preston C, Anco C, Wallace Z, Lockhart MJ. 2020. Range-wide demographic consequences of golden eagle fatalities in Wyoming. Wyoming Golden Eagle Working Group Meeting- virtual.
- Bostic J, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2020. Downpour dynamics: Nitrate export during storm events. American Geophysical Union- virtual.
- Katzner TE, Braham MA, Conkling TJ, Diffendorfer JE, Duerr AE, Loss SR, **Nelson DM**, Vander Zanden HB, Yee, JL. 2020. Assessing population-level consequences of wind energy on birds. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting- virtual.
- Conkling, TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Diffendorfer JE, Duerr AE, Loss SR, **Nelson DM**, Yee JL, Katzner TE. 2020. Demographic impact of avian fatalities at wind energy facilities. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting- virtual.
- Katzner, T, Braham M, Conkling T, Diffendorfer J, Duerr A, Loss S, **Nelson D**, Vander Zanden H, Yee J. 2019. Assessing population-level consequences of anthropogenic stressors on raptors. Raptor Research Foundation Annual Conference- Ft. Collins, Colorado.
- Fesnock, A, Allison T, Braham M, Duerr A, Loss S, **Nelson DM**, Vander Zanden HB, Conkling TJ, Diffendorfer J, Yee Y, Katzner TE. 2019. Bird conservation and solar energy conflict resolution in the California desert. The Wildlife Society- Reno, NV.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Allison TD, Diffendorfer J, Duerr A, Loss S, **Nelson DM**, Yee J, Katzner TE. 2019. Demographic impact of avian fatalities at wind energy facilities. Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife Impacts- Stirling, Scotland.
- Campbell CJ and **Nelson DM**. 2019. Hydrogen isotopes reveal complex seasonal migratory structure in at-risk tree-roosting bats in North America. International Congress for Conservation Biology- Kuala Lumpur- Malaysia.

- Duerr A, Bell D, Belthoff J, Bloom P, Braham M, Bjerre E, DeWoody A, Doyle J, Dunn L, Fernandez N, Fisher R, Fitzpatrick M, Miller T, Millsap B, **Nelson D**, Poessel S, Sur M, Tracey J, Katzner T. 2019. Update on Research on Golden Eagles. California-Nevada Golden Eagle Working Group- Sacramento, CA.
- Urban MA, **Nelson DM**, Clegg B, Romero I, Zhao Y, Punyasena SW, Hu FS. 2018. SWIM-IRMS: Methods in exploring isotope composition in microfossils, and its application in paleoecology. Geological Society of America- Indianapolis, IN.
- Nelson DM**, Nagel J, Trott R, Campbell CJ, Pruitt L, Good RE, Iskali G, Gugger PF. 2018. Carcass age and searcher identity affect morphological assessment of sex of bats. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting- Minneapolis, MN.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Diffendorfer J, Duerr A, Loss S, **Nelson DM**, Yee J, Katzner TE. 2018. Demography of birds killed at wind energy facilities. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting- Minneapolis, MN.
- Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Conkling TJ, Katzner TE. 2018. A wildlife forensics approach to characterize the geographic footprint of California wind energy effects on avian populations. NWCC Wind Wildlife Research Meeting- Minneapolis, MN.
- Reid A, Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Katzner TE. 2018. Implications for using singed feathers in determining geographic origin with wildlife forensics approaches. Association of Field Ornithologists and the Wilson Ornithological Society- Chattanooga, TN. *Won AFO student presentation award.
- Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Conkling TJ, Katzner TE. 2018. The geographic extent of solar energy effects on California avian populations. IsoEcol conference- Viña del Mar, Chile.
- Vander Zanden HB, **Nelson DM**, Conkling TJ, Katzner TE. 2018. The geographic footprint of California solar energy effects on bird populations. American Ornithological Society- Tuscon, AZ.
- Conkling TJ, Vander Zanden HB, Diffendorfer JE, Duerr AE, Loss ST, **Nelson DM**, Katzner TE. 2018. Demography of birds killed at solar energy facilities. American Ornithological Society- Tuscon, AZ.
- Campbell CJ, Fitzpatrick MC, **Nelson DM**. 2017. Range-wide migratory patterns of North American tree-roosting bats. North American Society for Bat Research- Knoxville, TN.
- Nelson DM**, Tsunogai U, Ohyama T, Komatsu DD, Nakagawa F, Noguchi I, Yamaguchi T. 2017. Triple oxygen isotopes indicate that urbanization causes differences in the sources of nitrate between dry and wet atmospheric deposition. Joint meeting of Japan Geophysical Union and American Geophysical Union- Chiba, Japan.
- Elmore AJ, **Nelson DM**, Craine JM. 2016. Dendrophenology: Inferring the response of North

American eastern deciduous forests to an earlier spring from tree rings. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.

