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APPOINTMENTS

2016-	Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor in Sustainable Systems
2021-	Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI School for Environment and Sustainability & Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
2024-	Co-director, Center for Sustainable Systems, University of Michigan
2025-	Director, Dow Sustainability Fellows Program, UofM Graham Institute
2018-23	Director, Program in the Environment, University of Michigan
2016-17	Jefferson Science Fellow, Washington DC National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine USAID Global Development Lab, Center for Development Innovation
2013-21	Associate Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI School for Environment and Sustainability & Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
2010-13	Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI School of Natural Resources and Environment & Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
2006-10	Assistant Professor, Clemson University, Clemson SC Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences
2001-06	Doctoral Fellow, Alcoa Inc., Pittsburgh PA Environmental Health and Safety Division

EDUCATION

2006	PhD. Civil and Materials Engineering, University of Illinois at Chicago
2001	M.E. Civil and Environmental Engineering, Clarkson University
2000	B.S. Chemistry, Denison University

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017- University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Fellow in Sustainability
2016 Jefferson Science Fellow, National Academies of Sci., Eng., Med.
2013 Kavli Frontiers Fellow, National Academy of Sciences
2009 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE),
White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
2001-05 National Science Foundation IGERT Fellow

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (*denotes advisee)

Miller MW*, Malh A, Ketenci KC, Irizarry SMS, Vaishnav P, Rowe ZE, Charles S, Gronlund CJ, Miller SA, O'Neill MS, Energy-efficient upgrades in urban low-income multifamily housing: Energy burdens and lessons learned for best practices, *Sustainability*, 2025 (accepted)

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- Received 2024 Most Downloaded Paper award

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Ravikumar D*, Zhang D, Keoleian GA, Miller SA, Sick V, Li V. Carbon dioxide utilization in concrete curing or mixing might not produce a net climate benefit, *Nature Communications*, 2021, 12: 855

Dong Y*, Miller SA. Assessing the lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of perishable food products delivered by the cold chain in China, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 2021, 303: 126982.

Alfaro JF*, Miller SA. Analysis of electrification strategies for rural renewable electrification in developing countries using agent-based models, *Energy for Sustainable Development*, 2021, 61: 89-103

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Gee I, Heard BR*, Webber M, Miller SA. The Future of Food: Environmental Lessons from E-Commerce, *Environmental Science & Technology*, 2020, 54 (23): 14776-84.

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- Received 2020 Graedel Prize for best paper by senior author in the journal

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Hou P, Xu Y, Taibat M, Lastoskie C, Miller SA, Xu M. Life cycle assessment of end-of-life treatments for plastic film waste, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 2018, 201: 1052-60.

Heard BR*, Taiebat M, Xu M, Miller SA. Sustainability implications of connected and autonomous vehicles for the food supply chain, *Resources, Conservation & Recycling*, 2018, 128: 22-24

Chen L*, Miller SA, Ellis BR. Comparative human toxicity impact of electricity produced from shale gas and coal, *Environmental Science & Technology*, 2017, 51(21): 13018-13027

Keerthi S*, Miller SA. Regional differences in impacts to water quality from the Bioenergy Mandate, *Biomass and Bioenergy*, 2017, 106:115-126.

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Alfaro JF*, Miller SA. Satisfying the rural residential demand in Liberia with decentralized renewable energy schemes, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 2014, 30: 903-911.

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Chamberlain JF*, Miller SA. Policy incentives for switchgrass production using valuation of non-market ecosystem services, *Energy Policy*, 2012, 48: 526-536.

Sarkar S*, Miller SA, Frederick JR, Chamberlain JF. Modeling nitrogen loss from switchgrass agricultural systems, *Biomass and Bioenergy*, 2011, 35(10): 4381-4389.

Chamberlain JF*, Miller SA. Using DAYCENT to quantify impacts of land use conversion to nitrogen-managed switchgrass in the southern U.S., *Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment*, 2011, 141(3-4): 332-341.

Sarkar S*, Chamberlain JF*, Miller SA. A comparison of two methods to conduct material flow analysis on waste tires in a Small Island Developing State, *Journal of Industrial Ecology*, 2011, 15(2): 300-314.

