

# Allison Goodwell

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## EDUCATION

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|---|-------------|------|
| Ph.D. Civil Engineering, University of Illinois | GPA 4.0/4.0 | 2017 |
| M.S. Civil Engineering, University of Illinois  | GPA 4.0/4.0 | 2013 |
| B.S. Civil Engineering, Purdue University, IN   | GPA 3.9/4.0 | 2010 |

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| NASA New Investigator Program Award (NIP)                                    | 2021              |
| Lorenz G. Straub Award for Best Dissertation, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory   | 2017 (award 2019) |
| Creative Research Collaborative (CRC) Fellow, CU Denver                      | 2018              |
| University Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) Dissertation Honorable Mention | 2018              |
| NASA Earth and Space Science Fellow  | 2015-2017         |
| Illinois CEE PhD Professional Development Certificate                        | 2016              |
| NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention                           | 2012, 2013        |
| SURGE Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign                 | 2012-2016         |
| Carver Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign                | 2011              |
| Outstanding Civil Engineering Senior Award, Purdue University                | 2010              |

## EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

(PI) NASA New Investigator Program (NIP): Leveraging information theory and flux tower footprints towards improved satellite-based evapotranspiration estimates, 2021-2024

Description: The goal of this project is to improve the way we validate high resolution satellite-based evapotranspiration (ET) data products based on eddy covariance flux tower data.

(Co-PI) Network Cluster CINet: Critical Interface Network in Intensively Managed Landscapes

NSF EAR # 2012850, 2021-2025

Description: The objective of this multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional project is to better understand critical interfaces, which are important interfaces that regulate material fluxes, storage, and transformations in an intensively managed critical zone. Within the large scope, my focus is on the near-surface and modeling themes, where we study land-atmosphere fluxes and near-surface processes and evaluate ecohydrological model behaviors.

Co-PIs and senior collaborators: Kumar, P., Anders, A., Stumpf, A., Rhoads, B., Druhan, J., Blair, N., Filley, T., Dere, A., Fisher, S., Welp, L, Schaeffer, S.

News release: <https://ucdengineeringnews.com/2021/03/10/goodwells-nsf-funded-research-studies-the-critical-interfaces-for-material-transport-in-the-environment/>

National Great Rivers Research Consortium (NGRREC)-funded summer undergraduate internships

Description: This funding supported 2 full-time undergraduate researchers for 10-week internships. Interns work with me on projects related to CINet and have opportunities to travel to sites in the agricultural Midwest for field work.

Creative Research Collaborative (CRC, CU Denver) internal grant: Food-water-energy nexus (2018)

Center for Faculty Development (CFD) Young Upwardly Mobile Professors grant, CU Denver (2020)

CU Denver Teaching Enhancement Grant: Enhancing computing education in undergraduate engineering with Jupyter Notebooks (2021-2022)

CU Denver-seeded Grand Challenge Project: Infrastructure Informatics (2022)

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

*Visiting Research Scientist, Prairie Research Institute* 2023-current

*Assistant Tenure-track Professor, University of Colorado, Denver* 2018-2023

*Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Illinois* 2017  
Intensively Managed Landscape Critical Zone Observatory (IML-CZO) project

*Graduate Research Assistant, University of Illinois* 2011-2017  
Resilience under Accelerated Change (REACH), Minnesota River Basin project  
Intensively Managed Landscape Critical Zone Observatory (IML-CZO) project  
*Dissertation:* Temporal Information Partitioning Networks to infer ecohydrologic behaviors  
*Masters Thesis:* Assessment of floodplain vulnerability during extreme Mississippi River Flood 2011

*Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Purdue University* 2010  
Topic: Analysis of coastal upwelling events in southern Lake Michigan

**TEACHING**

Part-time Lecturer, University of Louisville 2023-current  
ENVS 219: Weather and Climate Lab

Assistant Tenure-Track Professor, CU Denver 2018-2023  
CVEN 2200/3200: Computational Methods for Civil Engineers  
CVEN 5407: Complex Systems Methods  
CVEN 5464: Sustainability and Climate Change

Online Skills Mastery (OSM) Certificate, CU Online 2020  
8-week course on online teaching methods

Distinguished Teaching Assistant 2014-2015  
CEE 202: Risk and Uncertainty for Civil Engineers  
Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Innovation in Teaching 2016

