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EDUCATION

- 2020.10- **PhD.**, ETH Zurich, Department of Environmental Systems Science. Thesis: *Plant biodiversity and turnover in the Hengduan Mts.* Advisors: Profs. Loïc Pellissier, Niklaus Zimmermann, and Sean Willett
- 2018.09-2020.08 **MSc.**, University of Copenhagen, Center for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate. Thesis: *Plant functional responses to human and environmental drivers -- Insights from Danish temperate forest communities.* Advisors: Profs. Naia Morueta-Holme and Jacob Heilmann-Clausen, and Dr. Charlie Davison
- 2017.09-2018.05 **Visiting student**, University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management. Honour research project (equivalent to bachelor thesis): *Comparing Balsam Fir Potential Species Distribution in two Distinct Areas of New Brunswick, Canada.* Advisor: Dr. Charles P.-A. Bourque
- 2014.09-2018.06 **BSc.**, Nanjing Forestry University, College of Biology and the Environment, Ecology.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020.10-present PhD thesis: Impact of climate and geological drivers on plant biodiversity and turnover patterns in the Hengduan Mts, China
- 2019.09-2020.08 Master thesis: *Plant functional responses to human and environmental drivers -- Insights from Danish temperate forest communities*
- 2019.07-2019.08 Project out of course scope, Project: *LiDAR-derived variables as a proxy for functional diversity of woody plant and response to forest management intensity*
- 2019.04-2019.06 Group member, Project: *A Statistical and GIS-based approach to plan and manage the Giant Hogweed in Vordingborg municipality*
- 2018.08-2019.04 Research Assistant, Project: *Relating Modeled Habitat Suitability for Abies Balsamea to On the Ground Species Structural Characteristics in Naturally Growing Forests of New Brunswick, Canada*
- 2017.09-2018.05 Visiting Student, University of New Brunswick, completed BSc thesis
- Running Potential Species Distribution (PSD model) in Fortran
 - Calculating radial growth rate & aboveground biomass of balsam fir in Matlab
 - Comparing site characteristics in two areas of New Brunswick

PUBLICATIONS

Yaquan Chang, Katrina Gelwick; Sean Willett; Xinwei Shen; Camille Albouy; Ao Luo; Zhiheng Wang; Niklaus E. Zimmermann; Loïc Pellissier (2023). Phytodiversity is associated with habitat heterogeneity from Eurasia to the Hengduan Mountains. *New Phytologists*. DOI: [10.1111/nph.19206](https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.19206).

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Haozhou Wang, **Yaquan Chang**, Chuan Li, Qiurong Liu, Min Zhong, Qinxuan Chen. 2017. Analysis of Imagine Capacity in Resources Survey between Two UAV Photogrammetry Softwares: PIX 4D Mapper and Photoscan. *Gansu Science and Technology*. [33\(22\): 46-51](#) (In Chinese)

Haozhou Wang, **Yaquan Chang**, Zenxin Zhang. 04.2016. Yaira Multidimensional Data Visualization Software. ([Software Copywrite. Patent No.: 2016SR178462](#).; in Chinese)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Yaquan Chang, Katrina Gelwick; Sean Willett; Camille Albouy; Ao Luo; Zhiheng Wang; Yunhong Tan; Niklaus E. Zimmermann; Loïc Pellissier; The Hengduan phytodiversity is higher than expected from area and habitat heterogeneity. 2022. Geological Society of London. Poster.

Yaquan Chang, Katrina Gelwick; Sean Willett; Zhiheng Wang; Yunhong Tan; Niklaus E. Zimmermann; Loïc Pellissier. 2022. The Hengduan phytodiversity is higher than expected from area and habitat heterogeneity. *The International Biogeography Society 10th Biennial Coference*. Vancouver, Canada. Talk

Katrina Gelwick, **Yaquan Chang**, Sean Willett, Loïc Pellissier, Niklaus Zimmermann, Zhiheng Wang. 2022. Influence of landscape transience on plant biodiversity patterns in the Hengduan Mountains, China. *European Geosciences Union; EGU22*. Major contribute to data/model generating

Katrina Gelwick, **Yaquan Chang**, Sean Willett, Loïc Pellissier. 2021. Influence of landscape transience on plant biodiversity in the Hengduan Mountains, China. *American Geophysical Union; AGU Fall meeting*. Major contribute to data/model generating

Yaquan Chang, Alfred Figueras Anton, Oriol García Antúnez, Andreas Davidsen, Jens Lindgaard. 2019. How to upgrade current management plans for the invasive species Giant Hogweed in Denmark – a case study from Vordingborg municipality, Zealand. *The Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS) Scientific Student Conference*. Uppsala, Sweden ([Poster presentation](#))

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant, Environmental System Data Science, ETH zurich

Fall 2020, 2021 Teaching Assistant, Landscape Modelling of Biodiversity: From Global Changes to Conservation, ETH zurich

- Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, Environmental Education Online Course, Cornell University
- Fall 2016 Undergraduate Mentor, Nanjing Forestry University

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2021 Student travel award for the IBS Vancouver 2022 Conference (Registration waiver: around 340 CAD)
- 2019 Travel Grant, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen (1000 DKK)
- 2019 Herboms Bog-legat (book grant), University of Copenhagen (3372.23 DKK)
- 2018 7th Liangxi Merit Award, Chinese Society of Forestry (1000 RMB); *51 national winners out of 75 nominated across all Chinese universities related to forestry area. The only undergraduate student at Nanjing Forestry University was obtaining this award in 2018.*
- 2018 3+1+1 Scholarship, University of New Brunswick (2000 CAD)
- 2017-18 International Differential Award, University of New Brunswick (7500 CAD)
- 2017 Special Award of 14th International Junior Forest Contest, Russian Federal Forest Agency
- 2016 Star of Innovation and Creation, College of Biology and the Environment, Nanjing Forestry University
- 2015-18 Merit Student, Nanjing Forestry University (3000 RMB in total)

COURSES AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- 2020.02 IBS Julia Workshop
- Basic functions in Julia
 - Run species distribution models in Julia
- 2018.06 *Principles and Applications of Species Distribution Model Summer Course*, Peking University;
- Modelling, testing, ensemble, and Climate change projections for SDMs in R
 - Introduction to BIOMOD2 in R
- 2016.06 Urban Environmental Education Certificate, Cornell University

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND APPOINTMENTS

- 2022.09 Co-chair. : SE Tibet - Emile Argand session in Geological Society of London Conference: Asian Climates tectonics and biodiversity
- 2021.10- External reviewer, Methods in Ecology and Evolution
- 2021.07-present Editor, Eco-share Wechat Official account
- 2019.09-2020.07 (Volunteer) Editor, Wiley Ecology China Wechat Official account
- 2019.01 Conference Assistant, 13th Annual Danish Water Forum
- 2018.06-2018.08 Volunteer, Inner Mongolia Project, The Nature Conservancy