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**Appointment**

Assistant Professor of Geography, Department of Geography, University of Alabama, 2018 - present  
Assistant Professor of Geography and GIS, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography, Auburn University Montgomery, 2015 - 2018  
Coastal Resources Scientist, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), 2013-2014

**Fellowship**

Early-Career Research Fellow, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Gulf Research Program, 2017-2019

**Education**

Ph.D, Geography, **Louisiana State University**, August 2012  
M.P., Planning, **University of Wyoming**, May 2009  
B.Sc., Geography, **Jilin University** (China), June 2006

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

1. **Shao, W.**, Keim, B., Xian, S., and O'Connor, R. (2019) "Flood Hazards and Perceptions – A Comparative Study of Two Cities in Alabama" *Journal of Hydrology* (**Impact factor: 3.727**) 569, 546-555
2. **Shao, W.**, Gardezi, M., and Xian, S. (2018) "Examining the effects of objective hurricane risks and community resilience on risk perceptions of hurricanes at the county level in the U.S. Gulf Coast: An innovative approach" *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* (**Impact factor:2.799**), DOI: 10.1080/24694452.2018.1426436
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4. **Shao, W.**, Xian, S., Lin, N., Kunreuther, H., Jackson, N., and Goidel, K. 2017 b "Understanding the effects of past flood events, perceived and estimated flood risks on individuals' voluntary flood

- insurance purchase behaviors.” *Water Research* (Impact Factor: 7.051). DOI: 10.1016/j.watres.2016.11.021
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  6. Shao, W., Xian, S., Keim, B. D., Goidel, K., and Lin, N. 2017 a “Understanding perceptions of changing hurricane strength along the U.S. Gulf Coast” *International Journal of Climatology* (Impact Factor: 3.609). DOI:10.1002/joc.4805
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  10. Ha, H., Rogerson, P., Olson, J., Han, D., Bian, L., and Shao, W. 2016 "Analysis of Pollution Hazard Intensity: A Spatial Epidemiology Case Study of Soil Pb Contamination,” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (Impact Factor: 2.101). 13 (9), 915; DOI: 10.3390/ijerph13090915
  11. Shao, W., 2015, “Are actual weather and perceived weather the same?” *Journal of Risk Research* (Impact Factor: 1.340). 1-21.
  12. Shao, W., Keim, B. D., Garand, J.C., and Hamilton, L.C., 2014, “Weather, climate, and the economy: explaining risk perceptions of global warming, 2001-2010,” *Weather, Climate, and Society* (Impact Factor: 2.594). 6, 119-134.

### Book Chapter

Shao, W. 2017. "Understanding Chinese environmental risk perceptions from 1995 - 2015," in Tang, Z. (ed.), *China's Urbanization and Socioeconomic Impact*, 125-144. Springer Nature.

### Other Publications

Shao, W. December 7, 2018 "[Can 2018's extreme weather persuade skeptics that the climate is changing?](#)" *The Washington Post*

Shao, W. August 23, 2018. "[A year after Hurricane Harvey, some Texans are using outdated flood risk maps to rebuild.](#)" *The Conversation*.

Shao, W. and Xian, S. September 9, 2017. "[The irrational way people calculate hurricane risks.](#)" *Vox*.

Shao, W. and Xian, S. August 30, 2017. "[After Harvey, many Texans will think differently about hurricane risks.](#)" *The Conversation*.

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