Graduate Mentor for Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) 2013-2014  
Purdue Women in Engineering Program (WIEP) tutor 2008-2010

**STUDENT ADVISING (University of Colorado, Denver)**

PhD students

Mozhgan Askarzadeh Farahani 2019-2023  
*Thesis topic: How ecohydrological models use or misuse available information*

Masters Thesis students (MS degree)

Mushfika Zahan 2020-2024 (exp.)  
*Thesis Title: Disentangling the effect of landcover heterogeneity on land-atmosphere fluxes in an intensively managed landscape*

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| Nicholas Campbell   |   | 2019-2020       |
| Thesis Title: <i>Characterizing complex networks of salmon migration through a reservoir network</i>  |   |                 |
| Stephanie Vasteno   |   | 2019-2020       |
| Thesis Title: <i>An information-theory approach to comparing evapotranspiration models</i>  |   |                 |
| Samuel Franzen  |   | 2018-2019       |
| Thesis Title: <i>Detecting shifts in temporal dependencies between rainfall and streamflow using information theory: a Colorado Headwaters case study</i> |   |                 |
| <u>Masters Report students (MS and MEng degrees)</u>  |   |                 |
| Amanda Salzman  |   |                 |
| Report title: <i>Ozone dynamics and strategies in the Colorado Front Range</i>  |   | 2022-2023 (exp) |
| Nicole Scardigno  |   |                 |
| Report title: <i>An analysis of green roof water requirements in Denver, Colorado</i>   |   | 2022-2023 (exp) |
| Eric Mathers  |   | 2021-2023 (exp) |
| Report title: <i>Front Range water resources: a streamflow and water use analysis</i>   |   |                 |
| Eric Thomas   |   | 2018-2020       |
| Report title: <i>Changing interactions between streamflow, precipitation, and population within a Denver Watershed</i>                                    |   |                 |
| Nicholas Petersen   |   | 2020-2021       |
| Report title: <i>Sensitivity analysis of a 2D flux footprint model</i>  |   |                 |
| Allyssa Brewer  |   | 2018-2019       |
| Report title: <i>Drivers of water quality in the Upper Sangamon River Basin</i>   |   |                 |
| <u>Undergraduate Researchers</u>  |   |                 |
| Sydney Curts:   | <i>Landcover-specific fluxes based on ECOSTRESS</i>                 | 2021            |
| Ritzwi Chapagain:   | <i>Data visualization for precipitation variability across U.S.</i> | 2021            |
| Magdalena Francois:   | <i>Inside and Outside the Flux Footprint</i>                        | 2022            |
| <u>PhD and Masters Thesis Committees:</u>   |   |                 |
| Maya Woods, MS thesis student, advised by David Mays  |   | 2021            |
| Fred Sturgell, MS report student, advised by David Mays   |   | 2021            |
| Louis Benson, MS thesis student, advised by David Mays  |   | 2021            |
| Mahdi Ghafoori, PhD candidate, advised by Moatassef Abdallah  |   | 2020-current    |
| Ed Auttersson, MS report student, advised by Jim Guo  |   | 2020            |
| Evan Croft, MS report student, advised by Jim Guo   |   | 2020            |
| Ryan Tigera, MS thesis student, advised by David Mays   |   | 2020            |
| Michelle Swenson, MS thesis student, advised by Arun Karuninithi  |   | 2020            |
| James Lindsay, MS thesis student, advised by Jim Guo  |   | 2020            |
| Umang Khatiwada, MS report student, advised by Arun Karuninithi   |   | 2019            |

## SERVICE

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|---|-----------|
| CU Denver College of Engineering, Computing and Design (CEDC)<br>Computing Committee                          | 2020-2022 |
| American Geophysical Union (AGU) Hydrology Section<br>Judge for OSPA (Outstanding Student Presentation Award) | 2020      |
| Technical Committee on Hydrologic Uncertainty, member   | 2017-2019 |
| Hydrology Section Student Subcommittee (H3S), member  | 2016-2017 |
| CEE Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC), University of Illinois  | 2013-2015 |
| UIUC International Water Resources Association (IWRA)<br>President of Student Chapter                         | 2012-13   |
| Newsletter and Social Chair   | 2013-2015 |
| Purdue Society of Women Engineers (SWE)<br>Executive Board Member   | 2007-2010 |

## CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

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|---|------|
| Organizer for Summer School in Information Theory in Earth Sciences (SITES)<br>Santander, Spain                 | 2019 |
| Virtual meeting   | 2020 |
| American Geophysical Union<br>Frontiers in Hydrology Meeting (FIHM) session convener<br>Hydrocomplexity session | 2022 |
| AGU Fall Meeting session convener<br>H51: <i>Critical Interfaces in the Critical Zone</i>                       | 2021 |
| H053. <i>Better Informed than Uncertain:<br/>Applications of Information Theory in the Earth Sciences</i>       | 2018 |

## PUBLICATIONS

\*Since 2014, see [Google Scholar](#) for complete list of publications and presentations

Kumar, P, Anders, A., Bauer, E., Cain, M., Dere, A., Druhan, J., Filley, T., Giannopoulos, C., **Goodwell, A.**, Grimley, D., Karwan, D., Keefer, L, Kim, J., Marini, L., Muste, M., Papanicolaou, T., Rhoads, B., Hernandez Rodriguez, L, Roque-Malo, S., Schaeffer, S., Stumpf, A., Ward, A., Welp, L., Wilson, C., Yan, Q, Zhou, S. (2023) *Emergent Role of Critical Interfaces in the Dynamics of Intensively Managed Landscapes*. Earth-Science Reviews, Vol. 244, DOI 10.1016/j.earscirev.2023.104543

Hernandez Rodriguez, L.C., **Goodwell, A.**, and Kumar, P. (2023) *Inside the flux footprint: the role of organized landcover heterogeneity on the dynamics of observed land-atmosphere exchange fluxes*. Frontiers in Water, DOI 10.3389/frwa.2023.1033973

**Goodwell, A.** and Bassiouni, M (2022) *Source dependency and model structure determine information flow paths in ecohydrologic models*, Water Resources Research, DOI 10.1029/2021WR031164

Farahani, M., Vahid, A., **Goodwell A.** (2022) *Evaluating ecohydrological model sensitivity to input variability with an information theory-based approach*, Entropy, DOI 10.3390/e24070994

**Goodwell, A.** and Campbell, N. (2022) *Characterizing complex networks of salmon migration through a reservoir network*, PLoS ONE, DOI 10.1371/journal.pone.0269193

**Goodwell, A.** and Chapagain, R. (2021) *Chains of spatial and temporal precipitation occurrence predictability across the continental U.S.* *Frontiers in Climate*, Volume 3, DOI 10.3389/fclim.2021.780879

**Goodwell, A.** (2020) “*It’s raining bits*”: *Patterns in directional precipitation persistence across the U.S.* *Journal of Hydrometeorology*, Volume 21, Issue 12, pp 2907–2921, DOI 10.1175/JHM-D-20-0134.1

Franzen, S., Farahani, M., **Goodwell, A.** (2020) *Information flows: Characterizing precipitation-streamflow dependencies in the Colorado Headwaters with an information theory approach.* *WRR*, Volume 56, Issue 10, DOI 10.1029/2019WR026133

**Goodwell, A.**, Jiang, P., Ruddell, B., Kumar, P. (2020) *Debates - Does Information Theory provide a new paradigm for Earth science? Identifying causality, interaction, and feedback.* *WRR*, Volume 56, DOI: 10.1029/2019WR024940

**Goodwell, A.**, Kumar, P. (2019) *A changing climatology of rainfall persistence using information-based measures.* *Journal of Hydrometeorology*, DOI: 10.1175/JHM-D-19-0013.1

Wilson, C., ..., **Goodwell, A.**, et al (2018) *The Intensively Managed Landscape Critical Zone Observatory: A scientific testbed for understanding critical zone processes in agroecosystems.* *Vadose Zone Journal*, DOI: 10.2136/vzj2018.04.0088

**Goodwell, A.**, Kumar, P., Fellows, A., Flerchinger, G. (2018) *Process connectivity explains ecohydrologic responses to rainfall pulses and drought.* *PNAS*, 201800236, DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1800236115

