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Education

BS: Environmental Geography, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI., 1986

MS: Physical Geography, Watershed Management, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 1991.

Career

Geothermal Laboratory Coordinator and Researcher: Huffington Department of Earth Sciences, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1995-present.

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