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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

University of California, Berkeley, May 22, 2008

Division of Ecosystem Sciences: Remote sensing and environmental biophysics

Additional study: Human geography; Environmental philosophy, ethics and history

Dissertation: A combined biochemical-spectral model for characterizing pine needle damage

Advisor: Dr. Gregory Biging

M.S. in Aerospace Engineering and Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder, December 2000

Emphases: Remote Sensing, Atmospheric and Oceanic Science

Thesis: An automated, dynamic threshold cloud-masking algorithm for daytime AVHRR images over land

Advisor: Dr. William J. Emery

B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, May 1996

Forest and Resource Management Field Program: June-August 1996, UC Berkeley

PUBLICATIONS

Di Vittorio, A. V., P. Kyle, and W. D. Collins (in review). Uncertainty in land resource projection associated with static geographic land units in an integrated assessment model, *Environmental Modelling and Software*.

Du, E., A. V. Di Vittorio, and W. D. Collins (in press, avail. online). Evaluation of hydrologic components of community land model 4 and bias identification, *International Journal of Applied Earth Observation*, doi: 10.1016/j.jag.2015.03.013.

Collins, W. D., A. P. Craig, J. E. Truesdale, A. V. Di Vittorio, A. D. Jones, B. Bond-Lamberty, K. V. Calvin, J. A. Edmonds, S. H. Kim, A. M. Thomson, P. Patel, Y. Zhou, J. Mao, X. Shi, P. E. Thornton, L. P. Chini, and G. C. Hurtt (2015). The integrated Earth system model version 1: formulation and functionality. *Geoscientific Model Development*, doi: 10.5194/gmdd-8-2203-2015.

Di Vittorio, A. V., L. P. Chini, B. Bond-Lamberty, J. Mao, X. Shi, J. Truesdale, A. Craig, K. Calvin, A. Jones, W. D. Collins, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, P. Thornton, and A. Thomson (2014). From land use to land cover: restoring the afforestation signal in a coupled integrated assessment - earth system model and the implications for CMIP5 RCP simulations, *Biogeosciences*, 11:6435-6450, doi: 10.5194/bg-11-6435-2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., Negrón-Juárez, R. I., Higuchi, N., and J. Q. Chambers (2014). Tropical forest carbon balance: Effects of field- and satellite-based mortality regimes on the dynamics and the spatial structure of Central Amazon forest biomass, *Environmental Research Letters*, 9(3) 034010, doi:10.1088/1748-9326/9/3/034010.

Di Vittorio, A. V. and N. L. Miller (2014). Reducing the impact of model scale on simulated, gridded switchgrass yields, *Environmental Modelling and Software*, 51:70-83, doi: 10.1016/j.envsoft.2013.09.016.

Chambers, J. Q., R. I. Negron-Juarez, D. M. Marra, A. V. Di Vittorio, J. Tews, D. Roberts, G. H.P.M. Ribeiro, S. E. Trumbore, and N. Higuchi (2013). The steady-state mosaic of disturbance and succession across an old-growth Central Amazon forest landscape, *PNAS*, 110(10):3949-3954, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1202894110.

Di Vittorio, A. V., and N. L. Miller (2013). Evaluating a modified point-based method to downscale cell-based climate variable data to high-resolution grids, *Theoretical and Applied Climatology*, 112:495-519, doi: 10.1016/j.envsoft.2013.09.016.

Di Vittorio, A. V., R. S. Anderson, J. D. White, N. L. Miller, and S. W. Running (2010). Development and optimization of an Agro-BGC ecosystem model for C₄ perennial grasses, *Ecological Modelling*, 221:2038-2053, doi: 10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2010.05.013.

Di Vittorio, A. V. (2009). Enhancing a leaf radiative transfer model to estimate concentrations and in-vivo specific absorption coefficients of total carotenoids and chlorophylls *a* and *b* from single-needle reflectance and transmittance, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 113:1948-1966, doi: 10.1016/j.rse.2009.05.002.

Di Vittorio, A. V. (2009). Pigment-based identification of ozone-damaged pine needles as a basis for spectral segregation of needle conditions, *Journal of Environmental Quality*, 38:855-867, doi: 10.2134/jeq2008.0260.