Nelson DM, Pylant CL, Fitzpatrick MC, Gates JE, and Keller SR. 2016. Geographic origins and population genetics of bats killed at wind-energy facilities. International Bat Research Symposium- Winter Harbor, Maine. (invited)

Nelson DM, Katzner T, Braham M, Doyle J, Fernandez N, Duerr A, Bloom P, Fitzpatrick MC, Miller T, DeWoody A. 2016. Golden eagle fatalities demonstrate the continental-scale environmental consequences of local-scale renewable energy development. IsoEcol conference- Tokyo, Japan.

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.
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Poster

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- Ali, S, Cooper LW, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2024. Assessing and understanding spatiotemporal variation in stable hydrogen and oxygen isotope values of Maryland's rivers. AGU Water Science Conference- St. Paul, MN.
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- Stansfield AR, Booth RK, **Nelson DM**, Johnson JJ. 2023. Increased phototrophy in testate amoebae associated with recent warming on Alaska's North Slope. Ecological Society of America- Portland, OR.
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- Schlenker N, Johnson J, Ray-Cozzens T, **Nelson D**, Shuman BN, Williams, J. 2022. Patterns and drivers of abrupt changes in mesic tree populations at Story Lake, Indiana. American Geophysical Union- Chicago, IL.
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- Thibault E, **Nelson DM**, Fitzpatrick MC, Parducci L, Keller S. 2019. Sampling ancient DNA from fossil tree pollen to directly analyze how shifting range limits impacted population abundance and connectivity. *Evolution* 2019- Providence, RI.
- Northern Garrett High School Students, Kenyon-Sisler R, Elmore AJ, Doty C, **Nelson DM**, Bostic J, Stylinski CD. 2018. Four years of student-teacher-and-researcher (star) project data measuring sources of nitrogen pollution on schoolyards in western Maryland. Maryland Water Monitoring Council- North Linthicum, MD.
- Robins Martin K, Harir M, Bostic J, **Nelson D**, Harris L, Heyes A, Schmitt-Kopplin P, Gonsior M. 2018. Molecular characterization of dissolved organic matter in septic-impacted streams: Identifying novel wastewater tracers. American Geophysical Union- Washington DC.
- Bostic J, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2018. Quantifying watershed export of atmospheric nitrate across land-uses using triple oxygen isotopes. American Geophysical Union- Washington DC.
- Sebestyen SD, Ross DS, Shanley JB, Elliott EM, Kendall C, Campbell DL, Dail B, Shattuck MD, Fernandez IJ, Goodale CL, Lawrence GB, Lovett GM, McHale PJ, Mitchell MJ, Nelson SJ, Wickman TR, Barnes RT, Buda AR, Bostic JT, Burns DA, Eshleman KN, Finlay JC, **Nelson DM**, Ohte N, Pardo LH, Rose LA, Sabo RD, Schiff SL, Spoelstra J, Williard KWJ. 2018. A database of nitrate isotopes in waters of the Northern Forest region in the USA and Canada. American Geophysical Union- Washington DC.
- Moore, H, Kenyon-Sisler R, Elmore AJ, Doty C, **Nelson DM**, Bostic J, Stylinski CD. 2017. Fingerprinting sources of nitrogen pollution on schoolyards in western Maryland. Maryland Water Monitoring Council- North Linthicum, MD.
- Bostic J, **Nelson DM**, Eshleman KN. 2017. Assessing the role of land use in watershed nitrate export using triple oxygen isotopes. American Geophysical Union- New Orleans, LA.
- Campbell CJ, Fitzpatrick MC, **Nelson DM**. 2017. Range-wide migratory movements of North American tree bats inferred from stable isotopes. Ecological Society of America- Portland, OR.
- McLauchlan KK, Gerhart LM, Battles JJ, Craine JM, Elmore A, Higuera PE, Mack MC, McNeil BE, **Nelson DM**, Pederson N, Perakis SS, Springer CJ. 2017. Centennial-scale reductions in nitrogen availability in temperate forests of the United States. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers- Boston, MA.
- Houser C, Ruggiero J, Whitea G, Elmore AJ, Kenyon-Sisler R, Doty C, **Nelson DM**, Bostic J, Stylinski CD. 2016. Fingerprinting sources of nitrogen pollution on schoolyards in western Maryland. Maryland Water Monitoring Council- North Linthicum, MD.
- Campbell CJ, **Nelson DM**, Ogawa NO, Chikaraishi Y, Okhouchi N. 2016. Amino acid nitrogen

isotopes reveal the trophic position and dietary strategies of bats. North American Society for Bat Research- San Antonio, TX.

