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I investigate global change drivers and impacts with a focus on tundra ecosystems. I work at sites in the Yukon Territory and conduct data syntheses at tundra-biome and global scales. I communicate to broad audiences and work collaboratively with local communities to better understand environmental change in the Arctic and beyond.

Education and Employment

2023 – cont.	University of British Columbia, Professor, Research Chair, Department of Forest & Conservation Sciences, Faculty of Forestry
2022 - cont.	University of Edinburgh, Professor (promoted in May 2022), Global Change Research Institute, School of GeoSciences
2016 - 2022	University of Edinburgh Chancellor's Fellow (Senior Lecturer - equivalent of associate professor), School of GeoSciences
2013 - 2016	University of Edinburgh Chancellor's Fellow (Lecturer - equivalent of assistant professor), School of GeoSciences
2012	University of British Columbia Post doc., Department of Geography (GR Henry) Estimating tundra shrub expansion: Growth of willows across climate and latitudinal gradients
2011 - 2012	Université de Sherbrooke Post doc., Département de Biologie (M. Vellend) Shrub expansion in tundra ecosystems: A synthesis of annual growth ring data from sites around the Arctic
2006 - 2011	University of Alberta Ph.D. Ecology (DS Hik) Shrub encroachment in Arctic and alpine tundra: Patterns of expansion and ecosystem impacts
2002 - 2005	University of Alaska Fairbanks M.Sc. Biology (AD McGuire, JW Harden, FS Chapin) Carbon exchange and permafrost collapse: Implications for a changing climate
2000 - 2002	University of British Columbia B.Sc. Agroecology
1998 - 2000	Trent University Biology

Funding successes - Total: > £3.5 million GBP (~£3.5M as sole PI, ~£11.2M as a co-investigator)

2023 - 2027	M Rietkerk, A Doelman, IH Myers-Smith, E Meron. Pathways of resilience and evasion of tipping in ecosystems. European Research Council Synergy Grant	€9,829,821 EUR (€1,951,723 EUR to Myers-Smith)
2022 - 2026	IH Myers-Smith. TundraTime: Plant phenology change as a driver of Arctic greening trends. <u>NERC</u> (NE/W006448/1, sole PI)	£771,763 GBP (Myers-Smith is sole PI)
2021 - 2024	M Suitor, <i>et al.</i> IH Myers-Smith. Ecological Change and Livelihoods in the Porcupine Caribou Summer Range. <u>Canadian Mountain Network</u>	\$480,000 CAD (58K CAD to Myers-Smith)
2020 - 2024	B Forbes, <i>et al.</i> IH Myers-Smith. CHARTER: Drivers and Feedbacks of Changes in Arctic Terrestrial Biodiversity. <u>Horizon 2020</u>	5,899,931 EUR (~300K EUR to Myers-Smith)
2021 - 2023	JT Kerby, IH Myers-Smith, M Edström. Accessing 'Our Island' (Qikiqtaruk) in a rapidly changing Arctic using immersive virtual reality	24,655 USD

