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Ph.D., Botany (Plant Ecophysiology), 1997

- Dissertation: *Ecophysiology of the Sandy Shrubs in the Mu Us Sandland: Structure and Function* (in English with journal articles published in [J. Arid Environ.], [Trees])
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- Thesis: *The Qualitative and Quantitative Interpretations of Water Relations of the Plants in the Soil-Plant-Atmospheric Systems in the Mu Us Sandland of China* (in Chinese)
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Ecophysiological Aspects of Forage Management (NCCC-31)*. Served as North Dakota State University representative (2004 - 2013); secretary for the 2010 and 2011 annual meetings and chairperson for the 2012 annual meeting.
- *American Institute of Biological Sciences* (2008 - 2012).
- *Society for Range Management* (2002 - 2012).
- *Crop Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America* (2013 - present). ACS - Book and Multimedia Publishing Committee (2017-2024).

REVIEW SERVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS (50)

Acta Geophysica; African Journal of Agricultural Research; Agricultural Water Management; Agriculture; Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment; Agronomy; Agronomy Journal; Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment; Analytica Chimica Acta; Arid Land Research and Management; Biosystems Engineering; BMC Plant Biology; Botany; Caspian Journal of Environmental Sciences; Catena; Crop Science; Ecological Research; Environmental Management; Environmental Pollution; European Journal of Soil Science; Food Science & Nutrition; Forests; Geoderma; Grass and Forage Science; HortScience; IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing; Irrigation Science; Journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development; Journal of Agronomy and Crop Science; Journal of Animal Science; Journal of Arid Land; Journal of Arid Land Studies; Journal of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics; Journal of Geophysics and Engineering; Journal of Integrative Agriculture; Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition; Mathematical Geosciences; The Open Ecology Journal; PeerJ; Photosynthetica; Plant and Soil; PLOS ONE; Rangeland Ecology and Management; Scientific Reports; Soil Science Society of America Journal; Soil & Tillage Research; South African Journal of Plant and Soil; Technology in Agronomy; Transactions of the ASABE; Vadose Zone Journal

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

- *Irrigation Science*, Associate Editor (2016 - present).
- *Photosynthetica*, Editorial Board Member (2008 - 2009); Associate Editor (2010 - 2013); Editorial Board Member (2014 - 2015); Associate Editor (2015 - present).
- *Arid Land Research and Management*, Associate Editor (2009 - 2023); Editorial Board Member (2024 - present).

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Programming: Fortran, True BASIC, Minitab, MATLAB, R, gnuplot
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