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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Energy Science & Engineering, Bredesen Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (December 2017)
M.S. Geography, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (May 2002)
B.S. Geology & Geophysics, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut (May 1994)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025—, **Senior Researcher**. ORNL Environmental Sciences Division. Dr. Parish is a Geographer who has been investigating the potential environmental and economic benefits and tradeoffs of energy systems at landscape scales since 2009. Dr. Parish currently leads multidisciplinary projects for the US Department of Energy BioEnergy Technologies Office (DOE BETO) and Water Power Technologies Office (DOE WPTO).
2018-2025, **Researcher**, ORNL Environmental Sciences Division
2009-2018, **Research Associate**, ORNL Environmental Sciences Division
2007-2009, **Post-Master's Research Associate**, Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Conducted research for the Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) Group of the ORNL Computational Sciences and Engineering Division (CSED).
2003-2008, **Geology and Geography Instructor**, Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN.
2003-2007, **Senior Environmental Consultant**, XCEL Engineering, Inc., Oak Ridge, TN.
2001-2003, **Geographer**, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Public Power Institute (PPI), Norris, TN.
1999-2000, **Environmental Analyst**, DPRA Incorporated, Oak Ridge, TN.
1995-1999, **Environmental Scientist & Deputy Program Manager**, PAI Corporation, Oak Ridge, TN.
1994-1995, **Field Engineer**, Schlumberger Oilfield Services, Wireline & Testing, Duncan/Enid, Oklahoma. Managed Enid's open hole logging truck, a team of three operators, and a variety of oilfield specialists and served as the Enid Depot Health, Safety, and Environment Engineer,

PUBLICATIONS

Ghimire GR, Liu Y, Parish E, Gangrade S, Kao S-C, DeRolph C, Maguire K, Jager H (2025), Integrated Modeling Driven Evaluation of Opportunities for Climate-Resilient Perennial Biomass Crop Plantings in Flood-Prone Agricultural Landscapes. *J Flood Risk Management*, 18: e70056. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jfr3.70056>
U.S. Department of Energy (2024) *2023 Billion-Ton Report: An Assessment of U.S. Renewable Carbon Resources*. M. H. Langholtz (Lead). Oak Ridge, TN: Oak Ridge National Laboratory. ORNL/SPR-2024/3103. doi: 10.23720/BT2023/2316165.
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AWARDS

- Stanley I. Auerbach Award for Distinguished Achievement presented to Esther Parish by the ORNL Environmental Sciences Division “For creative scientific analyses and spatially explicit tools to help renewable energy stakeholders and the nation meet sustainability goals” (October 2022)
- Clean Energy Education & Empowerment (C3E) Finalist in the category of “Social, Economic, & Policy Innovation” (August 2021)
- UT-Battelle 2017 Award for “Science Communicator” (October 2017)
- Best Poster Award, Smoky Mountains Computational Sciences & Engineering Conference for “Science-Practice Collaboration to Increase Urban Resilience to Climate Change” (September 2016)
- Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC) Best Track Paper for Modeling and Simulation: “A Decision Analysis Tool for Climate Impacts, Adaptations, and Vulnerabilities” (May 2016)
- ORNL Supplemental Performance Award for organizing a joint ORNL/UT webinar series to highlight recent research in celebration of National Bioenergy Day (February 2016)
- ORNL Supplemental Performance Award for significant contributions to a proposal (April 2014)
- CODiE Award for “Best Science or Health Curriculum” from the Software and Information Industry Association for the JASON curriculum, “Operation: Tectonic Fury” (May 2011)
- ORNL Significant Event Award for Novel Computational Analysis (October 2010)
- ORNL Significant Event Award for Climate War Gaming Support (March 2009)
- My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE) Top Ten Project, as selected by UNEP, World Bank, National Geographic Society and Association of American Geographers (September 2002)
- Professional Accomplishment Award, University of Tennessee Geography Department (April 2002)
- National DOE Pollution Prevention (P2) Award for Information Sharing (April 1999)
- PAI Technical Performer of the Year (December 1998)
- East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) P2 Award for Programmatic Support (June 1998)
- PAI President's Award (May 1998)
- Letters of Appreciation from ETTP Waste Management (February 1998, August 1997)
- PAI Manager's Award (December 1997)
- Letters of Appreciation from the ETTP P2 Program Coordinator (August 1997, March 1997)
- DOE Oak Ridge Operations Pollution Prevention (P2) Award for Innovative P2 Training (June 1996)
- Best Engineers of Schlumberger Technologies (BEST) Award (1995)
- Schlumberger Client Service Award (April 1995)
- Yale University Department of Geology & Geophysics Hammer Award (May 1994)
- National Merit Scholar (1990)
- University of Chicago Prize for Commitment to School and Community (1990)
- Bausch & Lomb Science Award (1990)
- Outstanding Illinois State Science Fair Project in the Category of Conservation (1988)
- Illinois Clean Water Award (1988)
- U.S. Meteorological Society Award for Creativity (1987)