Jonathan E. Mellor, PhD Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD	University of Virginia	2013
	- Civil Engineering	
	- Dissertation: Modeling the Complexities of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation	
	in Limpopo Province, South Africa.	
	- PI James Smith	
MS	Michigan Technological University	2009
	- Environmental Engineering	
	- Master's International Program	
	- Thesis: Water and Sanitation Accessibility and the Health of Rural Ugandans	
	- PI David Watkins	
MS	University of Virginia	2006
	- Physics	
BS	The College of William and Mary	2001
	- Physics	
	- Minor: History	

Academic Appointments

Co-Director Engineering for Humans Rights Initiative - University of Connecticut - School of Engineering	2017 - Present
Assistant Professor - University of Connecticut - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	2015 - Present
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Yale Climate and Energy Institute - Yale University - Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering - Center for Green Chemistry and Green Engineering	2013 - 2014

Teaching Interests

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• Hydrology and Water Resources	• Environmental Modeling
• Water and Wastewater Treatment	• Numerical and Quantitative Methods
• Sustainability and Life-cycle Analysis	• Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulic Engineering
• Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	• Climate Resiliency
• Environmental Transport	• Complex Systems

Certification

Engineer-in-Training

2009

The State of Maryland

Courses Taught at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

- Civil Engineering Design 2020
- Fluid Mechanics 2020
- Emerging Trends in Global Sustainability 2020
- Civil Engineering Project 2020

Courses Taught at University of Connecticut

- Foundations of Engineering 2015 2016 (2 times)
 - Included both classroom and laboratory class sessions for ∼90 mostly freshman civil and environmental engineering students.
 - Topics: Introduction to Matlab, groundwater flow through porous media, groundwater pumping and contaminant transport.
- Fundamentals of Environmental Engineering 2017 2019 (3 times)
 - Used mix of problem-based learning, small group work, lecture and "think-pair-share" techniques for classes ∼90 mainly sophomore and junior civil and environmental engineering students.
 - Topics: Mass and energy balances, renewable and non-renewable energy, climate change, air quality and atmospheric mixing, hydrology, subsurface contamination and remediation, risk assessments, life-cycle analysis, sustainability principles, surface water quality, water and wastewater treatment.
- Environmental Transport Phenomena 2017 2019 (3 times)
 - Used mix of lecture, student presentations and in-class exercises for classes of ~ 15 graduate students.
 - Topics: Mass balances, diffusion coefficients, solutions to Fick's Law, heat transport, momentum transport, turbulence and air-water exchange.
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers 2015 2019 (5 times)
 - Used mix of lecture, student presentations and in-class exercises for classes of ~ 15 graduate students.
 - Topics: Basic probability, distribution functions, hypothesis testing, simple and multiple regression, ANOVA, Monte Carlo analysis, time series analysis, solutions to ordinary and partial differential equations, numerical solutions to differential equations including finite difference methods.

2018

Town of Franklin, CT Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Design

Senior Design Projects Mentored

- Sponsor: Lenard Engineering Inc.		
Town of Groton, CT Water Pollution Control Facility: Anaerobic Digestion - Sponsor: Town of Groton, CT	2017	
Small Scale Irrigation Project at Abba Samuel River Watershed, Ethiopia - Sponsor: Ethiopian Institute of Water Resources	2016	
Engineers Without Boders (EWB) Projects Mentored		
El Jobo, Nicaragua - Sanitation Project - Design and construction of household latrines	2020 - Present	
 Spring Valley Student Farm, Storrs, CT - Irrigation Project - Partner: Spring Valley Student Farm - Design and implementation of a drip irrigation system 	2018 - Present	
 Abra Malaga, Peru - Sanitation Project - Partner: Asociación de Ecosistemas Andinos (ECOAN) - Design and construction of biodigester latrines 	2017 - Present	
 Willimantic, CT - Rainwater Harvesting Project - Partner: Commercially Licensed Cooperative Kitchen, inc. - Design and implementation of rainwater harvesting and irrigation system 	2015 - Present	
Common Good Garden, Old Saybrook, CT - Accessibility Project - Partner: Common Good - Design of garden upgrade to improve handicap accessibility	2019	
 Hyderabad, India - E-learning Project - Partner: Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust - Design and implementation of computer labs and E-learning centers 	2015 - 2018	
Woreta Zuria Administrative Kebele, Ethiopia - Irrigation Project - Partner: Ethiopian Institute of Water Resources - Designed small scale irrigation scheme	2015 - 2018	
Pope Park, Hartford, CT - Erosion Control Project - Partner: Friends of Pope Park and the City of Hartford	2012 - 2015	