Di Vittorio, A. V., and G. S. Biging (2009). Spectral identification of ozone-damaged pine needles, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 30(12):3041-3073, doi: 10.1080/01431160802558725.

Sayre, N. F., and A. V. Di Vittorio (2009). General: Scale. In *The International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, R. Kitchen and N. Thrift, eds. Elsevier, St. Louis, MO, pp.19-28, doi: 10.1016/B978-008044910-4.00318-7.

Di Vittorio, A. V., and W. J. Emery (2002). An automated, dynamic threshold cloud-masking algorithm for daytime AVHRR images over land, *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, 40(8):1682-1694, doi: 10.1109/TGRS.2002.802455.

IN PREPARATION

Di Vittorio, A. V., J. Mao, X. Shi. The influence of historical land use and land cover change assumptions, CO₂ fertilization, and nitrogen deposition on global carbon balance in an earth system model.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, L. P. Chini, J. Mao, X. Shi, J. Truesdale, A. Craig, K. Calvin, A. Jones, W. D. Collins, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, P. Thornton, A. Thomson, "From land use to land cover: Restoring the afforestation signal from GCAM to CESM and the implications for CMIP5 RCP simulations," European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2015, Vienna, Austria, April 12-17, 2015.

Di Vittorio, A. V., J. Edmonds, W. D. Collins, P. Thornton, K. Calvin, A. Jones, L. P. Chini, B. Bond-Lamberty, J. Mao, X. Shi, J. Truesdale, A. Thomson, G. C. Hurtt, A. Craig, M. Branstetter, P. Patel "Climate change driven terrestrial feedbacks influence land use, crop price, bioenergy, emissions, and carbon projections," CESM SDWG Meeting, Boulder, CO, March 4-5, 2015

Di Vittorio, A. V., "The effects of land unit boundaries on GCAM land resource projections," CESM joint SDWG/LMWG Meeting, Boulder, CO, March 2-5, 2015.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "The effects of land unit boundaries on GCAM land use and land cover projection," PIAMDDI Annual PI Meeting, Stanford, CA, Dec. 19-20, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, L. P. Chini, J. Mao, X. Shi, J. Truesdale, A. Craig, K. Calvin, A. Jones, W. D. Collins, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, P. Thornton, A. Thomson, "From land use to land cover: Restoring the afforestation signal from GCAM to CESM and the implications for CMIP5 RCP simulations," 7th Annual Meeting of the Integrated Modeling Consortium, Collee Park, MD, November 17-19, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "The effects of land unit boundaries on GCAM land use and land cover projection," Combined JGCRI Integrated Assessment Technical Workshop and GCAM Community Modeling Meeting, College Park, MD, Oct. 20-23, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "Implications of constant land unit boundaries for land use projection in a changing climate," 19th annual CESM workshop, Breckenridge, CO, June 16-19, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, K. Calvin, L.P. Chini, W. D. Collins, A. Craig, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, A. Jones, J. Mao, P. Patel, X. Shi, A. Thomson, P. Thornton, J. Truesdale, Y. Zhou, "Coupling the land use decisions and carbon cycles of earth system and integrated assessment models," DOE CESD Climate PI Science Team Meeting, Potomac, MD, May 12-14, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, L. P. Chini, J. Mao, X. Shi, J. Truesdale, A. Craig, K. Calvin, A. Jones, W. D. Collins, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, P. Thornton, A. Thomson, "From land use to land cover: Restoring the afforestation signal from GCAM to CESM and the implications for CMIP5 RCP simulations," Joint CESM Land Model and Societal Dimensions Working Group Meeting, Boulder, CO, February 24-27, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "New agro-ecological zones and their potential to affect land use projections", Combined GTSP Technical Workshop and GCAM Community Modeling Meeting, College Park, MD, Oct. 1-4, 2013.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "Understanding the influence of agro-ecological zones on land use projections," joint CESM Societal Dimensions and Land Modeling Working group meeting, Boulder, CO, Feb. 19-22, 2013.

Invited: Di Vittorio, A. V., "Shifting lands with the winds of change: Understanding land use - climate interactions," ESPM land change science seminar series, UC Berkeley, CA, Jan. 29, 2013.