Miller SA. Minimizing land use and nitrogen intensity of bioenergy, *Environmental Science & Technology*, 2010, 44(10): 3932-3939.

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PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

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Korfmacher K, Ramos B, Miller SA. "Chemistry and environmental science: Investigating soil erosion and deposition in the lab and field", Understanding Place: GIS and Mapping Across the Curriculum. Ed. Sinton, D.S. and J. Lund. ESRI Press: Redlands, CA, 2007. 201-210.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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Alfaro JF*, Miller SA. Planning the development of electricity grids in developing countries: An initial approach using agent based models, *Proceedings of the 2011 IEEE International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology*, Chicago, IL May 2011

Alfaro JF*, Sharp BE*, Miller SA. Developing LCA techniques for emerging systems: Game theory, agent modeling as prediction tools, *Proceedings of the 2010 IEEE International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology*, Washington DC, 17-19 May 2010.

Seager TP, Miller SA, Kohn JL*. Land use and geospatial aspects of renewable energy. *Proceedings of the 2009 IEEE International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology*, Phoenix AZ, 18-22 May 2009.

REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Received the 2019 Michigan Sustainability Case Innovation award

Barteau M, Hoffman A, Maynard A, Miller S, Scavia D. Academic Engagement in Public and Political Discourse Preliminary Analysis of Survey Results. 2014
Available: <http://graham.umich.edu/media/files/PrelimSurveyResults-PublicEngagement.pdf>

Fang A*, Niese N*, Sharpe L*, Treanton M*. Analysis of the maximization of LEED points for the construction of a mid-rise apartment complex, *Agora: The Urban Planning and Design Journal of the University of Michigan*, University of Michigan, 2011, 5: 54-60.

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EXTERNAL FUNDING

2024-25	Council of the Great Lakes Region, Assessing the Effectiveness of Michigan's Bottle Bill, \$99,578, PI: Shelie Miller
2023-29	USDA, Michigan Climate Smart Farm Project, USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, Institutional PI: \$810,297 (\$5M total funding; Lead: Michigan Assoc. of Conservation Districts)
2022-24	DOE REMADE: Modeling reverse flows of selected recycled materials, their associated energy use and their GHG emissions. An application to California and a blueprint for the US, \$1M, co-PI, PI: Jean-Daniel Saphores (UC-Irvine)
2022-23	Sloan Foundation, Sustainability Implications of the Rural-Urban Digital Economy Divide, \$49,992, PI: Shelie Miller
2022-23	Carrier Corporation, Calculating Avoided Food Waste from the Cold Chain, \$63,012, PI: Shelie Miller
2021-24	NSF Environmental Sustainability program, Creating rapid, transparent, and updateable material flow analyses, \$375,380, co-PI PI: Daniel Cooper

2020-24	NSF SCC-IRG: Reducing barriers to residential energy security through an integrated case-management, data-driven, community-based approach, \$2.1M, co-PI, PI: Tony Reames
2019-20	NSF ERC Planning Grant: Engineering Research Center for Innovations in Resource Loss Reduction, Recovery, and Reuse (InnR3) for Sustainable Food Systems, \$100,000, co-PI, PI: Ximing Cai (U. Illinois)
2019-20	NSF ERC Planning Grant: Engineering Research Center for Emerging Disaster Engineering Encompassing Human Directed Expert Systems (ERC-DEES), \$100,000, Senior Personnel, PI: Jeff Naber (Michigan Tech)
2019-21	Morgan Stanley, Plastic Waste Reduction initiative, \$100,000, Senior Personnel, PI: Greg Keoleian
2018-21	NSF Environmental Sustainability program, Changes in Energy Use and Water Stress Caused by Emergence of the Cold Chain, \$317,000, PI: Shelie Miller
2016-20	NSF UNS: U.S.-China program: Integrated Systems Modeling of Food-Energy-Water (FEW) Nexus for Urban Sustainability, \$499,990, co-PI, PI: Ming Xu
2009-14	NSF CAREER award, Environmental Sustainability program, Creation of Predictive and Dynamic Life Cycle Assessment Tool; \$403,000, PI: Shelie Miller
2011-14	NSF Environmental Sustainability program, Developing a Spatially-Explicit Agent-Based Life Cycle Analysis Framework for Improving the Environmental Sustainability of Bioenergy Systems, \$310,000, co-PI, PI: Ming Xu
2010-14	NSF Science Master's Program: Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, \$700,000, co-PI, PI: Ronald Andrus, Clemson University
2011	Argonne National Laboratory, Update Material Production Modules in GREET 2 Model, \$100,000, Senior Personnel, PI: Greg Keoleian, University of Michigan
2008-10	SC Energy Office, Examining the Potential Productivity and Site-Specific Management Needs of Switchgrass on the Coastal Plain; \$143,523, co-PI, PI: Jim Frederick, Clemson University