	for community engagement (NGS-82542T-2). National Geographic Society	
2020 - 2021	IH Myers-Smith, E Laliberté, A Bjorkman, <i>et al.</i> Capturing tundra responses to warming across microclimates. United Kingdom & Canada Arctic Partnership: 2020 Bursaries Programme	20,000 GBP
2019 - 2020	IH Myers-Smith, GHR Henry, TC Lantz, J Kerby, <i>et al.</i> Disentangle the drivers of Arctic greening across spatial scales. United Kingdom & Canada Arctic Partnership: 2019 Bursaries Programme	19,350 GBP
	IH Myers-Smith, JT Kerby <i>et al.</i> Disentangle the drivers of Arctic greening (NGS-60126R-19). National Geographic Society	25,600 USD
2018 - 2022	E Laliberté, <i>et al.</i> IH Myers-Smith (International Partner). The Canadian Airborne Biodiversity Observatory. NSERC Discovery Frontiers Program	4,000,000 CAD (~50K CAD to Myers-Smith and PhD position)
2018 - 2022	IH Myers-Smith, GN Daskalova. Coding Club: Data Science for ecologists and environmental scientists. DataLab Scotland online learning funding	30,000 GBP
2018 - 2019	IH Myers-Smith. Testing the links between permafrost disturbances and vegetation change. Walters Kundert Fellowship, Royal Geographical Society	10,000 GBP
	IH Myers-Smith, GHR Henry, TC Lantz, J Kerby. Capturing the landscape-context of long-term records of tundra vegetation change. United Kingdom & Canada Arctic Partnership: 2018 Bursaries Programme	19,350 GBP
2017 - 2018	IH Myers-Smith, TC Lantz, R Fraser, A Cunliffe, J Kerby. Quantifying the drivers of rapid tundra vegetation change: Knowledge transfer between UEdinburgh and UVictoria for enhanced drone-based ecological monitoring in the western Canadian Arctic. United Kingdom & Canada Arctic Partnership: 2017 Bursaries Programme	19,350 GBP
2016	IH Myers-Smith, <i>et al.</i> Experimental assessment of growth, traits and phenological plasticity of Arctic tundra shrubs. Moray Endowment Fund	1360 GBP
2015 - 2018	IH Myers-Smith. NERC ShrubTundra: Climate as a driver of shrub expansion and tundra greening. New Investigator Standard Grant, UK Natural Environment Research Council (NE/M016323/1, sole PI)	FEC 667,445 GBP
2014	IH Myers-Smith. Carnegie Trust Travel Award	2485 GBP
	IH Myers-Smith. Percy Sladen Memorial Fund	1000 GBP
	IH Myers-Smith, <i>et al.</i> sTUNDRA II: Scaling shrub expansion from site to biome. Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science (sDiv)	10,395 EUR
2013	IH Myers-Smith, <i>et al.</i> Tundra ecosystem change: Scaling shrub expansion from site to biome. Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science (sDiv)	30,823 EUR
2010	Forbes B, IH Myers-Smith, M Wilmking, M Hallinger, M Macias-Fauria. Does summer warming promote circumpolar tundra shrub expansion? A synthesis of shrub annual growth ring chronologies from sites around the Arctic. International Arctic Science Committee	7500 EUR

2007 - 2011	Myers-Smith I.H. Shrub line advance in alpine tundra of the Kluane region: mechanisms of expansion and ecosystem impacts. <u>Canon Parks Science Scholars Program</u>	80,000 USD
	Myers-Smith I.H. Shrub expansion in alpine tundra of the Kluane Region. <u>Alberta Ingenuity Research Stipend, Alberta Ingenuity Fund</u>	1500 CAD p.a.
	Myers-Smith I.H. Shrub expansion in alpine tundra of the Kluane Region. <u>Northern Scientific Training Program Grant</u>	3500 CAD p.a.
	Myers-Smith I.H. Shrub expansion in alpine tundra of the Kluane Region. <u>Circumpolar/Boreal Alberta Research Grant</u>	1500 CAD p.a.
	Myers-Smith I.H. 2007. Shrub expansion in alpine tundra of the Kluane Region. <u>Yukon College Northern Research Institute Grant</u>	2000 CAD
2002 - 2005	E Betts, H Clilverd, E Kane, N Lisuzzo, IH Myers-Smith, J O'Donnell, J Vogel. Watershed nitrogen retention across biomes: a synthesis of Long-term Ecological Research. <u>Long-term Ecological Research Program Workshop Funding</u>	5000 USD

Research Findings

My recent findings and key papers are cited in global impact assessments including the IPCC (WG1 and WG2) and IPBES IPCC-IPBES and IPCC Polar Regions reports. Highlights of my research findings to date indicate that:

- Shrub cover is increasing in the tundra biome^{1,2} and growth is climate sensitive²⁻⁴ contributing to climate feedbacks.
- Tundra vegetation is increasing and bare ground is decreasing^{4,5}, and where plants were already present, they are now growing taller^{4,6} altering ecosystem processes⁷.
- At focal Arctic field research sites, plants are greening up to two weeks earlier in spring^{4,8}, but the period of plant growth is not always becoming longer over time⁴ or with experimental warming⁹ with implications for carbon cycling⁷ and Arctic food webs⁸.
- Tundra greenness trends observed by satellites are not just a result of increases in plant productivity, but represent complex land-surface dynamics at high latitudes¹⁰.
- Globally, a broad spectrum of population and biodiversity change is occurring across the planet¹¹⁻¹⁵ driven by a wide range of drivers¹⁶.
- It is the traits of species^{6,17,18} that are influencing the functioning of ecosystems as global change intensifies.
- Ecological monitoring of biodiversity responses to global change requires collaboration among researchers, environmental management agencies and Indigenous people⁴.