**Goodwell, A.**, Kumar, P. (2017) *Temporal Information Partition Networks (TIPNets): A process network approach to infer ecohydrologic shifts.* *WRR*, Volume 53, pp. 5899-5919, DOI: 10.1002/2016WR020218

**Goodwell, A.**, Kumar, P. (2017) *Temporal Information Partitioning: Characterizing synergy, redundancy, and uniqueness in interacting environmental variables.* *WRR*, Volume 53, pp. 5920-5942, DOI: 10.1002/2016WR020216

Dutta, D., Wang, K., Lee, E., **Goodwell, A.**, Wagner, D., and Kumar, P. (2016) *Characterizing Vegetation Canopy Structure using Airborne Remote Sensing Data*, *IEEE Trans. in Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, Issue 99, Nov. 2016, DOI: 10.1109/TGRS.2016.2620478

William, R., **Goodwell, A.**, Richardson, M., Le, P., Stillwell, A., Kumar, P. (2016) *An environmental cost-benefit analysis of alternative green roofing strategies.* *Ecological Engineering*, Volume 95, pp. 1–9, 2016, DOI: 10.1016/j.ecoleng.2016.06.091

**Goodwell, A.**, Kumar, P. (2015) *Information theoretic measures to infer feedback dynamics in coupled logistic networks.* *Entropy*, Volume 17, pp. 7468-7492, DOI: 10.3390/e17117468

Plale, B., Kouper, I., Suriarchchi, I., **Goodwell, A.** (2015) *Thread of Trust: Big Data and Science.* Book chapter in Big Data is Not a Monolith, edited by Cassidy R. Sugimoto, Hamid R. Ekbia, and Michael Mattioli. The MIT Press, Cambridge Massachusetts

Dutta, D., **Goodwell, A.**, Greenberg, J., Kumar, P., Garvey, J., Darmody, R., Berretta, D. (2014) *On the feasibility of characterizing soil properties from AVIRIS spectrometer data* (2015) *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, Volume 53, Issue 9, 10.1109/TGRS.2015.2417547

## PRESENTATIONS

\*selected, since 2020, underlined names are CU Denver undergraduate students, postdocs, or graduate students

**Goodwell, A.**, Zahan, M., URycki, D. (2023) Information flows from landscape and meteorological drivers to land-atmosphere fluxes in intensively managed landscapes. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, San Francisco, December 2023

**Goodwell, A.**, Bassiouni, M. (2023) Source dependencies and model structures impact information pathways in ecohydrologic models. Poster presentation, American Meteorological Society (AMS) Annual Meeting, Denver, January 2023

Farahani, M.A., Goodwell, A. (2023) Information flow paths determine causal mechanisms of vertical carbon fluxes in models and data. Oral presentation, American Meteorological Society (AMS) Annual Meeting, Denver, January 2023

URycki, D.R., Goodwell, A., Anderson, M.A., Yang, Y., Xue, J. (2022). Information Theory and Flux Footprints to Characterize Drivers of Daily Satellite-Based and Flux Tower Evapotranspiration. Poster presentation, AGU Fall Meeting. Chicago, IL. 12-16 Dec.

Goodwell, A., URycki, D., Farahani, M., Zahan, M. (2022) Causal attribution of landscape versus meteorological drivers of eddy covariance fluxes. Poster presentation, AGU Fall Meeting 2022, online.

**Goodwell, A.,** Bassiouni, M. (2021) Source dependencies and model structures impact information pathways in ecohydrologic models. Oral presentation, AGU Fall Meeting 2021, New Orleans, Session H51C

Zahan, M., Goodwell, A. (2021) Evaluating the effect of flux footprint on flux magnitudes in an agricultural landscape. Oral presentation, AGU Fall Meeting 2021, New Orleans

**Goodwell, A.** (2020) It's raining more bits: Patterns in directional precipitation persistence across the U.S. Oral presentation, AGU Fall Meeting 2020, virtual, Session H132

Cambell, N., Goodwell, A. (2020) Drivers of Chinook salmon population dynamics in the Columbia River Basin, Poster presentation, AGU Fall Meeting 2020, virtual, Session H171

Farahani, M.A., Goodwell, A., Vahid, A. (2020) Evaluating ecohydrological model sensitivity to forcing variability with an information theory-based approach. Poster presentation, AGU Fall Meeting 2020, virtual, Session H195