Chambers, J. Q., R. I. Negron-Juarez, D. M. Marra, A. V. Di Vittorio, J. Tews, D. Roberts, G. H.P.M. Ribeiro, S. E. Trumbore, and N. Higuchi, "Episodic tree mortality disturbance and the steady-state mosaic of an old-growth Central Amazon forest landscape," DOE BER Climate and Earth System Modeling PI Meeting, Washington, DC, Sept. 19-22, 2011.

Invited: Di Vittorio, A. V., N. L. Miller, N. M. Kelly, K. Koy, S. Running, R. Anderson, D. Zilberman, "Where to plant biofuel crops: Integrating ecology, economics, and potential land uses in a spatial model," Workshop on Biofuels in Latin America, March 17-18, 2009.

Award: Di Vittorio, A. V., "An enhanced leaf model for estimating pigment concentrations and *in vivo* specific absorption coefficients from leaf reflectance and transmittance," ESPM Graduate Research Symposium, Berkeley, CA, May 3, 2008.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "Revealing the ozone specter: A quantitative signal of forest stress," GeoLunch, Geospatial Innovation Facility, Berkeley, CA, Oct. 19, 2007.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "GIS-based ground truth validation of a forest canopy digital surface model produced by digital photogrammetry," ASPRS 2006 Annual Conference: Prospecting for geospatial information integration, Reno, NV, May 1-5, 2006.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Di Vittorio, A. V. and J. Mao, "Evaluating the effects of different historical land use/cover trajectories on terrestrial carbon," 20th annual CESM workshop, Breckenridge, CO, June 15-18, 2015.

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, L. P. Chini, J. Mao, X. Shi, J. Truesdale, A. Craig, K. Calvin, A. Jones, W. D. Collins, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, P. Thornton, A. Thomson, "From land use to land cover: Restoring the afforestation signal from GCAM to CESM and the implications for CMIP5 RCP simulations," American Geophysical Union Fall 2014 Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 15-19, 2014.

Du, E., A.V. Di Vittorio, W.D. Collins, "Potentials of improving hydrologic simulations in CLM4.5 by adding interflow process and modified soil properties," American Geophysical Union Fall 2014 Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 15-19, 2014.

Du, E., A. V. Di Vittorio, and W. D. Collins, "CLM hydrology bias and needs for preferential flow representation," 19th annual CESM workshop, Breckenridge, CO, June 16-19, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "Implications of constant land unit boundaries for land use projection in a changing climate," DOE BER Climate Modeling PI Meeting, Potomac, MD, May 12-14, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, K. Calvin, L.P. Chini, W. D. Collins, A. Craig, J. Edmonds, G. C. Hurtt, A. Jones, J. Mao, P. Patel, X. Shi, A. Thomson, P. Thornton, J. Truesdale, Y. Zhou, "Coupling the land use decisions and carbon cycles of earth system and integrated assessment models," DOE CESD Climate PI Science Team Meeting, Potomac, MD, May 12-14, 2014.

Du, E., A. V. Di Vittorio, and W. D. Collins, "Historical Evaluation of Hydrologic Components of CLM4: Surface Soil Water Content and Runoff," DOE CESD Climate PI Science Team Meeting, Potomac, MD, May 12-14, 2014.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "Implications of constant land unit boundaries for land use projection in a changing climate," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 9-13, 2013.

Du, E., A. V. Di Vittorio, W. Collins, "Performance evaluation and uncertainty analysis of hydrologic components of the CESM/iESM," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 9-13, 2013.

Di Vittorio, A. V., "Implications of constant bioclimatic zones for land modeling in a changing climate," 18th Annual CESM Workshop, Breckenridge, CO, June 17-20, 2013.

Di Vittorio, A. V., B. Bond-Lamberty, J. Mao, L. P. Chini, J. Truesdale, X. Shi, M. L. Branstetter, W. D. Collins, P. Thornton, J. Edmonds, A. Thomson, G. C. Hurtt, K. Calvin, A. Jones, T. Craig, "iESM update: New land-use coupling and initial results of a fully-coupled experiment," 18th Annual CESM Workshop, Breckenridge, CO, June 17-20, 2013.