- 2008-09 SC Dept of Agriculture, Developing a Multidisciplinary Research and Outreach Program Focused on Switchgrass Production, \$10,000, PI: Shelie Miller
- 2009 NSF Environmental Sustainability: Land Use and Geospatial Aspects of Life Cycle Assessment; \$80,000, co-PI, PI: Tom Seager, RIT
- 2007-08 EPA People, Prosperity, and Planet Program: Waste Tires on the Island of Dominica: Survey and Solutions; \$10,000, PI: Shelie Miller

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

- 2025-26 What the *trash* is a megajoule?!? Arts Initiative Project Support, PI: Joe Trumpey
- 2025-26 Upgrading Medical Imaging Guidelines with Energy-Smart Recommendations, Graham Sustainability Institute, PI: Nikita Consul
- 2019-20 Toward Mastery: Re-envisioning Master's student learning through a competency-based and multi-mentoring approach, MCubed Diamond Initiative, PI: Michaela Zint, \$60,000
- 2018-21 The Global CO2 Initiative at the University of Michigan, Blue Sky Initiative, PI: Volker Sick, \$2,500,000
- 2016-17 MCubed Diamond: Defining Innovative Sustainable Solutions for Film-based Packages, Procter & Gamble, PI: Ming Xu, \$60,000
- 2014-17 Third Century Initiative Phase 2, REFRESCH: Researching Fresh Solutions to the Energy/Water/Food Challenge in Resource-Constrained Environments, PI: Johannes Schwank, \$2,998,832
- 2016 UM Water Center, "Comparing Toxic Emissions of Shale Gas and Coal for Electricity Generation", PI: Shelie Miller \$20,000
- 2013-14 M-Cubed, Hydraulic Fracturing of Shales: Water Contamination Risks, Treatment Options, and Fate of Fracking Fluids, PI: Brian Ellis \$60,000
- 2013-14 Third Century Initiative, "REFRESCH: Researching Fresh Solutions to the Energy/Water/Food Challenge in Resource-Constrained Environments", PI: Johannes Schwank, \$299,989

2012-14 UM/SJTU Collaboration on Renewable Energy Science and Technology,
Integrated Energy-Economy Environment (3E) Modeling for Clean Vehicle
Development in China, PI: Ming Xu, \$200,000

SELECT INVITED LECTURES (last 10 years)

2024 Environmental Media Association IMPACT Summit

2024 University of Pittsburgh, Civil and Environmental Engineering

2023 First Annual Ann Arbor Climate Teach-in

2022 Earthshift Global (virtual)

2021 Chinese Society for Industrial Ecology, Environmental and Ecological Systems
Engineering Forum, (virtual)

2021 Purdue University, Environmental and Ecological Engineering

2019 Notre Dame Energy Research Symposium, South Bend IN

2019 Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti MI

2017 USAID, Global Development Lab, Applied Innovation and Acceleration,
Washington DC

2017 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Jefferson Science
Fellows Distinguished Lecture Series, Washington DC

2017 Environmental Defense Fund, Board of Directors Science Day Symposium, San
Francisco CA

2016 Yale University, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, New Haven CT

2016 UC-Irvine, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Irvine CA

2016 Wayne State University, Sustainability @ Wayne Seminar Series, Detroit MI

2015 Argonne National Laboratory, Systems Science Center, Lemont IL

2015 University of New Hampshire, UNH Sustainability Lecture Series, Department of
Environmental Engineering, Durham NH

2014 Tsinghua University, School of the Environment, Beijing China

INVITED WORKSHOPS AND PANELS (last 10 years)

