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Research, Education, and Outreach Interests

His research interests and teaching responsibilities are in terrestrial remote sensing and quantitative modeling in natural resources analysis and mapping. Particular areas of interests include remote sensing of dynamics of landscape and land-cover/land-use change. His research projects include mapping and monitoring changes and ecological conditions of coastal environments, wetlands, mountainous regions, protected areas, and urban landscapes, in order to improve understanding of intertwined human and natural systems, and sustainability, vulnerability, resilience, conservation and management of land and water resources. His study areas include regions in the United States, East and West Africa, and China.

Education

- M.Sc. and Ph.D., University of Connecticut, 1992, 1995
- M.Sc., Chinese Academy of Science, 1987
- B.Sc., Northeast Normal University, China, 1982

Professional Experiences

- 1999-Present: Asst.- (1999-2001), Assoc.- (2001-2005) and Full Professor (2005-present), Department of Natural Resources Science, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island
- 08/1995-08/1999: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago
- 07/1998-07/2003: Adjunct Research Associate, Environmental and Conservation Program, The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago

Selected Awards

- 2008: Research Scientist Excellence Award, College of Environment and Life Science, URI
- 2003: Outstanding Contributions to Research, University of Rhode Island
- 2002: Fellow, Kavli Frontiers of Science (KFoS) (2002 German-American Frontiers), U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- 2002: 1st place winner of the ESRI Award for Best Scientific Paper in Geographic Information System, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
- 2000: Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) by former U.S. President W.J. Clinton
- 1999: NASA New Investigator Award

Selected Representative Extramural Grants

- PI: "Post-Hurricane Sandy Salt Marsh Change Detection and Development of Salt Marsh Change Detection Protocol for the Northeast Coastal Parks," National Park Service, DOI.
- PI: "A decision support system for monitoring, reporting and forecasting the ecological conditions of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail," NASA
- PI: "Impacts of Land Cover Change on the National Parks of the Northeast Temperate Network," NPS
- PI: "Remote Sensing of Terrestrial and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in Fire Island National Seashore: Towards Long-term Resource Management and Monitoring," National Park Service, DOI.
- Co-PI (Science PI): "Geographic Information for Sustainable Development: Tanzania/Kenya Coastal Land Cover Change Study", USAID
- PI: "Multiple Innovative Models in Regional Land Cover Change Study", NASA
- Co-PI (Science PI), "Tracking Natural Community Fragmentation and Changes in Land Use and Land Cover: A Case Study of Chicago Wilderness", NASA

Selected Recent and Representative Refereed Publications

- Wang, Y. (2023). Our changing planet in a changing world, *All Earth*, 35:1, 1-2. <https://doi.org/10.1080/27669645.2022.2163747>
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- Yuan, S., Wang, Y., Zhang, H., Zhao, J., Guo, X., Xiong, T., Li, H., Zhao, H. (2022). Blue-Sky Albedo Reduction and Associated Influencing Factors of Stable Land Cover Types in the Middle-High Latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere during 1982–2015. *Remote Sens.* 2022, 14, 895. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs14040895>
- Wang, Y. (2021). All Earth – an open access journal on all spherical perspectives of our home planet: Editorial questions, *All Earth*, 33(1): 1-4, <https://doi.org/10.1080/27669645.2021.1919410>
- Meng, L., Zhou, Y.*, Gu, L. Richardson, A.D., Peñuelas, J., Fu, Y., Wang, Y., Asrar, G.R., De Boeck, H.J., Mao, J., Zhang, Y., & Wang, Z. (2021). Photoperiod decelerates the advance of spring phenology of six deciduous tree species under climate warming, *Global Change Biology*, 2021; 27: 2914-2927. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.15575>
- Jia, M., Wang, Z.*, Mao, D., Ren, C., Wang, C., & Wang, Y.* (2021). Rapid, robust, and automated mapping of tidal flats in China using time series Sentinel-2 images and Google Earth Engine, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 255 (2021) 112285 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2021.112285>
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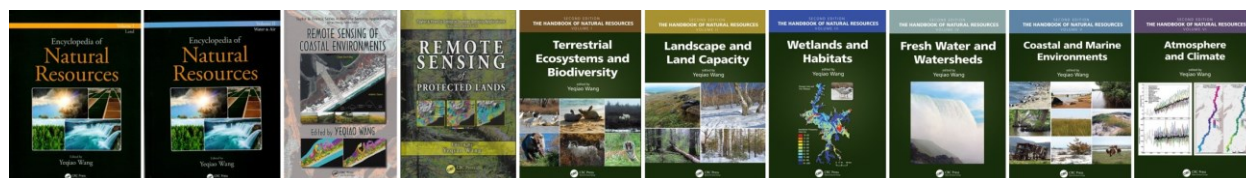
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Selected Published Books

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 1. [Land](#) (Vol. I)
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Selected Editorship

- Editor-in-Chief, *All Earth* <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/tqda21>
- Guest Editor, Shen, X., Wang, Y., Liu, B. (2021), Special Issue in [Vegetation Phenology and Response to Climate Change](#), *Frontiers in Earth Science*
- Guest Editor, Wang, Y., Lu, Z., Sheng, Y., & Zhou, Y. (2019), Special Issue in [Remote Sensing Applications in Monitoring of Protected Areas](#), *Remote Sensing*
- Guest Editor, Wang, Y., & Yésou, H. (2017), Special Issue in [Remote Sensing of Floodpath Lakes and Wetlands](#), *Remote Sensing*
- Associate Editor-in-Chief, *Chinese Geographical Science*
- Advisory Board member, *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Mountain Science*
- Editorial Board and Natural Resource/Ecosystem Column Editor, *Annuals of GIS*