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- Zhou Y, **Nelson DM**, Clegg BF, Berry J, Hu FS. 2016. A new method for carbon isotopic analysis of nanogram quantities of carbon from dissolved chitin using a spooling-wire microcombustion interface. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- 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 C_4 -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 $p\text{CO}_2$ on C_4 grass abundance in southeastern Australian grasslands. Ecological Society of America- Minneapolis, MN.
- Pylant 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 C_4 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 CO_2 on the composition of archaeal communities in the rhizosphere of C_3 and C_4 crops. American Geophysical Union- San Francisco, CA.
- Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Verschuren D, Pearson A. 2008. Estimating C_3 - and C_4 -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.
- Hu FS, **Nelson DM**, Yoneji S, Clegg BF, Lee BY, Kaufman DS, Ito E, Ruhland K, Smol JP, Brown TA, Curry BB, Shemesh A. 2003. Abrupt climatic events during the last glacial-interglacial transition in Alaska. International Limnogeology Conference- Tuscon, AZ.
- 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.
- Tian J, **Nelson DM**, Hu FS, Brown TA, Stefanova I, Wright HE Jr. 2002. Mid-Holocene Climatic Variations in the Midcontinent of North America: Multi-Proxy Analyses of Sediments from Two Minnesota Lakes. Geological Society of America- Denver, CO.

Nelson D and Van Dyke G. 2001. A vegetative inventory of a recently established prairie at the Lake Katherine Nature Preserve, Palos Heights, IL. Illinois State Academy of Science-Macomb, IL.

ADVISING, MENTORING, SUPERVISING

Major advisor for graduate students

Sarah Endyke, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2022–present
Nicole Ibrahim, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2022–present
Jonathan Johnson, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2020–present
Grace O’Hara, UMCES/UMCP, M.S.	2025
Juliet Nagel, Ph.D., UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2022
Joel Bostic, Ph.D., UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2022
Caitlin Campbell, UMCES/FSU, M.S.	2018
Vanessa Cunningham, UMCES/UMCP, M.S.	2016
Cortney Pylant, UMCES/FSU, M.S.	2014

Committee member for graduate students

Ellie Olsen, FSU, M.S.	2023-present
Luke DeGroote, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2020-present
Syeda Sadia Ali, UMCES/UMCP, M.S.	2025
Kohma Arai, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2023
Caitlin Campbell, University of Florida, Ph.D.	2023
Jacob Hagedorn, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2022
Justin Mathias, WVU, Ph.D.	2020
Robert Sabo, UMCES/UMCP, Ph.D.	2018
Robert Sabo, UMCES/UMCP, M.S.	2014

Postdocs advised

Hannah Vander Zanden, USGS	2016–2017
William Landesman, UMCES	2009–2011

Undergraduate interns

Jason Haley, FSU	2025
Ty Kashporenko, FSU	2025
Juliana Schmitt, FSU	2024
Quinton Browne, FSU	2024
Mick Lynch, FSU	2023
Max Summerfield, FSU	2023
Logan Tokle, FSU	2023
Chris Bailey, NAU	2022
Abigail Hunker, FSU	2022
Jasmine Smiley, FSU	2022
Richard Johnson, Garrett College	2021
Catherine Hughes, FSU	2014
Jason Kaczor, FSU	2010–2011
George Case, WVU	2010

High school interns

Ela Riley, Bishop Walsh School	2025–present
Lydia Nelson, Northern Middle School	2019–2020

Abigail Reid, Pawling High School (New York) **2017–2018**

High school and middle school teachers

Jennifer Knotts, Washington Middle School **2013**

John Howard, Fort Hill High School **2013**

Betsy Evans, Mountain Ridge High School **2010**

Faculty research assistants supervised

Robin Paulman, UMCES **2010–present**

Michael Urban, UMCES **2018–2019**

SERVICE

To University

Member, Strategic plan steering committee, UMCES **2025**

Member, 5-year review committee for AL director, UMCES **2021**

Member, Committee to develop planning options for phased reactivation of research activities following coronavirus outbreak, UMCES **2020**

Chair, MSCHE Re-Accreditation Self-Study Working Group on Educational Effectiveness Assessment, UMCES **2019–2021**