2023 Triennial Choice Symposium, Fontainebleau France

2018 Sustainable Development Conference, “Careers and Opportunities in Sustainable Development”, Panel Moderator

2017 National Academies Keck Futures Initiative, “Beyond Boundaries: 15 Years of Exploring Intersections in Science, Engineering and Medicine”, National Academy of Sciences, Irvine CA

2017 LCA of Emerging Technologies Workshop, Canada First Research Excellence Fund Initiative, Banff Alberta

2016 Critical Barriers to Progress in Sustainability Science
Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, Irvine CA

2014 National Academies Keck Futures Initiative, “Collective Behavior: From Cells to Societies”, National Academy of Sciences, Irvine CA

2014 Incorporating Bioenergy in Sustainable Landscape Designs. US DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office, Lemont IL

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)

2023 If it’s better, does it matter? Keynote speaker, ISSST 2023, Ft Collins CO

2020 Univation Global Technology Conference, Life Cycle Thinking and Sustainable Design for the Plastics Industry, October 2020, virtual keynote

2019 Sustainability Cases to Improve Learning Outcomes in STEM, *Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors*, Tempe AZ, May 2019

2018 Transforming the Environmental Impacts of the Food System via the Cold Chain, *International Conference on Resource Sustainability*, Beijing China, June 2018 (invited)

2016 The Effect of Adoption Patterns on the Environmental Impacts of New Technology, *Gordon Research Conference on Industrial Ecology*, Stowe, VT, June 2016 (invited)

- 2015 Using Scenario Models to Estimate the Environmental Impacts of New Technologies, *Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors Meeting*, New Haven CT, June 2015
- 2015 Estimating the Environmental Impacts of Emerging Technologies, *International Symposium of Sustainable Systems and Technology*, Dearborn MI, May 2015
- 2015 A Proactive Approach to Manage Unintended Consequences of Emerging Technologies, *Engineering Sustainability Conference 2015*, Pittsburgh PA, April 2015 (invited)

ADVISING

Postdoctoral Fellows

2024-	Rohit Kumar Solatra
2020	Dwarak Ravikumar
2012	Yi Luo

Committee Chair

Current	Madeline Miller	PhD candidate (co-chair)
2024	Carissa Knox	PhD Environment and Sustainability
2022	Yabin Dong	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2020	Nicole Ryan (co-chair)	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2020	Brent Heard	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2016	Shamitha Keerthi	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2014	Jose Alfaro	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2013	Ben Sharp	PhD Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2011	Jim Chamberlain	PhD Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2024	Aaron Friedman-Heiman	M.S. Environment and Sustainability
2023	Luyi Huang	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2022	Rahul Bejarano	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2021	Hannah Fetner	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2020	Evan Leon	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2016	Lu Chen	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2015	Kiran Chawla	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2010	Joel Kuhn	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2010	Watcharapol Pumkaew	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2009	Saumya Sarkar	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences

Committee Member

2024	Jiankan Liao	PhD Chemical Engineering
2024	Clare McKenna	PhD Environment and Sustainability

2021	Chanyang Shui	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2021	Bu Zhao	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2019	Ping Hou	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2019	Stephanie Crocker	PhD Electrical Engineering
2019	Brian Konecke	PhD Earth and Environmental Science
2018	Kevin Bi	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2018	Maryam Arbabzadeh	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2014	Qiang Dai	PhD Civil and Environmental Engineering
2013	Nolan Orfield	PhD Natural Resources and Environment
2011	Marguerite Renouf	PhD Environmental Engineering
2014	Josh Novacheck	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2013	Joe Colett	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2012	Anna Clemons	M.S. Natural Resources and Environment
2011	Russell Martin	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2010	Jenilee Harrison	M.S. Civil Engineering
2010	Andrea Hicks	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2010	Dan Matz	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2010	Dylan Fowler	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2009	Michael Hickey	M.S. Env. Engineering and Earth Sciences
2008	David Simpson	M.L.A. Landscape Architecture

Visiting Scholars

2018	Guangwen Hu, China, China Scholarship Council
2013	Francis Kemausuor, Ghana, University of Michigan African Presidential Scholar

MASTERS' PROJECTS (14 month projects w/ an external client)