Du, E., A. V. Di Vittorio, W. D. Collins, "Evaluation of hydrologic outputs in CESM and CMIP5 models," 18th Annual CESM Workshop, Breckenridge, CO, June 17-20, 2013.

Di Vittorio, A. V., and J. Q. Chambers, "Merging plot and Landsat data to estimate the frequency distribution of Central Amazon mortality event size for landscape-scale ecosystem simulations," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 6, 2012.

Chambers, J. Q., R. I. Negron-Juarez, A. V. Di Vittorio, D. Marra, S. W. Rifai, G. Ribeiro, N. Higuchi, "Toward detection of CO₂ fertilization of tree growth and biomass accumulation in Amazon forests," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 7, 2012.

Di Vittorio, A. V., and J. Q. Chambers, "Agent-specific tree mortality rates in the eastern United States from FIA data," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 6, 2011.

Di Vittorio, A. V., N. L. Miller, "Evaluating multi-scale grids for regional agro-ecosystem simulations of switchgrass," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 14, 2010.

Di Vittorio, A. V., R. S. Anderson, J. D. White, N. L. Miller, and S. W. Running, "Development and optimization of an Agro-BGC ecosystem model for C₄ perennial grasses," Soil and Water Conservation Society, Sustainable Feedstocks for Advanced Biofuels workshop, Atlanta, GA, September 28-30, 2010.

Di Vittorio, A. V., R. S. Anderson, J. D. White, N. L. Miller, and S. W. Running, "Growing C₄ perennial grass for bioenergy using a new Agro-BGC ecosystem model," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 17, 2009.

Di Vittorio, A. V., and N. L. Miller, "Bioenergy crop model simulation and evaluation of Miscanthus," American Geophysical Union annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 19, 2008.

GRANTS, AWARDS, and HONORS

- Towards Integrated Assessment of Energy/Water/Climate Interactions (2012 - 2014; ~\$1 million); PI: WD Collins; Primary author: AV Di Vittorio; Department of Energy, Office of Science, Biological and Environmental Research, Integrated Assessment Research Program
- Second best presentation: May 2008 Graduate Research Symposium; Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management; University of California, Berkeley
- Hannah & Frank Schwabacher Memorial Scholarship, Spring 2007
- William Carroll Smith Fellowship, Spring 2008
- President, UC Berkeley Ski Team, 1995-1996

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Project Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Earth Sciences Division

- September 2012-Present; Supervisor: Dr. William Collins
- Evaluating land use/cover change effects on carbon and climate
- Evaluating the effects of climate feedbacks to vegetation on land use projections, terrestrial carbon, and climate (using the iESM)
- Development and evaluation of the integrated Earth System Model (iESM), which couples the economic Global Change Assessment Model (GCAM) with the biophysical Community Earth System Model (CESM)
- Evaluating the sensitivity of GCAM land and energy projections to fixed geographical boundaries of analysis and projection
- Evaluating the potential for geographical adaptation of agriculture to projected climate change, and investigating the limits of bioclimatic zone approaches to determining crop and vegetation productivity in a changing climate

Postdoctoral Fellow, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Earth Sciences Division

- January 2011-August 2012; Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Chambers
- Remote sensing and modeling of carbon cycle impacts from land use change and forest disturbance (GRASS, SQL, ENVI/IDL, R)
- Integrated Assessment Model and Earth System Model diagnostics and coupling

Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, Energy Biosciences Institute

- July 2008–December 2010; Advisor: Dr. Norman Miller
- Implemented perennial C₄ grasses (e.g. switchgrass, *Miscanthus sp.*) and agricultural practices in the computational ecosystem model Biome-BGC for simulating bioenergy crop production (C, R, ArcGIS, ENVI/IDL)
- Developed software to downscale global reanalysis data to a user-defined, high-spatial resolution grid (C, R, ArcGIS, ENVI/IDL, netCDF)
- Developed and implemented a framework for running and evaluating ecosystem models on a high-spatial resolution grid located on any terrestrial portion of the globe (C, R, ArcGIS, ENVI/IDL)
- Preliminary design of a GIS-based land suitability analysis system for biofuel crops based on ecology, economics, and socio-political factors (C, R, ArcGIS, ENVI/IDL)
- Co-authored three grant proposals for ecosystem modeling and GIS-based land suitability analysis