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3. Myers-Smith, I.H. *et al. Nat. Clim. Change* **5**, 887–891 (2015).
4. Myers-Smith, I.H. *et al. Ecol. Monogr.* **89**, e01351 (2019).
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6. Bjorkman, A.D. *et al. Nature* **562**, 57–62 (2018).
7. Mekonnen, Z. & *et al. Environ. Res. Lett.* (2021).
8. Assmann, J.J. *et al. Glob. Change Biol.* **25**, 2258–2274 (2019).
9. Collins, C.G. *et al. Nat. Commun.* **12**, 3442 (2021).
10. Myers-Smith, I.H. *et al. Nat. Clim. Change* **10**, 106–117 (2020).
11. Vellend, M. *et al. Annu. Rev. Plant Biol.* **68**, 563–586 (2017).
12. Blowes, S.A. *et al. Science* **366**, 339–345 (2019).
13. Daskalova, G.N. *et al. Science* **368**, 1341–1347 (2020).
14. Daskalova, G.N., Myers-Smith, I.H. & Godlee, J.L. *Nat. Commun.* **11**, 4394 (2020).
15. Vellend, M. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* **110**, 19456–19459 (2013).
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17. Thomas, H.J.D. *et al. Nat. Commun.* **11**, 1351 (2020).
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Peer-reviewed publications (<https://teamshrub.com/publications/>)

* indicates senior authorship and (PhD/Postdoc/MSc/Undergrad) indicates an ERC in my research group

Oct 2022: total: 86, first author: 17, senior author: 18, [Google Scholar](#) citations = 12774, h-index = 50, citations in 2022 = 2921, ORCID citations = 8,628, h-index = 42, ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8417-6112>

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- 2022 Heijmans M *et al.* **IH Myers-Smith**... 2022. Tundra vegetation change and impacts on permafrost. *Nature Reviews Earth & Environment* 3: 68–84 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43017-021-00233-0>
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Selected Awards, Nominations and Scholarships

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| 2023 | Elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh |
| 2022 | Philip Leverhulme Prize (Geography), Leverhulme Foundation, 100 000 GBP |

- Nominated as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society
- Nominations for University of Edinburgh Student Association Teaching Awards for Teacher of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Outstanding Course Data Science in Ecology and Environmental Sciences
- 2020 Nomination for University of Edinburgh Student Association Teaching Awards for Teacher of the Year
- 2018 Walters Kundert Fellowship, Royal Geographical Society, 10 000 GBP
- Nominations for University of Edinburgh Student Association Teaching Awards for Best Course Award, Best Overall Teacher Award, Best Supervisor Award
- 2017 University of Edinburgh Student Association Impact Award winner for best student - staff collaboration for Coding Club (see <https://teamshrub.wordpress.com/2017/04/10/coding-club-goes-to-aberdeen-and-the-impact-awards/>)
- EdinburghU Student Association Teaching Awards finalist for Innovative Assessment, nominations for Best Course
- 2016 Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Early Career Award
- University of Edinburgh Student Association Teaching Awards winner for Innovative Assessment for Conservation Science, nominations for Best Course, Best Overall Teacher (see <http://www.teaching-matters-blog.ed.ac.uk/?p=571>)
- University of Edinburgh Student Association Teaching Awards nominations for Best Course, Best Overall Teacher
- 2012 Garfield Weston Postdoctoral Fellowship in Northern Research, 50 000 CAD p.a.
- 2011 - 2012 EnviroNorth Postdoctoral Fellowship, NSERC CREATE Grant, 40 000 CAD p.a.
- 2010 Steve and Elaine Antoniuk Graduate Scholarship in Arctic Research, 4500 CAD
- 2009 - 2011 Garfield Weston Ph.D. Award for Northern Research, 40 000 CAD p.a.
- 2008 - 2011 The President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction, 4500 CAD p.a.
- 2007 - 2009 Canon National Parks Scholars Program, 80 000 USD
- 2007 - 2011 Honorary Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship
- 2007 - 2011 Alberta Ingenuity PhD Student Scholarship, 7000 CAD p.a.
- 2007 Jennifer Robinson Scholarship, Arctic Institute of North America, 5000 CAD
- 2006 - 2009 NSERC Canadian Graduate Scholarship, University of Alberta, 35 000 CAD p.a.
- 2006 Graduate Entrance Scholarship, University of Alberta, 2000 CAD

