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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

- Ph.D., Department of Natural Resource Management & Engineering, University of Connecticut, 1995
- M.Sc., Department of Natural Resource Management & Engineering, University of Connecticut, 1992,

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

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), 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

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: "Geographic Information for Sustainable Development: Tanzania/Kenya Coastal Land Cover Change Study", USAID
- PI: "Multiple Innovative Models in Regional Land Cover Change Study", NASA
- PI, "Tracking Natural Community Fragmentation and Changes in Land Use and Land Cover: A Case Study of Chicago Wilderness", NASA

Selected Refereed Publications

- Wang, Y. (2024). Harmonizing sensing capabilities and synergizing societal efforts towards conservation of protected areas and biodiversity, *All Earth*, 36:1, 1-2, <https://doi.org/10.1080/27669645.2024.2352969>

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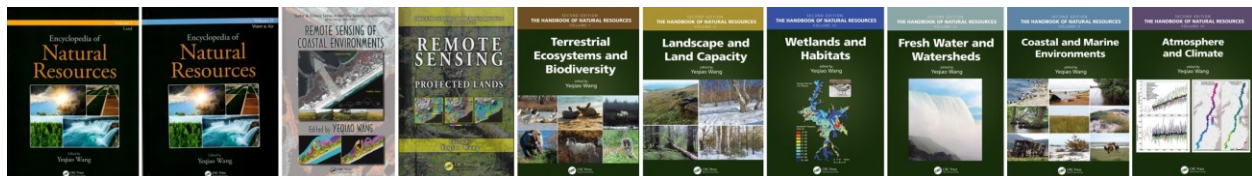
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 2. [*Landscape and Land Capacity*](#) (Vol. II)
 3. [*Wetlands and Habitats*](#) (Vol. III)
 4. [*Fresh Water and Watersheds*](#) (Vol. IV)
 5. [*Coastal and Marine Environments*](#) (Vol. V)
 6. [*Atmosphere and Climate*](#) (Vol. VI)
- Wang, Y. (2014). Editor-in-Chief, [*Encyclopedia of Natural Resources*](#). T&F CRC Press: New York. This Encyclopedia series has **two printed volumes**:
 1. [*Land*](#) (Vol. I)
 2. [*Air and Water*](#) (Vol. II)
- Wang, Y. (2011). [*Remote Sensing of Protected Lands*](#). CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, 582p
- Wang, Y. (2009). [*Remote Sensing of Coastal Environments*](#). CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, 423p



Selected Editorship

- Editor-in-Chief, [*All Earth*](https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/tqda21) <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/tqda21>
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