# Zhilin Guo

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Major: Soil, Water and Environmental Science; Minor: Hydrology and Water Resources. August, 2015

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

GPA:4.00

Dissertation: "Understanding the factors influencing contaminant attenuation and plume persistence"

## Master of Science: Environmental Engineering Science. May, 2012

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida GPA:3.62 Thesis: "Contaminant transport in aquitard and impact of back diffusion to aquifer"

## **Bachelor of Science: Resources, Environment & Urban-rural Planning Management.** July, 2010

Shanxi University, China

## SKILLS

**Computer:** Matlab, Fortran, Modflow, MT3D, RWhet, Groundwater Vista, GMS, Auto CAD, ArcGIS, Phreeqc, Phast. **Language:** English, Chinese (Mandarin)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Postdoc Scholar, University of Davis, Davis, CA, February 2016-Now

- Develop tools for simulating basin-scale groundwater salinization including both transport and geochemical process in California and North China Plain.
- Generate reasonable representations on basin heterogeneity using stochastic models.
- Determine management strategies for reversing ongoing declines in groundwater quality in SJV while maximizing water storage.

Senior Research Associate, Contaminant Transport Group, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, August, 2015-Janurary, 2016

- Conduct numerical modeling research on water flow and contaminant transport. Work on method to generate more realistic heterogeneous domain.
- Perform batch experiments to test different remediation products including acetate, ethanol, glucose, benzoate, and emulsified vegetable oil on bioremediate Uranium.
- Work on improved methods for site characterization by conducting both numerical simulations and field study.

**Research Associate, Contaminant Transport Group, University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ, July 2012- August, 2015

- Identify the factors that contribute to contaminant plume persistence, impacts and significances of these factors using mathematical model. Conduct modeling simulations on Tucson International Airport Area (TIAA) Superfund site.
- Study on the remediation methods, and their performance according to the field data. Analyze data on different sites including TIAA, Motorola site, Pheonix Goodyear site.

• Collect vegetation, soil, water, and vapor samples in Motorola site where the TCE contaminants exist in groundwater and vadose zone.

Field Work Assistant, Iron King Mine, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona, July 2014

• Field site research sampling, collection of soil core with potential contaminants, arsenic and lead, at the Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site.

**Superfund Research Program Trainee, University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ, August 2013- June 2014

- Conduct research at the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund site determining the mass removal, mass flux, and plume contraction behavior of chlorinated solvents at the field scale.
- Attend colloquiums, community conferences of contaminant sites. Understand more widely of hazardous waste issues and how to handle them.

**Environmental Research Assistant, University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL, March 2011-May 2012

- Simulate groundwater flow and contaminant transport with numerical modeling.
- Investigate the potential impact made by the waste-disposal site on surface water and groundwater system.

Water Reclamation Research Assistant, Water Reclamation Facility, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, September 2010-December 2011

• Work on Experiment Techniques for bacteria optimization. Enhance capability to degrade NH3-N of the bacteria with low efficiency or reduce and eliminate the lag during degradation.

Junior Engineer (Intern), Environmental Engineering Design & Research Institute, Shanxi Juli Environmental Protection Group Co., Ltd., China, May 2011-August 2011

- Design the wastewater treatment system of mine water treatment plant and domestic sewage treatment plant.
- Draw flow chart using Auto CAD and maps using GIS. Write reports.

Research Assistant, Shanxi University, China, February 2010-May 2010

- Study on removing Ammonia-nitrogen in coking wastewater by Adsorption and Deposition Combination Method in the key scientific and technological project of Shanxi Province.
- Work on the national funded project to study typical coal mine area environmental risk management based on multi-stakeholder.

#### AWARDS and LEADERSHIP (Selected)

- NIEHS K.C. Donnelly Externship Award, 2015
- EPA Superfund Research Program Training Core Fellowship, 2013-2014
- Graduate College Fellowship, 2014-2015 academic year
- Graduate Committee of Soil, water and environmental science department, 2014-2015 academic year
- Vice president of Chinese Students Association at University of Florida (FACSS), 2011-2012

# SELECT PUBLICATIONS

• Zhilin Guo, Mark L. Brusseau, "The Impact of Well-Field Configuration on Contaminant Mass Removal and Plume Persistence: Homogeneous versus Layered Systems". Under Revision.

- Mark L. Brusseau, Zhilin Guo, "The Enhanced Contaminant Elution and Tracer Test for Improved Characterization of Natural Attenuation and Plume Persistence". Under Revision.
- Zhilin Guo, Mark L. Brusseau, "The application of the coupled injectionextraction concept for evaluating the impact of mass-transfer and attenuation processes". Accepted by Water, Air, & Soil Pollution.
- Zhilin Guo, Mark L. Brusseau, "The Impact of Well-Field Configuration and Permeability Heterogeneity on Contaminant Mass Removal and Plume Persistence", Journal of Hazardous Materials, 333(5), 109-115
- Mark L. Brusseau, Zhilin Guo, "Assessing contaminant-removal conditions and plume persistence through analysis of data from long-term pump-and-treat operations", Journal of Contaminant Hydrology, 164: 16-24,2014
- D.E. Matthieu, III, M.L. Brusseau, Z. Guo, M. Plaschke, K.C. Carroll1, F. Brinker, "Persistence of a Groundwater Contaminant Plume after Hydraulic Source Containment at a Chlorinated-Solvent Contaminated Site", Groundwater Monitoring and Remediation. Groundwater Monitoring & Remediation 34, 4: 23-32,2014
- Hong Zhang, Zhilin Guo, "Analysis of SWOT in Eco-compensation Mechanisms of Coal Exploitation in Shanxi Province", Economic Issues, 363(11):53-56,2009

## SELECT PROCEEDINGS

- Assessing the Groundwater Salinization Closed Hydrologic Basins Due To Overdraft. Zhilin Guo, Rich Pauloo, Graham Fogg. December, 2016. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting.
- Case study of using the stochastic method for contaminant transport in groundwater. Zhilin Guo, Graham Fogg, Mark Brusseau. June 2016. NIEHS Environmental Health Science FEST.
- The Impact of Well-Field Configuration and Permeability Heterogeneity on Contaminant Mass Removal and Plume Persistence. Zhilin Guo, Mark Brusseau, December, 2015. AGU fall meeting, H43F-1574
- Persistence of Groundwater Contaminants Plume. Zhilin Guo. April, 2014. U.S. EPA Superfund Colloquium
- The Impact of Well-Field Configuration and Back Diffusion on Plume Persistence. Zhilin Guo, Mark L. Brusseau, 2013. AGU fall meeting, H41H-1334