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Area of expertise: Dr. Loughlin investigates the interplay among society's environmental and energy objectives. This is achieved through the application of energy system (e.g., MARKAL) and integrated assessment (e.g., GCAM-USA) models to:

- evaluate the environmental and energy implications of new and emerging technologies,
- characterize future U.S. pollutant emissions for wide-ranging scenarios of the future (involving different assumptions about population growth and migration, economic growth and transformation, technology development and adoption, climate change, consumer behavior, and policy),
- identify emerging challenges to meeting environmental and energy goals (e.g., National Ambient Air Quality Standards), and
- develop cost-effective and robust strategies for meeting those goals.

Select publications

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Education

- B.S.E., Duke University, Durham, NC; Civil and Environmental Engineering, 1993
- M.S., North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC; Civil Engineering, 1995
- Ph.D., North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC; Civil Engineering, 1998

Professional Experience

- Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Durham, NC 2005-present
- Postdoctoral Fellow, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Durham, NC 2003-2005
- Research Associate, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002-2003
- Research Scientist, MCNC-Environmental Modeling Center, Durham, NC 2001-2002
- Research Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 1998-2003

Awards and Honors

- U.S. EPA Gold Medal (2010)
- U.S. EPA Bronze Medal (2012, 2013)
- ORD Exceptional/Outstanding Technical Assistance to the Regions or Program Offices (2017)
- Administrator's Award for Excellence, 2006
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1995
- Kimley-Horn Scholarship, 1995
- William Brewster Snow Award, Duke Univ., 1993

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