Teaching Experience

I teach three courses per year and have supervised 19 honours dissertations while at the University of Edinburgh. I run the Postgraduate Training Programme and contribute to the Postgraduate Research Policy Committee. I have received positive feedback on my teaching and lectures from students, commenting on my engaging style, enthusiasm, approachability, and the positive learning environment that I encourage. I have been nominated for university-level teaching awards in 2016-2020 and 2022, and was the winner of the Innovative Assessment Award for the Conservation Science course that I lead in 2016 and was runner up with the GeoScience Outreach Course of the Innovative Assessment Award in 2017 (see above for teaching awards and university-level nominations).

I run the [Coding Club](#) Initiative to overcome “code fear” and “statistics anxiety” that can prevent people from engaging with quantitative skills (2014 – ongoing). In 2021, this initiative is reaching over 1 million users around the world (Google Analytics). Coding Club won the [EUSA 2017 Impact Award](#) for best student-staff collaboration. I have received over £50K for the development of Coding Club through schemes such as the [Principal's Teaching Award Scheme](#), [DataLab Scotland](#) and [Innovation Initiative Grants](#).

2019 - 2020	PhD and MSc training course (course organizer, PhD and MSc course, sole instructor)
2018 - 2020	Data Science in Ecology and Environ. Science (course organiser, 4 th year, sole instructor)
2014 - 2020	Conservation Science (course organiser, 4 th year, lectures, field trip, marking)
2013 - 2018	GeoScience Outreach (course organiser, 4 th year, workshops, project supervision, marking)
2014 - 2020	Principles of Ecology (2 nd year, 1 week and part of the exam)
2015 - 2020	Critical Thinking in Ecology and Environmental Sciences (4 th year, full-semester)
2015 - 2017	Current Issues in Ecology and Environmental Sciences (4 th year, 1 week)
2013 - 2015	Land-Atmosphere Interactions (4 th year, 3 weeks)
2015 - 2017	Climate Change Ecology and Evolution (4 th year, 1 lecture)
2013	Conservation Management (4 th year, 1 week)
2008	Co-taught Yukon College 2 nd year Field Course, Qikiqtaruk - Hershel Island, YT
2007 - 2011	Supervision of NSERC undergraduate research students

Graduate Student Supervision

I have supervised 12 PhD students & 19 undergraduate theses, and supervised/co-supervised 7 MSc students. I have graduated 5 PhD students, who are all now working in related fields (UK government policy specialist, data scientist, postdocs).

2023 - 2027	L Pilkinton (co-supervised PhD, UEdinburgh) Mechanisms and implications of climate-induced shrub expansion in the Arctic
2022 - 2026	M Stamp (co-supervised PhD, UEdinburgh) The drivers and consequences of community phenological cohesion
2022 - 2023	E Zaja (MScR, UEdinburgh) Shrub encroachment with warming in the summer range of the porcupine caribou herd
2021 - 2022	L Lechler (MSc, UEdinburgh), L Pilkinton (co-supervised MSc, UGlasgow), N Oley (co-supervised MSc, UGlasgow)
2021 - 2025	D Jerome (MPhil, UEdinburgh/UHelsinki) Climate sensitivity of shrub growth across the tundra-forest ecotone M Anderson (co-supervised PhD, USherbrooke) Plant phenology influences on tundra plant spectral diversity and traits
2020 - 2024	C Hoad (PhD, UEdinburgh) Abiotic drivers of Arctic greening J Everest (PhD, UEdinburgh) Functional diversity in a warming Arctic G de Jong (co-supervised PhD, UGothenburgh) Winter and microclimate influences on tundra plant phenology
2019 - 2023	E Gallois (PhD, UEdinburgh) Microclimate influences on tundra plant growth and phenology
2017 - 2021	G Daskalova (PhD, UEdinburgh) Attribution of biodiversity change to global change drivers around the world M García Criado (PhD, UEdinburgh) Quantifying distribution shifts of woody plant species under climate change
2017 - 2019	K Stanski (co-supervised MSc, Edinburgh - School of Informatics) Flower detection using object analysis: new ways to quantify plant phenology in a warming tundra biome
2015 - 2018	S Angers-Blondin (PhD, UEdinburgh) Climatic and biotic controls of shrub growth and expansion in the Arctic H Thomas (PhD, UEdinburgh) Climate change as a driver of Arctic tundra shrub expansion

