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Education

PhD	2010	Plant Ecology, Botanical Institute, University of Basel (Switzerland) – <i>Summa cum laude</i>
MSc	2007	Ecosystem Science, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington (USA)
MLA	2007	Landscape Architecture, College of Built Environments, University of Washington (USA)
BSc	2003	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan (USA) – <i>Summa cum laude</i>

Continuing education courses through the Chartered Institute of Editing and Proofreading (UK): Copy editing 2: headway (2018), Brushing up on grammar (2016)

Professional Experience

Freelance Scientific English Editor (2014 to present, sole proprietorship since Nov 2017)

- Completed substantive and copy editing of >500 scientific manuscripts (main text, supplementary material, figures and tables, citations, reviewer response letters), 3 books, 3 websites (including translations from German), and several lengthy reports
- Edited texts in a range of research fields, including biogeochemistry, botany, ecology, evolution, forestry, genetics, geography, engineering, landscape planning, microbiology, natural hazards, and snow and climate science (see <http://www.scientific-editing.ch> for a list of recent work)
- Edited high-profile national (Swiss) and international reports (e.g. SCNAT, FOEN, IPCC)
- Translated (German to English) DIAGONAL, the biannual magazine published by the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL (spring and autumn 2024)
- Held a two-day workshop on scientific writing for students and researchers (September 2023, WSL)
- Became experienced at implementing house editorial style guidelines, producing customized style guidelines in cooperation with authors, following style manuals (e.g. Chicago Manual of Style, New Oxford Style Manual), and applying both American and British language conventions
- Proposed changes to texts using Tracked Changes in MS Word, Overleaf (for Latex), and Adobe Acrobat (for PDF)
- Worked independently (remotely) while communicating with authors, project managers, and other editors via email, phone and video conference

Life Sciences Independent Contract Editor (2016)

American Journal Experts

- Completed linguistic editing of manuscripts from a wide range of fields in the life sciences
- Worked under tight deadlines while meeting rigorous quality standards and following strict editorial procedures

Research Scientist (2014–2017)

Forest Soils and Biogeochemistry & Ecophysiology Research Units, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research – WSL

- Conducted research on carbon, nitrogen and water dynamics in Swiss ecosystems in the face of global change and on treeline patterns along a latitudinal gradient in the Ural mountains (Russia)
- Monitored and maintained a national network of high-precision instruments measuring tree water relations
- Programmed R scripts to visualize and analyze large volumes of time-series data on tree and soil water status
- Authored papers and regularly completed peer reviews for several high-impact journals in the field of ecology

Postdoctoral Researcher (2010–2014)

Mountain Forests and Alpine Ecosystems Research Unit, WSL Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research – SLF

- Led the final stage of a 12-year global change (CO₂ enrichment and soil warming) experiment at the alpine treeline, coordinating work across several research groups and supervising Master's students
- Played a major role in additional projects on treeline dynamics and alpine biodiversity
- Organized and led intensive fieldwork campaigns in steep alpine terrain (summer and winter)
- Worked with a wide range of experimental techniques (e.g. dendrochronological methods, high-precision dendrometer measurements, stable isotope and nutrient analyses for plants and soil, vegetation surveys)
- Completed R-based statistical analysis for complex experimental designs (e.g. linear mixed-effects models)
- Wrote two successful funding proposals and several research papers
- Presented research findings orally at international conferences
- Integrated data and metadata from experiments throughout Switzerland into an online platform

Student Intern (2005–2006)

Water Quality Monitoring Team, Seattle Public Utilities

- Worked as part of a team of scientists to monitor the health of urban Seattle streams through the collection and analysis of hydrological data and measurements of aquatic and riparian habitat value
- Collected data from and maintained a wide range of monitoring instruments and data loggers at sites spread across the city limits, working independently and with other staff
- Learned and applied various measurement and sampling protocols
- Contributed to data analysis and written reports

Funding, Awards and Scholarships

2014	Swiss Confederation COST Action SENSFOR (ES1203). Project C14.0037. CHF 162,230
2011	Internal Grant, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL. CHF 119,100
2011	PhD Dissertation Award of the Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland (GfÖ). €1500
2008	Honor Award for Master's thesis, Washington Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects
2006–2007	Three Scholarships, University of Washington College of Forest Resources
2006	Honor Award for group project, Washington Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects
2005–2006	Two Scholarships, University of Washington Department of Landscape Architecture
2000–2003	Rogel Scholarship and Angell Scholar Honor Award, University of Michigan

International Scientific Meetings (oral presentations & published abstracts)

2010, 2015	Global Change and the World's Mountains, Mountain Research Initiative Conference (Perth, UK)
2013	Clim Tree 2013 (Zürich, Switzerland)
2013	European Geosciences Union Annual Meeting (Vienna, Austria)
2011	Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Switzerland Annual Meeting (Oldenburg, Germany)
2009, 2011, 2014	Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting (USA)
2009	British Ecological Society Annual Meeting (Hatfield, UK)
2008, 2009	Swiss Global Change Day (Bern, Switzerland)
2007	Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference (Minneapolis, MN, USA)

Additional Professional Skills

Computer skills: Microsoft Office; Adobe Reader, Acrobat, Photoshop and InDesign; Overleaf; R; SigmaPlot
Languages: English (native speaker), German (level B1/B2), French (basic)

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