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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Geography. 2005. University of California, Santa Barbara USA
Dissertation: *An assessment of hyperspectral and lidar remote sensing for the monitoring of tropical rain forest trees*, Chair Dr. Dar Roberts
- M.S. Ecosystem Analysis and Conservation. 1998. University of Washington, Seattle USA
Thesis: *An analysis of Western Olympic Peninsula forest structure using combined synthetic aperture radar and Landsat thematic mapper images*, Chair Dr. John Vande Castle
- B.A. Environmental Science. 1993. University of California, Berkeley USA
- B.A. Integrative Biology 1993. University of California, Berkeley USA

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

2017 – present	Professor, Department of Geography, Environment, and Planning, Sonoma State University, California
2006 – present	Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Analysis (CIGA), Sonoma State University, California
2015 – present	Editorial Board, Remote Sensing
2011 – present	Editorial Board, Remote Sensing of Environment
2015 – 2021	Editorial Board, Remote Sensing Applications: Society and Environment
2012 – 2017	Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Global Studies, Sonoma State University, California
2013 - 2016	Department Chair, Department of Geography and Global Studies, Sonoma State University, California
2006 – 2012	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Global Studies, Sonoma State University, California
2005 – 2006	Geospatial Scientist, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

2024-present	NASA - <i>Deriving continuous maps of forest structure to characterize the relationship between fuels, burn severity, and post-fire vegetation transitions across California wildfires</i> (Co-I; PI – Christopher Hakkenber, Northern Arizona U.)	\$499,776
2023-present	NASA - Development of a species detection and monitoring web-based application based on bioacoustics and artificial intelligence (PI)	\$99,229
2022-present	NASA - <i>BioSoundSCape: Connecting acoustics and remote sensing to study habitat-animal diversity across environmental gradients</i> (PI)	\$492,105
2022-present	Cal Fire Forest Health - <i>Timely prediction of wildfire burn severity in California forests with spaceborne observations of 3D vegetation structure</i> (PI)	\$492,779
2019-2024	Agricultural Resources Institute - <i>Remote sensing of 3D forest structure for fire fuels management and carbon accounting management approaches</i> (co-I; PI – Lisa Bentley)	\$448,020
2019-2023	Cal Fire Forest Health - <i>Evaluating plot-level remote sensing tools to increase accuracy and efficiency of fuels management approaches</i> (co-I; PI – Lisa Bentley)	\$448,552

2017-2023	NASA Soundscapes to Landscapes: Monitoring Animal Biodiversity from Space Using Citizen Scientists (PI)	\$1,304,487
2016-2018	NASA EdgeCube: A 1U Global Monitor for Earth's Ecosystems (co-I; PI – Lynn Cominsky)	\$200,000
2012-2018	NASA HypsIRI Preparatory Airborne Activities and Associated Science – <i>Spectral and temporal discrimination of vegetation cover across California with simulated HypsIRI imagery</i> (PI)	\$604,000
2007-2012	National Science Foundation – <i>The impact of economic globalization on human demography, land use, and natural systems in Latin America and Caribbean</i> (PI)	\$1,500,000