- J Assmann (PhD, UEdinburgh) Phenology shifts and greening of Arctic tundra vegetation with climate change
- 2013 - 2015 M Grabowski (MSc Committee, UBC) Boreal Shrub Growth Responses to Fertilization, Herbivory, and Climate
- B Marquis (MSc Committee, USherbrooke) Sugar maple sensitivity to climate along altitudinal gradients

Postdoc Supervision

I have supervised two postdocs, I have one current postdoc and I will be recruiting an additional postdoc in the autumn of 2022.

- 2022 – 2024 M García Criado, CHARTER Project postdoc
- 2015 – 2017 A Bjorkman, Current position: Senior Lecturer/Associate Prof., University of Gothenburg
- 2016 – 2018 A Cunliffe, Current position: Oppenheimer Senior Research Fellow, University of Exeter

Academic Service

Current: Head of Post-graduate Research (Training & Progress) in the School of GeoSciences (I provide training for >200 PhD and Masters by Research students and contribute to the Postgraduate Policy Committee)

Previous: Member of the Global Change Seminar Organisation Committee, School of GeoScience Facilities Committee, School of Geosciences Equality & Diversity Committee, School of GeoScience Digital Communications and Web Working Group, Edinburgh Ecology Network organising committee

Working Group Leadership and Participation

- 2021 sTraits working group, German Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science (sDiv), Leipzig, Germany <https://www.idiv.de/en/straits.html>
- 2019 sREplot working group, German Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science (sDiv), Leipzig, Germany https://www.idiv.de/sdiv/working_groups/wg_pool/sreplot.html
- 2017 Tundra Browning workshop, University of Sheffield; Arctic Functional Diversity (ArcFunc) working group, Aarhus University, Denmark; Decomposition Workshop, Lund University, Sweden; sChange working group writing retreat, St. Andrews, UK
- 2016 sChange working group, German Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science (sDiv), Leipzig, Germany https://www.idiv.de/sdiv/working_groups/wg_pool/schange.html
- 2015 sTUNDRA II working group (lead PI), iDiv Centre for Biodiversity Research, Leipzig, Germany (organiser); SynergyDrOne Workshop: Methods in drone ecology, Denmark; US Department of Energy: Incorporating plant traits into ecosystem models, Maryland, US; ShrubHub Meeting, Vancouver, BC
- 2014 sTUNDRA working group (lead PI) https://www.idiv.de/sdiv/working_groups/wg_pool/stundra.html, iDiv Centre for Biodiversity Research, Leipzig, Germany (organiser); sChange working group, German Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science (sDiv), Leipzig, Germany
- 2013 Arctic Freshwater Synthesis, Arctic Remote Sensing Workshop
- 2011 Shrub Hub Research Network Data Synthesis Workshop (lead PI), Davos, Switzerland, International Tundra Experiment data synthesis

Meetings/Symposia Co-convened

- 2020 British Ecological Society 2020 Festival of Ecology Thematic Session “Capturing ecology across scales using new technology”, Online