2024-	Environmental Media Association
2020-21	Starbucks, "Beneficial Reuse of Coffee Grounds"
2019-20	Ecoparques Penalolen, "Promoting circular economy through extended producer responsibility policies", Santiago de Chile
2018-19	Amcor, "Towards a Global Plastics Protocol: Policy Solutions for Closing the Loop on Plastics"
2016-17	Bell's Brewery, "Decision Support for Water Supply Chain Management" co-advised w/Joe Arvai

- 2015-16 FLARE, “Estimating GHG Emissions on Cattle Ranches in the Brazilian Amazon”
co-advised w/Arun Agrawal
- 2014-15 Kellogg Corporation, “Sustainable Agriculture in Asia”
co-advised w/ Ming Xu
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; “Energy Audit”
co-advised w/ Greg Keoleian
- More Than Me – Girls School in Liberia, “Redesign of School Grounds”
co-advised w/ Jose Alfaro and Bob Grese
- 2011-12 Swedish Biogas, LLC ; “Life Cycle Modeling and Environmental Impact Assessment of Commercial Scale Biogas Production”

TEACHING

University of Michigan

ENV 303 Energy Solutions for a Changing Planet

ENV 433 Fossil and Renewable Energy Resources

ENV 201 Ecological Issues

NRE 597 Environmental Systems Analysis

NRE 557 Industrial Ecology

Erb Institute Executive Education program on Sustainability

Clemson University

EES 486/686 Pollution Prevention and Industrial Ecology

EES 820 Environmental Systems Analysis

EES 806 Environmental Design

ENSP 200 Introduction to Environmental Science

EES 485/685 Hazardous Waste Management

MAJOR SERVICE ACTIVITIES

External (appointed/elected positions):

Federal Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. Appointed by the US Secretaries of Energy and Agriculture (2015-20)

Nominating Committee, International Society of Industrial Ecology. Elected (2011-14)
(Chair in 2014)

South Carolina Climate Energy and Commerce Advisory Committee. Appointed by SC Governor; Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Technical Workgroup (2008-09)

External (not appointed/elected):

School of Env. and Forest Sciences external review, University of Washington (2020)
Program Management Review of the Bioenergy Technologies Office
US Department of Energy
Steering Committee (2015, 2017)
Lead Reviewer, Sustainability and Analysis technical area (2013)
External Advisory Board, Institute of Environmental Science and Policy,
University of Illinois at Chicago (2013-18)
Review Panels: NSF, USDA, DOE, EPA, G8 Research Councils, SunGrant, Ellen MacArthur
Foundation New Plastics Economy Initiative
Workshop and Conference Organization:
ISSST Conference Technical Committee (2010-2020)
Sustainable Development Conference Organizing Committee (2018-19)
AEESP Conference Technical Committee (2009, 2011)
ISIE Technical Committee (2009)
Co-Chair, Workshop on Land Use in LCA (2009)
Gordon Conference on Industrial Ecology Organizing Committee (2008)
Faculty adviser, Student Conference on Industrial Ecology (2008)

Internal (appointed/elected):

Director, Program in the Environment. Appointed by SEAS & LSA deans (2018-2023)
Executive Committee, School for Environment and Sustainability. Elected (2014-16;
2018-21; 2024-present)

Internal (not appointed/elected):

Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee (2022-24)
Public Engagement Faculty Fellowship (2023)
Core Faculty, Center for Sustainable Systems (2010-)
Erb Institute Faculty Affiliate (2019-)
President's Public Engagement Award Selection Committee (2018-21, chair 2020)
Co-chair, Program in the Environment faculty transition committee (2017-18)
Director, Graduate Certificate in Sustainability (2014-16)
Steering Committee, Academic Engagement in Public and Political Discourse (2013-15)

MEMBERSHIPS

International Society of Industrial Ecology, ISIE (2001-)
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, SETAC (2006-)
Assoc. of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors, AEESP (2007-)
American Association for the Advancement of Science, AAAS (2015-)

MEDIA MENTIONS and COMMENTARY

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Research featured:

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Commentary featured:

New York Times, Washington Post, Scientific American, NPR (Marketplace), The Guardian, CNBC, CSPAN, Christian Science Monitor, Popular Science, Wired, Grist, Salon, CNN Underscored, Agence France-Presse, Green Matters, Search Engine podcast

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