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

- May 2005–June 2008; August 2002–December 2004; Advisor: Dr. Gregory Biging
- Composed and implemented a research plan for the development of a quantitative method for identifying and modeling ozone-damaged pine needles (C, R, ArcView, ArcGIS)
- Developed a GIS validation model from forest inventory data for digital photogrammetry of forest ecosystems (C, ArcInfo, AML)

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Geography

- May 2007–July 2007; Advisor: Dr. Nathan Sayre
- Co-authored a book chapter on geographical scale

Staff Research Associate, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

- April 2002–July 2002; Advisor: Dr. Gregory Biging
- Developed a GIS validation model from forest inventory data for digital photogrammetry of forest ecosystems (C, ArcInfo, AML)

Graduate Research Assistant, Colorado Center for Astrodynamics Research, University of Colorado, Boulder

- August 1998–December 2000; Advisor: Dr. William Emery
- Developed and evaluated an automated cloud-masking algorithm for AVHRR data (C)
- Automated an AVHRR data processing procedure for creating vegetation indices (C, IDL, cshell script)
- Developed a snow mask for AVHRR-derived vegetation indices based on existing snow coverage data (ArcInfo, AML)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

- Fall 2007: Administered the lab section for the course in Natural Resource Sampling. Prepared and gave four lectures on cluster sampling. This lab included field sampling exercises and computer-based analysis of the field data. Professor: Dr. Greg Biging
- Fall 2006, 2005, 2004: Taught discussion sections for the course in Environmental Philosophy and Ethics. Professor: Dr. Carolyn Merchant
- Spring 2006: Taught discussion sections for the course in Culture and Natural Resource Management. Instructor: Dr. Kurt Spreyer

Substitute Teacher, El Dorado County Office of Education

- September 2001–May 2002
- Taught in secondary school (classroom) and Independent Learning Center (one-on-one) settings

Adjunct Faculty, Los Rios Community College District

- August 2001-May 2002
- Administered the Visual Basic 6.0 Lab Course at Folsom Lake College Center, August 2001-December 2001

Ski Instructor, Kirkwood Resort Company

- February 2002-April 2002; November 1997-March 1998; December 1996-April 1997
- Taught skiing to beginner, intermediate, and advanced adults, and also to beginner children

REVIEW ACTIVITIES

International Journal of Remote Sensing; since 2008

Remote Sensing of Environment; since 2010

IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing; since 2010

Ecological Modelling; since 2011

Public Library of Science; since 2011

BioEnergy Research; since 2012

Science of the Total Environment; since 2013

IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing; since 2013

Earth's Future; since 2013

Environmental Research Letters; since 2014

Forest Ecology and Management; since 2014

Forests; since 2015

Environmental Modelling and Software; since 2015

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Co-coordinator of the weekly seminar series for the LBNL Climate Sciences Department; April 2012 – April 2013

LANGUAGE

Spanish—Intermediate reading, writing, and conversational abilities

SKILL SUMMARY

Sixteen years of experience in digital image analysis and GIS for monitoring environmental change, including: ArcInfo, ArcView, ArcGIS, GRASS, QGIS, ENVI, PCI, AVIRIS, AVHRR, Landsat

Seventeen years of programming experience, including: C, R, IDL, SQL, AML, Visual C++, S-Plus, Visual Basic, FORTRAN, Scheme, LISP, MIPS, Dynamic C, HTML, MATLAB, shell scripts

Four and a half years of ecosystem model development and testing, including bioenergy crop modeling and coupling/diagnosing a global climate/ecosystem/economic model

Two and a half years developing a system to downscale global climate data to high-spatial resolution grids

One and a half years analyzing forest plot and Landsat data for tree mortality estimates

Five years of teaching experience in technical, non-technical, and participatory subjects

Interdisciplinary research experience

Experience using portable spectrometers and integrating spheres

Plant biochemistry lab skills: pigment analysis and thylakoid extraction

Forestry training: forest ecology, forest mensuration, silviculture, and forest management

Extensive studies in Environmental Philosophy and History, Human Geography, and Science and Technology Studies

Grant writing experience