Undergraduate Research Projects Mentored

1. Caitlin Turney and Mateo Escobar (2018 - 2019)

- Designed terrace plan to control erision

Research Area: How to best improve sanitation practices in the Peruvian Andes - Community-Led Total Sanitation and Citizen Science

2. Muhammad Mahmud and Daniel Backal (2017)

Research Area: Improving the design of a portable rainwater harvesting device for nomadic communities of Botswana

3. Manjoor Vahora (2017)

Research Area: Improved materials for a portable rainwater harvesting device for nomadic communities of Botswana

4. Alexa Friedman (2017)

Research Area: A social and economic comparison of water supply options for Botswana.

5. Spencer Matonis (2015 - 2017)

Research Area: Improving the efficacy of ceramic water filters

6. Elizabeth Burgess (2015 - 2016)

Research Area: Climate change and rainwater harvesting

7. Kelsey Reeves (2015 - 2016)

Research Area: Ceramic water filters

8. Shannon Swiderski (2015)

Research Area: Climate change and rainwater harvesting

Departmental Service (UMassD CEN)

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Committee Member 2020 - Present

School of Engineering Service (UMassD)

Engineers Without Borders Faculty Advisor	2020 - Present
Freshman Engagement in Engineering Working Group	2020 - Present

Departmental Service (UConn CEE)

Undergraduate Courses and Curriculum Committee	2019 - Present
Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Committee Member	2017 - 2018
Graduate Admissions Committee	2015 - 2016

School of Engineering Service (UConn)

Co-Director Engineering for Human Rights Initiative	2017 - Present
Engineers Without Borders Faculty Advisor	2015 - Present

University Service (UConn)

Universitas 21 RISE Review Committee Member 2019 Summer Undergraduate Research Fund Reviewer 2016 - 2018 Imagine, Develop, Engage, Apply (IDEA) Grant Reviewer 2016

Professional and Management Experience Highlights

Site Coordinator

Charlottesville, VA and Limpopo, South Africa

Water and Health in Limpopo Project

2011

- Oversaw 40 undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Virginia and the University of Venda (Univen) in Limpopo Province, South Africa.
- Responsibilities:
 - Managed five water and health research and humanitarian projects.
 - Served as a conduit and facilitator between UVA and Univen faculty, staff and students.
 - Stakeholder coordination, community outreach and multicultural team building.

Peace Corps Volunteer - Water Resources Engineer

Kalisizo, Uganda

United States Peace Corps

2007 - 2009

- Worked as a water resources engineer in a Ugandan non-governmental organization in Kalisizo, Uganda.
- Responsibilities:
 - Directed water and sanitation projects.
 - Supervised construction and rehabilitation of wells and latrines.
 - Initiated organizational and professional development with staff.
 - Founded environmental clubs at local schools.

Project Manager - What Works Best in Diarrheal Disease Prevention? $Open\ Palm\ COWESER$

Kalisizo, Uganda *2007 - 2009*

- Managed a research and humanitarian project that brought water and sanitation education and infrastructure to over 10,000 people in six rural communities.
- Responsibilities:
 - Engineering design and implementation.
 - Managing a ten-person team.
 - Data collection and analysis.
 - Community mobilization.

Project Manager

Houghton, MI and Fronterizo, Guatemala

Engineers Without Borders

2006

 Led a 50-person team of students and faculty members who successfully brought two sustainable water supplies to adjacent communities in Fronterizo, Guatemala.

- Responsibilities
 - Engineering design.
 - Overall project planning and management.
 - Community education and outreach.

Selected Awards and Fellowships

Environmental Leadership Award First Runner-Up

2019

- University of Connecticut Office of Environmental Policy

Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship

2011-2013

- The Environmental Protection Agency

William R. Walker Graduate Research Fellowship

2011

- Virginia Water Resources Research Center

Short Course Modules Taught at UConn

- Orientation to Engineering Out of Class Presentation (2019)
 - Delivered short learning module to ~ 20 freshman engineering students focusing on low-cost water treatment options.
- Explore Engineering (2017)
 - Delivered six short learning modules to ~ 20 high school students each time introducing them to the subject of environmental engineering.
- Orientation to Engineering Out of Class Presentation (2015)
 - Delivered short learning module to \sim 20 freshman engineering students focusing on groundwater hydrology.