Member, Steering committee for MSCHE re-accreditation, UMCES **2019–2021**

Member, Learning outcomes assessment committee, UMCES **2019–present**

Member, Search committee for proposal submission specialist, UMCES AL **2019**

Coordinator, Spring seminar series, UMCES AL **2010, 2019**

Member, Review committee for Ecology Foundation applications, MEES **2018–2020**

Member, Presidential Fellowship evaluation committee, UMCES **2018**

Member, Graduate education committee, UMCES AL **2018–present**

Member, Program, Curricula and Courses Committee, UMCES **2017–2020**

Member, Graduate Faculty Council, UMCES	2017–2020
Member, Program Committee, MEES	2017–2020
Ecology representative, Program Committee, MEES	2017–2020
Vice chair, Faculty senate, UMCES	2016–2017
Member, 5-year review committee for CBL director, UMCES	2016
Member, Faculty development working group, UMCES	2015–2016
Secretary, Faculty senate, UMCES	2015–2016
Member, Faculty senate, UMCES	2015–2017
Member, Faculty search committee for evolutionary ecologist, UMCES AL	2015
Member, Self-study workgroup on faculty excellence for MSCHE accreditation, UMCES	2014–2015
Member, Equipment/infrastructure committee, UMCES AL	2011–present
Member, Search committee for microbial ecologist, UMCES HPL	2013
Member, Open house committee, UMCES AL	2012, 2015
Member, Faculty retreat committee, UMCES AL	2012
Reviewer, Environmental Chemistry AOS applications, MEES	2010–2011
Member, Faculty search committee for forest ecologist, UMCES AL	2010
Member, Safety committee, UMCES AL	2010–2011
Coordinator and presenter, Science Forum on Environmental Genomics, UMCES	2009
Co-chair, IGB Fellows Symposium, University of Illinois	2008
Audio/visual technician, Ecology seminar series, University of Illinois	2004

To Profession

Presentation on wind & wildlife interactions , First Lego League robotics team at Bishop Walsh School	2023
Reviewer , <i>External promotion and tenure applications</i>	2021
Judge , <i>Science Fair</i> , International Christian Academy of Nagoya (Japan) High School	2017
STEMnet presentations , <i>Mountain Ridge High School</i>	2014
Judge , <i>Science Fair</i> , Eastern Panhandle (WV) Regional High School	2011-2014, 2016, 2018, 2020
Committee Member , <i>Cooper Award</i> , Ecological Society of America	2012–2014
Judge , <i>Science Fair</i> , Mineral County (WV) Middle School	2012
Chair , <i>Paleoecology section</i> , Ecological Society of America	2010–2011
Member of organizing committee , <i>27th Midcontinent Paleobotanical Colloquium</i> , Frostburg, MD	2010
Co-organizer and moderator , <i>Symposium entitled “Paleoecosystem Ecology: Reconstructing Material and Energy Flows of the Past,”</i> Ecological Society of America	2009
Vice-chair and chair-elect , <i>Paleoecology section</i> , Ecological Society of America	2008–2010
Judge , <i>Deevey Award</i> , Ecological Society of America	2008, 2010, 2013
Presider , <i>Paleoecology oral presentations session</i> , Ecological Society of America	2008
Judge , Best Undergraduate Presentation Award, Ecological Society of America	2008

Peer reviewer (journals)

Applied and Environmental Microbiology
Applied Sciences
Atmospheric Environment
Biogeochemistry
Biogeosciences
Biological Invasions
Biology
Biology Letters
Diversity
Ecology
Ecology and Evolution
Ecosphere

Ecosystems
 Environmental Health Insights
 Environmental Pollution
 Environmental and Experimental Botany
 Foods
 Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution
 Frontiers of Biogeography
 Geobiology
 Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems
 Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta
 Geology
 Geophysical Research Letters
 Global Change Biology
 Gondwana Research
 Hydrobiologia
 International Journal of Biological Sciences
 International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology
 Isotopes in Environmental & Health Studies
 Journal for Nature Conservation
 Journal of Biogeography
 Journal of Environmental Management
 Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres
 Journal of Field Ornithology
 Journal of Marine Systems
 Journal of Paleolimnology
 Mammalian Biology
 Marine Ecology Progress Series
 Microbial Ecology
 Microbiology
 Movement Ecology
 New Phytologist
 Oecologia
 Organic Geochemistry
 Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology
 PLOS ONE
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 Proceedings of the 17th Central Hardwood Forest Conference
 Quaternary International
 Quaternary Research
 Quaternary Science Reviews
 Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry
 Sustainability
 The Holocene
 Trees - Structure and Function
 Tree Physiology
 Vegetation History and Archaeobotany

Water Resources Research

Peer reviewer (proposals)

Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

Ecological Society of America Symposia

Maryland Sea Grant

National Geographic Society

NASA Postdoctoral Program

Texas Sea Grant

US National Science Foundation

US Department of Defense's Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program

Wilson Ornithological Society Research Grants