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Research Interests

My research focuses on **community-engaged co-design** of **digital environmental sensing systems and sustainability-focused embedded technologies**. I develop sensing infrastructures with partner communities to expand access to and usefulness of environmental data by addressing challenges in **wireless communications**, **power**, and **user interfaces** while engaging with the the **political, social, and economic contexts** in which these technologies operate. I situate my work at the intersection of **Internet of Things (IoT)** and **Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)**, drawing on extensive experience with wireless embedded systems and field deployments while building partnerships across academic, geographic, and cultural boundaries.

My work has appeared in ACM CSCW, ACM COMPASS (x2), ACM HotNets, and ScienceDirect Ecological Indicators, having received a **DEI Award** and an **Honorable Mention for Best Paper**.

Awards & Honors

2025	**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Award** and **Honorable Mention for Best Paper** for "Sustaining Workers Who Sustain the World…" **(CSCW 2025)**
2024	**Finalist: Georgia Tech Foley Scholar Award** recognizing graduate students whose research is shaping the future of how people interact with and value technology
2024	Georgia Tech CRIDC (Career, Research, and Innovation Development Conference) Poster Presentation Award
2024	Third place: Georgia Tech School of Computer Science and School of Cybersecurity and Privacy Graduate Student Association Poster Symposium- Junior Category
2023 — 2025	**Graduate Fellowship:** Georgia Tech Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems
2023 & 2024	**Verizon Connectivity Prize** for Georgia Tech's Student IoT Innovation Capacity Building Challenge
2023	**Postgraduate Project Fellowship:** Dartmouth College
2022 —	**President's Fellowship:** Georgia Institute of Technology
2022-23	**Fellowship:** Tau Beta Pi
2019-21	**Special Achievement Awards** from the National Security Agency for custom antenna design, circuit board design, and VHDL development
2014-22	Top Secret/SCI clearance
2014-18	Stokes Undergraduate Scholarship Program through the National Security Agency

Education

Expected May 2027	**Georgia Institute of Technology,** Atlanta, GA, USA Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisors: Ellen Zegura and Josiah Hester

Dec 2020 **University of Maryland College Park,** College Park, MD, USA
M.Eng. in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Specialization in Communications and Signal Processing
GPA 4.0/4.0

Jun 2018 **Dartmouth College,** Hanover, NH, USA
B.E. and B.A. in Electrical Engineering
Academic citations denoting "particularly favorable impressions on members of the faculty" in three engineering courses and one teacher's assistantship
GPA 3.85/4.0

Publications

Journal articles

J02 *A Workflow for Microclimate Sensor Networks: Integrating Geographic Tools, Statistics, and Local Knowledge*
David Klinges, Jonas Lembrechts, Stijn Van de Vondel, **Eric Greenlee**, Kian Hayles-Cotton, Rebecca Senior
Elsevier Journal on Ecological Indicators, 2025

J01 *"The Devil You Know": Barriers and Opportunities for Co-Designing Microclimate Sensors, A Case Study of Manoomin*
Eric Greenlee*, Blaine Rothrock*, Hyeonwook Kim, Josiah Hester, and Ellen Zegura
ACM Journal of Computing and Sustainable Societies, 2024

Conference articles

In review *Buoy Meets World: Aquatic Sensing Insights from 169 Days of Low-cost Wetland Buoy Deployments*
Eric Greenlee, Blaine Rothrock, Cody Atchinson, Chris McNerney, Ellen Zegura, Josiah Hester, and Alex Cabral
Information and Communication Technology for Sustainability (ICT4S) 2026

C03 *Unveiling and Engaging with the Humans of Networking Research*
Nova Ahmed, Laura Gazda, **Eric Greenlee,** Shelby Hagemann, Kurtis Heimerl, Esther Jang, Fernanda Rosa, Losman Salamatian, and Jason Young
HotNets 2025: ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks

C02 🏆 *Sustaining Workers Who Sustain the World: Asset-Based Design for Conservation Technologies in Madagascar*
Eric Greenlee, David Klinges, Lalatiana Odile Randriamiharisoa, …, Josiah Hester, Ellen Zegura, and Alex Cabral
ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW), 2025
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Award and Honorable Mention for Best Paper

C01 *Makak: Co-designing Environmental Sensors to Protect Manoomin (Wild Rice)*
Blaine Rothrock, **Eric Greenlee**, Yaman Sangar, William Graveen, Kristen hanson, Melissa Lewis, Kathleen Smither, Miles Falck, Brandon Byrne, Darren Vogt, Ellen Zegura, Josiah Hester, and Alex Cabral
ACM Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS), 2025

────── Other articles

R03   *Data Re-purposing as a Tool for Setting and Evaluating Environmental Policy*
      Eric Greenlee, Josiah Hester, Ellen Zegura, and Alex Cabral
      CSCW Workshop on Regulating Sustainability, Oct 2025

R02   *Community-Driven Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing*
      Blaine Rothrock, **Eric Greenlee**, and Josiah Hester
      GetMobile: Mobile Computing and Communications, volume 27, issue 3 (Nov 2023)

R01   *Beyond Scientific Data: Expanding IoT's Role in Community-driven Environmental Sensing*
      Eric Greenlee, Josiah Hester, and Ellen Zegura
      CSCW Workshop on Data-Enabled Sustainability, Oct 2023

────── Posters

P02   *Challenges in Dynamic Site Selection for Rural Sensor Deployment*
      Eric Greenlee, Blaine Rothrock, Alex Cabral, Ellen Zegura, and Josiah Hester
      ACM Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS) 2025