Courses Taught at UVA

- Global Health Research Methodologies (Co-Instructor) (2011)
 - Focused on environmental sampling as well as water scarcity and water quality in low-income regions.
- Global Health Policy and Practice (Co-Instructor) (2011)
 - Focused on environmental sampling as well as water scarcity and water quality in low-income regions.
- Science, Technology and Society and Engineering Practice (Teaching Assistant) (2010)
- Introductory Physics (Teaching Assistant) (2001-2003)

Doctoral Student Major Advisor

- 1. Suganya Pandian (2017 Present)
- 2. Tara Walsh (2016 Present)
- 3. Sardorbek Musayev (2016 Present)
- 4. Yigrem Dingo (2015 2016)

Doctoral Student Associate Advisor

- 1. Jeffrey London (University of Bridgeport) (2018 Present)
- 2. Grant Bouchillon (2015 Present)
- 3. Abraham Geremew (Addis Ababa University) (2015 2019)

Master's Student Associate Advisor

- 1. Brandon Holland (2019 Present)
- 2. Brian Cruz (2016 2017)

Funding History Highlights

\$100,000 (PI) The Development of a Real-Time Decision Support Tool to	2019
Optimize Storm Recovery	
- Eversource Energy Center	
\$5,192 (Faculty Advisor) How to Best Improve Sanitation Methods in the	2018
Peruvian Andes: Community-Led Total Sanitation and Citizen Science	
- UConn IDEA Grant	
\$93,263 (PI) - Development and Demonstration of a Wireless mm-sized Soil Moisture	2017-2018
Sensor (MSMS) Package to Support Food Security in Developing Countries	
- Department Civil and Environmental Engineering - Infrastructure Initiative	
\$738,195 (Co-PI) - Environmental Engineering at the Forefront of Water Science,	2016-2019
Policy and Education	
- Department of Education - Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program	m
\$4.2 million (Senior Personnel) - Taming Water in Ethiopia - An Interdisciplinary	2015-2021
Approach to Improve Human Security in a Water-Dependent Emerging Region	
- NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education Program	
\$153,600 - Postdoctoral Research Fellowship	2013-2015
- Yale Climate and Energy Institute - Yale University	
\$126,000 - Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship	2011-2014
- The Environmental Protection Agency	
\$2,750 - William R. Walker Graduate Research Fellowship	2011
- Virginia Water Resources Research Center	

Peer-Reviewed Publications (*Student Mentee)

1. Chacon-Hurtado, D., Kazerounian, K., Hertel, S., **Mellor, J.**, Barry, J., Ravindran, T., (2020). "Engineering for Human Rights: The Theory and Practice of a Human Rights-Based Approach to Engineering", Submitted to: Journal for Engineering Education.