PUBLICATIONS

- Turner, A.A., **Clark, M.L.**, Salas, L. et al. BioSoundSCape: A bioacoustic dataset for the Fynbos Biome. *Sci Data* 12, 1432 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-025-05685-3>
- Post, A. J., Forbes, B., Cooper, Z., Faro, K., Seel, C., **Clark, M.**, ... & Bentley, L. P. (2025). Using handheld mobile laser scanning to quantify fine-scale surface fuels and detect changes post-disturbance in northern California forests. *Ecological Indicators*, 172, 113276. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2025.113276>
- Clark, M. L.**, Hakkenberg, C. R., Bailey, T., Burns, P., & Goetz, S. (2025). Changes in GEDI-based measures of forest structure after large California wildfires relative to pre-fire conditions. *Remote Sensing of Environment*. 323, 114718. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2025.114718>
- Hakkenberg, C. R., **Clark, M. L.**, Bailey, T., Burns, P., & Goetz, S. J. (2024). Ladder fuels rather than canopy volumes consistently predict wildfire severity even in extreme topographic-weather conditions. *Communications Earth & Environment*, 5(1), 721. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-024-01893-8>
- Reilly, S., **Clark, M. L.**, Loechler, L., Spillane, J., Kozanitas, M., Krause, P., ... & Menor, I. O. (2024). Unoccupied aerial system (UAS) Structure-from-Motion canopy fuel parameters: Multisite area-based modelling across forests in California, USA. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 312, 114310. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2024.114310>
- Quinn, C. A., Burns, P., Jantz, P., Salas, L., Goetz, S. J., & **Clark, M. L.** (2024). Soundscape mapping: understanding regional spatial and temporal patterns of soundscapes incorporating remotely-sensed predictors and wildfire disturbance. *Environmental Research: Ecology*, 3(2), 025002. <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/2752-664X/ad4bec/meta>
- Quinn, C., Burns, P., Hakkenberg, C. R., Salas, L., Pasch, B., Goetz, S., & **Clark, M.** (2023). Soundscape components inform acoustic index patterns and refine estimates of bird species richness. *Frontiers in Remote Sensing*, 4, 35. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frsen.2023.1156837>
- Krause, P., Forbes, B., Barajas-Ritchie, A. **Clark, M.**, Disney, D., Wilkes, P., Patrick Bentley, L. (2023). Using terrestrial laser scanning to evaluate non-destructive aboveground biomass allometries in diverse Northern California forests. *Frontiers in Remote Sensing*. 4. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frsen.2023.1132208>
- Clark, M. L.**, Salas, L., Baligar, S., Quinn, C. A., Snyder, R. L., Leland, D., Schackwitz, W., Goetz, S.J. & Newsam, S. (2023). The effect of soundscape composition on bird vocalization classification in a citizen science biodiversity monitoring project. *Ecological Informatics*, 102065.
- Quinn, Q.A., Burns, P., Gill, G., Baligar, S., Snyder, R.L., Salas, L., Goetz, S.J., **Clark, M.L.** (2022). Soundscape classification with convolutional neural networks reveals temporal and geographic patterns in ecoacoustic data. *Ecological Indicators*, 138. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2022.108831>.

- Snyder, R., **Clark, M.**, Salas, L., Schackwitz, W., Leland, D., Stephens, T., Erickson, T., Tuffli, T., Tuffli, M., Clas, K. (2022). The Soundscapes to Landscapes Project: Development of a Bioacoustics-Based Monitoring Workflow with Multiple Citizen Scientist Contributions. *Citizen Science: Theory and Practice*. 7(1), p.24. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/cstp.391>
- Forbes, B., Reilly, S., **Clark, M.**, Ferrell, R., Kelly, A., Krause, P., Matley, C., O'Neil, M., Villasenor, M., Disney, M., Wilkes, P., Bentley, L.P. (2022) Comparing remote sensing and field-based approaches to estimate ladder fuels and predict wildfire burn severity. *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*, 5. <https://doi.org/10.3389/ffgc.2022.818713>
- López-Carr, D., Ryan, S. J., **Clark, M.** (2022). Global economic and diet transitions drive Latin American and Caribbean forest change during the first decade of the century: a multi-scale analysis of socioeconomic, demographic, and environmental drivers of local forest cover change. *Land*, 11(3), 326. <https://doi.org/10.3390/land11030326>
- Clark, M.L.**, Ruiz, J., Fandino, M.C., López-Carr, D. (2021). Conservation priorities in terrestrial protected areas for Latin America and the Caribbean based on an ecoregional analysis of woody vegetation change, 2001–2010. *Land*, 10(10):1067. <https://doi.org/10.3390/land10101067>
- Reilly, S., **Clark, M.**, Bentley, L.B., Matley, C., Piazza, E., Oliveras, I. (2021). The potential of multispectral imagery and 3D point clouds from unoccupied aerial systems (UAS) for monitoring forest structure and the impacts of wildfire in Mediterranean-climate forests. *Remote Sensing*, 13, 3810. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs13193810>
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