- 2017 New Phytologist 39th Trait covariance symposium (organising committee), Exeter, UK
- 2016 High Latitude Drone Ecology Network (HiLDEN) meeting (co-organiser), AGU San Francisco, US
- 2015 ShrubHub Meeting, ArcticNet, Vancouver, BC
- 2014 Biodiversity change during the Anthropocene, Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Meeting, Montreal, Canada (1 of 2 co-organisers)
- 2013 European GeoScience Union Meeting, Vienna, Austria: Snow-shrub interactions: Exploring the hydrology, biochemistry and ecology of changing tundra ecosystems (1 of 2 co-organisers)
- 2012 Shrub Hub Meeting International Polar Year Meeting, Montreal, QC (primary organiser)
- 2011 Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Meeting, Banff, AB, Mountain Ecology: Climate change and challenges in high-altitude ecosystems (1 of 2 co-organisers)
- 2010 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Greening of the Arctic Session (1 of 3 co-organisers); Shrub Hub Meeting, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting (primary organiser); International Polar Year Oslo Meeting, Oslo, Norway, T3-6 Impact of climate change on polar terrestrial ecosystems (1 of 2 co-organisers); Shrub Hub Meeting, World Dendro Conference, Rovaniemi, Finland (primary organiser)

PhD Examiner

I have been an external examiner for seven PhD students at universities around Europe and in Canada.

Wageningen University, The Netherlands, September 2022; Aarhus University, Denmark, August 2020; L'Université Clermont Auvergne, France, Jun. 2020; University of Barcelona, Spain, Apr. 2017; Université Grenoble Alpes, France, Nov. 2016; Umeå University, Sweden, Sep. 2016; Université Laval, Québec, Jun. 2015; University of Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 2014

Journal Editorial Boards and Journal Reviews Conducted

Editorial Board Environmental Research: Ecology, Nature, Science, Nature Climate Change, Geophysical Research Letters, Nature Ecology and Evolution, Nature Plants, Nature Communications, Journal of Ecology, Global Change Biology, New Phytologist, Phil Trans R Soc B, Journal of Biogeography, Environmental Research Letters including Special Issue on Tundra Vegetation Change (Guest Editor), Journal of Geophysical Research Biogeosciences, Biogeosciences, Journal of Vegetation Science, Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine Research, American Journal of Botany, Canadian Journal of Forest Research, Polar Research, Alpine Botany, Écoscience, Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene, Folia Geobotanica, etc.

Funding Panels and Proposal Reviews Conducted

Swiss Polar Foundation, NSERC (Canada), NERC (UK), National Geographic Foundation, National Science Foundation (US), NASA, USDA, DOE & NOAA carbon cycle science solicitation, BiodivERsA (FP7 ERA-NET scheme), Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO)

Science Communication - Selected academic presentations and invited talks

I am a confident public speaker and have given plenary conference and public talks for audiences of >500, some of which have been filmed and viewed thousands of times. I enjoy combining photography, video and other visuals to communicate science in an engaging manner to diverse audiences.

2023 Plenary Speaker:

Swedish Oikos Conference: "The causes and consequences of biodiversity change in the warming Arctic"

2022 Plenary Speaker:

International Biogeography Society Conference: “Drone ecology reveals the landscape context of Arctic global change”

Invited Seminar:

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, CA: “The Arctic in Transition: Tundra & Boreal Ecosystem Responses to a Warming Climate”

2021 Invited Seminars:

Durham University, Durham, UK: “Climate warming and the greening of the Arctic”

Université de Moncton, New Brunswick, CA: “Capturing Arctic greening across scales informs mechanisms of change”

University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland: “Capturing Arctic greening across scales informs mechanisms of change”

NASA ABoVE Project, Alaska, US: “Cross-scale research captures Arctic greening in the Yukon Arctic”

Royal Society of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK: “Biodiversity and Climate Interactions”

St. Andrews: “What do tundra plant responses to warming at the top of the world teach us about biodiversity change for the rest of the planet?”

Conference talk:

ArcticNet 2021: “Tundra shrubs grow rapidly in warmer conditions, but local alpine willows outpace northern Arctic willows”

2020 Invited Seminar:

Oxford Polar Forum, Oxford, UK: “The Greening of the Arctic: What do the data tell us?”