- 2. Walsh, T.*, **Mellor, J.E.** (2020). "Comparative life cycle assessment of four commonly used point-of-use water treatment technologies", Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development.
- 3. Walsh, T.*, Wanik, D., Anagnostou, E.N., **Mellor, J.E.** (2020). "Estimated Time to Restoration of Hurricane Sandy in a Future Climate", Sustainability, 12 (16), ,pp. 6502.
- 4. Geremew, A.*, Mengistie, B., Alemayehu, E., Lantagne, D., **Mellor, J.**, Alemayehu, E., and Sahilu, G., (2019). "Consistent point-of-use water chlorination among households with unimproved water sources in Eastern Ethiopia: A longitudinal study using Waterguard and Bishan Gari in Kersa Health and Demographic Surveillance Site", International Journal of Environmental Health Research, pp 1-16.
- 5. Geremew, A.*, Mengistie, B., **Mellor, J.**, Lantagne, D., Alemayehu, E., and Sahilu, G., (2018). "Appropriate household water treatment methods in Ethiopia: Household use and associated factors based on 2005, 2011 and 2016 EDHS data", Journal of Environmental Health and Preventive Medicine, 23(1), 46.
- 6. Walsh, T.*, Layton, T., Wanik, D., **Mellor, J.E.**, Geremew, S. (2018). "Agent Based Model to Estimate Time to Restoration of Storm-Induced Power Outages", Infrastructures.
- 7. Geremew, A.*, Mengistie, B., Alemayehu, E., Lantagne, D.S., **Mellor, J.E.**, Geremew, S. (2018) "Point-of-use water chlorination among urban and rural households with under-five year children: A Comparative study in Kersa Health and Demographic Surveillance Site, Eastern Ethiopia", Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development. 8 (3). pp. 468-480.
- 8. Musayev, S.*, Burgess, E.*, **Mellor**, **J.E.** (2018). "A global performance assessment of rainwater harvesting under climate change." Resources Conservation and Recycling, 132(1), pp. 62-70.
- Mellor, J.E., Kumpel, E., Ercumen, A., Zimmerman, J.B. (2016). "A Systems Approach to Climate, Water and Diarrhea in Hubli-Dharwad, India". Environmental Science & Technology, 50 (23), pp. 13042-13051.
- 10. Mellor, J.E., Levy, K., Zimmerman, J.B., Elliott, M., Bartram, J., Carlton, E., Clasen, T., Dillingham, R., Eisenberg, J., Guerrant, R., Lantagne, D., Mihelcic, J. and Nelson, K. (2016). "Planning for climate change: the need for mechanistic systems-based approaches to study climate change impacts on diarrheal diseases", Science of the Total Environment, 548, pp.82-90.
- 11. **Mellor, J.E.**, Kallman, E.N., Oyanedel-Craver, V.A., Smith, J.A. (2014). "Comparison of Three Household Water Treatment Technologies in San Mateo Ixtatán, Guatemala", Journal of Environmental Engineering, 141(5), 0401-4085.
- 12. **Mellor, J.E.**, Abebe, L., Ehdaie, B., Dillingham, R.A., Smith, J.A. (2014). "Modeling the Sustainability of a Ceramic Water Filter Intervention", Water Research, 49, pp. 286-299.
- 13. **Mellor, J.E.**, Smith, J.A., Samie, A., and Dillingham, R.A. (2013). "Coliform Sources and Mechanisms for Regrowth in Household Drinking Water in Limpopo, South Africa", Journal of Environmental Engineering, 139(9), pp. 1152 1161.

14. Demarest, J.B., Pagsuyoin, S.A., Learmonth G.P., **Mellor, J.E.**, Dillingham, R.A. (2013). "Development of a Spatial and Temporal Agent-based Model for Studying Water and Health Relationships: the Case Study of Two Villages in Limpopo, South Africa" Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation. 16 (4) 3.

- 15. **Mellor, J.E.**, Smith, J.A., Learmonth, G.P., Netshandama, V.O., Dillingham, R.A., (2012). "Modeling the Complexities of Water, Hygiene, and Health in Limpopo Province, South Africa", Environmental Science & Technology, 46 (24), pp. 13512 13520.
- 16. **Mellor, J.E.**, Mihelcic J.M., and Watkins D.W. (2012). "Rural water usage in East Africa: Does collection effort really impact basic access?". Waterlines, 31:3, pp. 215-225.
- 17. The CLAS Collaboration (S. Niccolai et al.). (2006). "Search for the $\Theta+$ Pentaquark in the $\gamma d \rightarrow \Lambda nK+$ Reaction Measured with CLAS." Physical Review Letters. 97:032001.
- 18. Crabb, D. G. on behalf of the UVA Polarized Target Group (Day, D. B., Fomin, N., Hill, C., McKee, P., Mellor, J., Pierce, J. and Wright, J.) (2004). "Polarization in radiation-doped butanol and CD₂" Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, Detectors and Associated Equipment. 526(1), pp. 56-59.