P01   *Learning from Manoomin/Psíŋ: A Community-Driven Sensor for Monitoring and Protection*
      Eric Greenlee, Blaine Rothrock, Ellen Zegura, and Josiah Hester
      Manoomin·Psíŋ Knowledge Symposium, Nov 2023

      *Denotes co-first authorship

Funding

2024   **Battery-free Microclimate Sensor Development**
       Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), $15,866
2023   **Postgraduate Project Fellowship: Conservation Technology in Madagascar**
       Dartmouth College, $5,500

Employment

2025   **Intern, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU-APL)**
          • Conducted post-processing analysis on radar signals in MATLAB to characterize the radio channel and propagation path. Synchronized data sources, quantified measurement errors, and created dynamic filtering processes to determine the one-way propagation factor under long range and unconventional environmental conditions.
          • Designed and tested Python-based software tools to characterize the out-of-specification performance and streamline the launch process for commercial Vaisala RS41 environmental measurement radiosondes.
2018-22   **Radio Frequency Engineer, United States National Security Agency**
          • Designed custom radio frequency communications systems, including modulation schema, embedded firmware, circuit boards, and miniaturized antennas, leveraging sophisticated simulation and fabrication tools.
          • Evaluated these systems on metrics including power consumption, throughput, range, error rate, bandwidth, and noise figure.
          • Installed and upgraded these systems with operational partners at remote field sites.
          • Performed a cybersecurity vulnerability analysis on digital acoustic waveforms for a high-value asset.

Talks and Panels

2025   **Speaker,** Wildlife Conservation: From Georgia's Piedmont into the Appalachians
"Makak: A Co-Designed Sensor Buoy to Support Indigenous Sovereignty"

2025   **Speaker,** Internet Engineering Task Force 124 (IETF) Global Access to the Internet for All (GAIA) Meeting
"Makak: A Co-Designed Sensor Buoy to Support Ecosystem Health and Tribal Sovereignty"

2025   **Speaker,** Bay Mills Indian Community Indigenous-led Monitoring and Data Management Initiatives Workshop
"Makak: A Co-Designed Sensor Buoy to Support Manoomin Health and Tribal Sovereignty"

2024   **Guest Lecture,** Colby College CS 166: Computational Thinking
"Makak: A Co-designed Environmental Sensor for Tribal Sovereignty"

2024   **Speaker,** Seven Generations Inter-Tribal Leadership Summit
"Innovative Data Collection and Analysis on Tribal Lands: Access, Insights, and Techniques"

2024   **Speaker**, University of Cambridge Energy and Environment Group (EEG) seminar
"Partner-driven Environmental Sensing: Co-design with Indigenous Ojibwe Scientists and Malagasy Conservationists"

2024   **Speaker,** Madagascar Biodiversity Center seminar
"Merging Local Knowledge with Conservation Tech to Inform Climate Change Ecology and Restoration"

2024   **Panelist,** U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty & Governance Summit 2024 on
"STRONG: Data Sovereignty across the Natural, Computer, Engineering, and Social Sciences"

2024   **Lightning Talk Speaker** at Georgia Tech's 2024 Sustainability Showcase on " Community-Driven Sensing for Manoomin (Wild Rice) Conservation"

2024   **Moderator** at Georgia Tech's 2024 Sustainability Showcase panel on "Connecting for Sustainability: Collaborative Paths to Environmental Justice"

2023   **Presenter** at the Gidakiimanaaniwigamig STEM Youth Camp on environmental sensing for manoomin

2023-24   **Presenter** at the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Tribal Wild Rice Committee on environmental sensing for manoomin

2022   **Guest Lecturer** to Dartmouth College ENGS 28: Embedded Systems course

2021   **Presenter** on demystifying antennas to the Stokes Scholarship Program interns

Student Mentoring

2026 —   **Tristan Daniels,** Master's student at Georgia Tech

2024 —   **Michah Raherimalala**, conservationist from and working in Madagascar

2023- 25   **William Dyches, Ish Mehta,** and **Sam Webster** (Georgia Tech); **Marcellin Andrialaosoa** (University of Antananarivo), **Ciella Ininahazwe** (Northwestern University)

Teaching Experience

Georgia Tech   **CS 6603/8803 SDG: Sustainability and Computing**
Head Teacher's Assistant and Backup Lecturer. Fall 2023

Dartmouth College	**ENGS 23: Distributed Systems and Fields** Teacher's Assistant, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Winter 2018

Service

As a journal reviewer

2026 —	ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI)
2025 —	ACM Conference on Tangible, Embedded, and Embodied Interaction (TEI)
2024 —	ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW)
2024 —	ACM Journal on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT)
2023 —	ACM Journal for Computing and Sustainable Societies (JCSS)

Conference organization

2025	Student volunteer for the 2025 Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS)

Institutional

2025 —	Founder and organizer of the Engaged Research Student Group at Georgia Tech
2022-24	Student organizer of the Georgia Tech Networking Community

Technical Skills

Programming	Python, C, GNU Radio, MATLAB, VHDL, C++, Lua, Javascript
Embedded Systems	Arduino, Raspberry Pi, BeagleBone Black, FPGA, Particle
Simulation	CST and HFSS Electromagnetic Field Simulation, ADS (Advanced Design System), OrCad, Cadence Design Suite, Multisim
Communication Protocols	SPI, I2C, CDMA, LoRa, 802.11, LVDS, UART
Circuit Board Design	Altium, Eagle, EasyEDA
Lab Equipment	Spectrum analyzer, network analyzer, oscilloscope, multimeter, milling, soldering
Language	Spanish (Intermediate)