Speaker for the Royal Society (London) working group on biodiversity and climate change science, London, UK: “Biodiversity change at the climate extremes of the planet”

Plenary Speaker:

Changing Arctic conference, Tromsø, Norway - cancelled due to Covid-19

International Biogeography Society, Vancouver, BC, Canada – postponed to 2022 due to Covid-19

European Space Agency Polar Workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark: “The Greening of the Arctic”

Conference talk:

Arctic Science Summit Week, Lisbon, Portugal: “The Greening of the Arctic”

2019 Plenary Speaker:

NASA ABoVE Meeting, La Jolla, CA, US: “Vegetation Dynamics and the Greening of the Arctic”

Invited Seminars:

SFU, Vancouver, BC, CA: “Disentangling the drivers of Arctic greening across scales”

UCBoulder, Boulder, CO, US: “Challenges to quantifying ecological responses to global change across scales”

2018 Plenary Speaker:

US National Academies - Arctic greening workshop, Washington, DC, US: “Understanding Northern Latitude Vegetation Greening and Browning: Field-scale measurements and uncertainties”

ArcticNet Meeting, Ottawa, ON, CA: “The Greening of the Arctic”

Swiss Polar Day, Zürich, Switzerland: “Quantifying the Drivers and Impacts of Tundra Vegetation Change”

International Tundra Experiment Meeting, Stirling, Scotland: “ITEX syntheses: Attribution of ecological change to warming across the tundra biome”

Canadian Airborne Biodiversity Observatory Meeting, Montreal, QC, CA: “Tundra biodiversity and the greening of the Arctic”

NGEE Arctic Meeting, Washington, DC, US: “An introduction to the Tundra Trait Team Database”

2017 Invited Seminar:

Dartmouth College, NH, US: “Attribution of ecological change to climate across the tundra biome”

Plenary Speaker:

New Phytologist 39th Trait covariance symposium, Exeter, UK: “Biome-scale patterns in tundra plant traits and warming-induced change”

Conference talk:

ArcticNet Meeting, QC, CA: “Attribution of ecological change to warming across the tundra biome – a summary of recent data syntheses”

- 2016 Invited Seminar: University of Sheffield, Sheffield; Plenary Speaker: Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution Early Career Awardee Talk, CSEE Meeting, St. John’s Newfoundland; Invited Seminar: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC; Invited Seminar: Abisko Research Station, Abisko, Sweden
- 2015 Plenary Speaker: Oikos Conference, Umeå, Sweden; Invited Seminar: Oxford University, Oxford, UK; Invited Seminar: St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, UK; ArcticNet, Vancouver, BC
- 2014 Invited Seminar: iDiv, Leipzig, Germany; Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Conference, Montreal, QC; Invited Seminar: University of Stirling, UK
- 2013 Plenary Speaker: Faster, Higher, More Conference, Bergün, CH; Invited Seminar: University of Zurich, Zurich, CH; International Tundra Experiment Meeting, Bergün, CH
- 2012 ArcticNet, Vancouver, BC; Ecological Society of America Meeting, Portland, OR; International Polar Year Meeting, Montreal, QC; Invited Seminar: Harvard Forest, MA

Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution, Banff, AB (2011), American Geophysical Union Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2010), International Polar Year Conference, Edmonton, AB (2010), Climate Change and the Worlds Mountains, Perth, Scotland (2010), WorldDendro Meeting, Rovaniemi, Finland (2010), International Polar Year Conference, Oslo, Norway (2010) ArcticNet ASM, Victoria, BC (2009), Institute for Mountain Research, Davos, Switzerland (2009), Greifswald University, Greifswald, Germany (2009), Arctic Science Summit Week, Bergen, Norway (2009)

Scientific Outreach - Selected activities (<https://teamshrub.com/outreach/>)

I have coordinated and participated in scientific outreach with the general public, school children and local communities (teamshrub.com/outreach/). I have contributed to impact assessments to communicate scientific findings to policy makers including the IPCC Impacts reports. I have been exploring how science communication can engage broader audiences through photography, videography and 3D technology.