Conference Presentations (*Student Mentee)

- 1. Walsh T.*, Layton T., Wanik D. and **Mellor**, J., (2019). "Development of an Agent Based Model to Estimate and Reduce Time to Restoration of Storm-Induced Power Outages", Women in Data Science Central Mass Conference, Worcester, MA, March 4.
- Dokou, Z., Khadim, F.K., Zhou, W., Flamig, Z., Moges, M., Tilahn, S., Azage, M., Moges, S., Li, B., Mellor, J., Wang, G., Bagtzoglou, A., Hong, Y., Anagnostou, E. (2018). "Citizen Science at the Source of the Blue Nile: Promoting Public Participation in Science for Ensuring Food and Water Security in Ethiopia", American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2018, Washington D.C., December 10-14.
- 3. Walsh T.*, Layton T., Wanik D. and **Mellor**, J., (2017). Development of an Agent Based Model to Estimate and Reduce Time to Restoration of Storm-Induced Power Outages, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2017, New Orleans, LA, December 11-17.
- 4. Mellor, J.E. (Invited), "Systems Approaches to Study Water, Climate and Health", Presented at 2016 World Environmental & Water Resources Congress, West Palm Beach, FL, 22-26 May.
- 5. **Mellor, J.E.**, Zimmerman, J, (2015), "A mechanistic systems approach to water and diarrhea under climate change", Presented at 2015 AEESP Conference, New Haven, CT, 13-16 June.
- Mellor, J.E., Zimmerman, J. (2014), "A Systems Approach to Climate, Water and Diarrhea in Hubli-Dharward, India", Abstract 13401 presented at 2014 Fall Meeting, AGU, San Francisco, CA, 15-19 Dec.
- Mellor, J.E., Burt, Z., Ercumen, A., Kumpel, E., Zimmerman, J.B., Nelson, K.L. (2014), "A
 Systems Approach to Climate, Water and Diarrhea in Hubli-Dharward, India", presented at Water
 and Health Conference: Where Science Meets Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
 Chapel Hill, NC, 13-17 Oct.
- 8. Mellor, J.E. (2013), "Modeling the Sustainability of a Ceramic Filter Intervention in Limpopo Province, South Africa", presented at Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy and Innovation, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 14-18 Oct.

9. Mellor, J.E. (2013), "What Works Best in Diarrheal Disease Prevention: Evidence from Rural Uganda", presented at Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy and Innovation, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 14-18 Oct.

- 10. **Mellor, J.E.**, Smith, J.A., Learmonth, G.P., Netshandama, V.O., Dillingham, R.A., (2012), "Modeling the Complexities of Water and Hygiene in Limpopo Province South Africa", Abstract H21E-1220 presented at 2012 Fall Meeting, AGU, San Francisco, CA, 3-7 Dec.
- 11. **Mellor, J.E.**, Smith, J.A., Dillingham, R.A., (2012), "Pathogen Sources and Mechanisms for Regrowth in Household Drinking Water in Limpopo, South Africa", Presentation Number LB-185 presented at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 11-15 Nov.
- 12. **Mellor, J.E.** (2012), "Modeling the Complexities of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation in Limpopo Province South Africa", presented at Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy and Innovation, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 29 Oct 2 Nov.
- 13. **Mellor, J.E.** (2011), "Water, Hygiene and Sanitation in Limpopo Province South Africa", presented at Symposium on Opportunistic Infections Parasitology and Medicinal Plants, University of Venda, Thohoyandou, South Africa, 29 July.

Session Organizer

- 1. Moderator: "Planning for Climate Resilience: Water and Land", 2015 AEESP Research and Education Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 13-16 June 2015.
- Convener: "Climate Change and Diarrheal Disease", Side Event at the Water and Health Conference: Where Science Meets Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 13-17 Oct 2014.
- 3. Convener: "Climate Change and Waterborne Diseases", Side Event at the Water Microbiology Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 18 21 May 2015.

Invited Talks

- 1. **Mellor**, **J.E.**, (2017) "Systems Approaches to Improve Health Under Climate Change", Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 26 April.
- 2. **Mellor, J.E.**, (2016) "Systems Approaches for Climate Adaptation in Low-Income Regions", University of Rhode Island, South Kingstown, RI, 2 December.
- 3. **Mellor**, **J.E.**, (2016) "Systems Approaches to Improve Water Security and Health", Instytut Podstaw Chemii Żywności, Politechnika Łódźka, Łódź, Poland, 22 November.
- 4. **Mellor, J.E.**, (2015) "A mechanistic systems approach to water and health under climate change", University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA, 6 November.
- 5. **Mellor, J.E.** (**Keynote**) (2014), "The Complexities of Water, Health and Climate", presented at D80 Conference, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, 11 Oct.
- 6. **Mellor, J.E.** (2014), "The Secluded Scientist: Communicating Science to a Wider World", presented at Boost BioTech Meeting, Łódź, Poland, 24 Apr.

