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Research Interests Remote Sensing, Machine Learning, Data Assimilation, Bayesian Statistics, Change Detection, Computational Simulation, Hydro-biogeochemistry, Climate Change

Education **North Carolina State University** Raleigh, North Carolina  
Ph.D. in Geospatial Analytics Aug. 2021 – Present  
Advisor: Dr. Josh Gray, Spatial Ecosystems Analytics Lab

**Stanford University** Online  
Professional Certificate in Data Science Foundations Oct. 2020 – Jan. 2021  
Courses: Python Programming, R Programming, Statistics

**University of St. Thomas** St. Paul, Minnesota  
B.S. in Environmental Science and Geology Sept. 2015 – May 2019  
Minor in Sustainability/GIS  
GPA: 3.8, *Graduated Magna Cum Laude*

Research Experience **Graduate Research Assistant (SEAL Lab, NC State University)**  
IARPA SMART Project - PI Dr. Josh Gray Aug. 2021 – Present

- Helped develop and implement *roboBayes*, a Bayesian-based change detection algorithm used to flag areas of change over huge spatial scales using multi-source and multi-temporal remotely sensed data in an online monitoring mode.
- Developed modules in roboBayes pipeline to assist with time series outlier detection, and change type characterization.
- Used high-performance computing to run algorithms on big data sets through NC State's cluster computing facility.
- Awarded Phase 2 funding (PI Dr. Josh Gray) based on our success in Phase 1.

Dissertation Research Aug. 2021 – Present

- Compared machine learning algorithms for inundation classification based on satellite observations.
- Ran process-based hydrologic models for estimating inundation in wetland areas.
- Used Kalman filter data assimilation method to combine remote sensing inundation model with physically-based hydrologic model.
- Ran biogeochemical model DNDC to simulate methane fluxes driven by inundation.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant (University of St. Thomas)**  
Biology Department - PI Dr. Gaston Small May 2018 – June 2019

- Helped develop statistical process-based models of urban garden systems using STELLA Architect to predict daily nutrient/water runoff.
- Competed at the EPA P3 Sustainable Design Competition in Boston, MA.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant (University of St. Thomas)**  
Geology Department - PI Dr. Jeni McDermott Feb. 2016 – May 2018

- Helped develop a method to predict areas of river capture in complex drainages based on statistical power-law relationships using 1-m digital elevation models.
- Participated and helped lead international fieldwork in Norway.

Grants and Awards	NCSU Geospatial Analytics Travel Grant (\$500)	2022
	NCSU Geospatial Analytics Collaboration and Innovation Award	2022
	NCSU University Graduate Fellowship (\$4,000)	2021
	EPA Sustainable Design Competition: Team Awarded P3 Grant (\$14,997)	2019
	PEPSI Environmental Science Scholarship (\$5,000)	2018
	UST Travel Grant (\$750)	2017
	UST Brownstein Scholarship (\$6,000)	2017
	UST Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1,500)	2017
	UST Young Scholars Grant (\$4,000)	2017
	UST Collaborative Inquiry Grant (\$1,500)	2016
Publications	<b>Efficacy of Spent Lime as a Soil Amendment for Nutrient Retention in Bioretention Green Stormwater Infrastructure</b>	
	Shrestha, P., Salzl, M.T., Jimenez, I.J., Pradhan, N., Hay, M., Wallace, H.R., <b>Abrahamson, J.N.</b> , Small, G.E. <i>Water</i> , 2019.	
Presentations	<b>Abrahamson, J.N.</b> , Gray, J. (Dec 2022). Integrating Physical and Remote Sensing Models to Map Inundation at High Spatiotemporal Resolution. <i>AGU Fall Meeting</i> , Chicago, IL.	
	Small, G.E., Wihlm, S., Wallace, H., <b>Abrahamson, J.N.</b> , Deile, M.P., Mahre, K., Fischer, J., Jimenez, I., Shrestha, P., Salzl, M. (June 2019). Water treatment residuals and coir as soil amendments for nutrient retention in bioretention stormwater infrastructure. <i>EPA P3 TechConnect World Innovation Expo</i> , Boston, MA.	
	<b>Abrahamson, J.N.</b> , Shrestha, P, Small, G.E. (May 2019). Evaluating leachate nutrient flux losses from various compost treatments in urban agriculture. <i>Urban Food Systems Symposium</i> , Minneapolis, MN.	
	McDermott, J., Redfield, T. F., <b>Abrahamson, J. N.</b> , Allen, E. (Dec. 2018). Neotectonic Fault Reactivation and Landscape Rejuvenation on Norway's Post-glacial Rifted Margin. <i>AGU Fall Meeting</i> , Washington, D.C.	
	<b>Abrahamson, J. N.</b> , McDermott, J. A., Allen, E. F., Redfield, T. F. (Oct. 2017). Using Drainage Area Power-Law Relationships as a Method to Test for Points of River Capture. <i>GSA Annual Meeting</i> , Seattle, Washington.	
Industry Experience	<b>GIS Specialist</b>	St. Paul, MN
	Pointmap Inc.	Oct. 2019 – June 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintained spatial databases and applications, assisted in environmental consulting mapping and spatial analysis projects.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Environmental Field Technician</b>	Minneapolis, MN
	Braun Intertec Corporation	May 2019 – Oct. 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected field samples for soil, groundwater, air, and soil vapor data analysis and aided in drafting Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments.</li> </ul>	
Technical Skills	<b>Proficient in:</b> R, Python, Git, Bash, Google Earth Engine, Tableau	
	<b>Familiar with:</b> MatLab, JavaScript, C, HTML, Docker, SQL, AWS	
Professional Service	<b>Invited Talks</b>	
	Accenture Federal Services Computer Vision: COI Seminar Series	June 2022
	<b>Service</b>	
	Volunteer with Skype a Scientist	Aug. 2022 – Present
	Volunteer with UST Student-Alumni Mentoring Program	May 2019 – Present
	Volunteer MPCA Water Quality Monitor	June 2020 – Aug. 2021
	<b>Member of</b>	
	American Geophysical Union	Aug. 2022 – Present