- 2022 [Royal Geographic Society](#) Evening lecture (London) - Nov. 2022
National Geographical Society Explorer Festival (London) - Apr. 2022
- 2021 [National Geographic Twitter Feed - Women’s History Month](#) - Mar. 2021
The Greening Arctic, invited talk, National Geographic Society headquarters, Feb. 2021
- 2020 [WIRED Magazine 25 innovators](#) - online Sept. 2020
The Greening of the Arctic, Glasgow Natural History Society - Oct. 2020
- 2019 [National Geographic Explorer](#) - field expedition to Canadian Arctic July - Aug. 2019
- 2018 [New Scientist Live](#), Public talk at the New Scientist Science Festival, London, Sep. 2018
[Arctic from Above Digital Exhibition](#)
- 2017 Edinburgh International Science Festival:
[Contemporary Connections: Exploring the Art in Data](#) - 1 Apr. - 12 May 2017
[Tundra shrubs - Arctic time machines, with Sandra Angers-Blondin](#) - 12 Apr. 2017
[Researching with Drones: Meet the Experts](#) -15 Apr. 2017
- 2016 Our Dynamic Earth - Inspiring Young Scientists (16-17 Oct. 2016)
- 2013 - 2018 University of Edinburgh GeoScience Outreach Course Coordinator
- 2012 Sherbrooke CEGEP - University Exchange Programme

Contribution to the IPY Polar Resource Book (2010), Scientists & Innovators in the Schools, Vancouver, BC (2010), ArcticNet Student Association, Outreach Coordinator (2009 - 2010), Innovators in the Schools Program, Yukon Territory (2009), International Polar Year Canadian Youth Steering Committee, Outreach Coordinator (2007 - 2009), Let's Talk Science Program, University of Alberta (2006 - 2008)

Media Communications (<https://teamshrub.com/media/>)

I am dedicated to communicating my science to broad audiences. Since arriving at the University of Edinburgh, my research has been covered in a variety of media sources including for example the BBC, WIRED, New Scientist, CBC, etc. See links below.

- 2022 [National Geographic Creative Works: The greening of the Arctic tundra](#)
[WIRED: Why the Arctic Is Warming 4 Times as Fast as the Rest of Earth](#)
[Radio Canada: Cinq faits à savoir sur le réchauffement du climat en Arctique, selon une écologue](#)
- 2021 [National Geographic: 26 changemakers fighting for the planet](#)
[WIRED: The UN Climate Report: All Is Not Well—but All Is Not Lost](#)
[WIRED: More Lightning in the Arctic Is Bad News for the Planet](#)
- 2020 [WIRED: Beautiful Yet Unnerving Photos of the Arctic Getting Greener](#)
[WIRED25: Meet This Year's WIRED25, Climate Change and Saving Our Earth](#)
[WIRED: Why the Arctic Is Warming So Fast, and Why That's So Alarming](#)
Coverage of [Assmann *et al.* ERL 2020](#) in WIRED: [Beautiful Yet Unnerving Photos of the Arctic Getting Greener](#), STV: <https://news.stv.tv/video/edinburgh-scientists-use-drones-to-study-arctic-tundra>
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Code, Data and Open Science (<https://teamshrub.com/data-and-code/>)

My research group follows Open Science best practice including study pre-registration and making protocols, datasets, code and preprints publicly available., I have developed field collection protocols and compiled tundra biome-wide datasets including 1000s to 100,000s of records of plant growth rings, trait records, community composition and phenology measurements (e.g., <https://github.com/TundraTraitTeam>) and terabytes of drone data (e.g., <https://arcticdrones.org/>). I also teach coding and quantitative skills to undergraduate, Masters and PhD students funded by the DataLab and UEdinburgh (e.g., <https://ourcodingclub.github.io/>).

Data Science Skillsets (<https://github.com/IslaMS>)

I am a quantitative ecologist and an advanced R user (tidyverse, data visualisation, working with large datasets) with experience in Stan (hierarchical Bayesian modelling), the Google Earth Engine (remote sensing analyses of Satellite and drone imagery) and coding in JavaScript and Python in addition to R. I use GitHub for version control (github.com/IslaMS). I teach Data Science in Ecology and Environmental Science at the University of Edinburgh (datascienceees.github.io/) and was the lead academic developing the Coding Club Data Science for Ecologists and Environmental Scientists online course launched in February of 2020 (ourcodingclub.github.io/course). I am passionate about teaching data science skills to enhance diversity and representation in quantitative disciplines. Below is an itemised list of my quantitative skills:

- Advanced R user (tidyverse, data visualisation, working with large datasets)
- Stan (hierarchical Bayesian modelling)
- Google Earth Engine (remote sensing analyses of satellite and drone imagery)
- Coding: R, JavaScript, Python
- Version control: GitHub (collaborative research and teaching using GitHub Classroom)

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