7. **Mellor, J.E.** (2014), "Water and Climate Change in Africa", panelist at Sankofa54: African Empowerment Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 5 Apr.

On-Campus Talks

- 1. **Mellor**, **J.E.**, (2018) "Systems Approaches to Improve Health Under Climate Change", Rowe Scholars Dinner, Storrs, CT, 22 March.
- 2. **Mellor, J.E.**, (2016) "A mechanistic systems approach to water and health under climate change", Department of Animal Science, Storrs, CT, 12 February.

Peer Reviewer

- 1. Environmental Science & Technology
- 2. Water Research
- 3. Journal of Environmental Engineering
- 4. Journal of Water and Health
- 5. Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development
- 6. Journal of Infectious Diseases
- 7. Global Policy

- 8. African Journal of Environmental Science and Technology
- 9. Science of the Total Environment
- 10. WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health
- 11. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
- 12. Water
- 13. Environmental Engineering Science

Media and Other Publications Highlights

- 1. Aldrich, A. (2019) "Engineering for Human Rights". UConn Today. https://today.uconn.edu/school-stories/engineering-human-rights/.
- 2. Garvey, J. (2016) "Improving the Water Supply in a Drought-Stricken Village". UConn Today. https://today.uconn.edu/2016/02/improving-the-water-supply-in-a-drought-stricken-village/.

Research Experience Highlights

Life-cycle Analysis of point-of-use water treatment options

University of Connecticut

2019

 Advising PhD student to develop a lifecycle analysis of point-of-use water treatment options for developing countries.

Improving food security in rural Ethiopia

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia 2016 - Present

University of Connecticut

- Advising PhD student in the development of a novel Agent-Based Model (ABM) to study how the use of seasonal hydroclimatological forecasts might improve food security in rural Ethiopia.

Storm restoration in Connecticut

Connecticut

University of Connecticut

2016 - Present

- Advising PhD student in the development of an Agent-Based Model (ABM) to simulate electric power restoration following storm events in Connecticut. Following up with a study of how climate change enhanced storms are likely to influence restoration times to study system resiliency.

Impacts of climate variability on water quality in Ethiopia

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

University of Connecticut

2015 - Present

 Led team of student researchers to study the impacts of seasonal variability of water quality and accessibility in rural Ethiopia.

Ceramic Water Filters

Connecticut

University of Connecticut

2015 - Present

Advising PhD student to develop a novel means of silver nanoparticle application for point-of-use
water treatment filters. Analytical techniques include IDEXX E. coli concentration measurements
and atomic absorption spectrometry.

Climate change impacts on intermittent water supplies Yale University

Hubli-Dharwad, India

2013-2014

 Developed novel ABM to study the impacts that climate change is likely to have on coliform concentrations in an intermittent municipal water supply.

Development of an ABM for drinking water contamination University of Virginia

Limpopo, South Africa

2009-2013

 Developed a novel agent-based model (ABM) to study the complexities of water source contamination and resulting illness. This risk assessment can be used to prioritize interventions in the face of uncertainty.

Coliform Sources and Regrowth Mechanisms

University of Virginia

Limpopo, South Africa 2009-2013

- Conducted study to understand the sources and regrowth mechanisms of coliform bacteria in stored drinking water containers. Analytical methods included membrane filtration, turbidity and flow cytometry for assimilable organic carbon measurements. Total organic carbon, free chlorine and dissolved oxygen were also measured.

Point-of-Use Water Treatment

University of Virginia

San Mateo Ixtatán, Guatemala 2009-2013

Compared the efficacy of three point-of-use water treatment devices. Analyzed the technologies for
 E. coli removal efficacy, chlorine residuals and silver concentrations.

Water Accessibility and Usage in Rural Uganda

Michigan Technological University

Kalisizo, Uganda 2007-2009

 Conducted analysis of over 1,500 households throughout rural Uganda to study water usage as a function of collection effort.

Computer Languages

Matlab, Netlogo, R Statistical Programming Language, SPSS, Perl, C++, Fortran (basic).

Water quality parameter testing experience

Total coliform and *E. coli* via membrane filtration and IDEXX, free and total chlorine, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, biological oxygen demand, total organic carbon, assimilable organic carbon and silver.