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## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

**Ph.D., Agricultural and Biological Engineering**, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 2013

**M.Tech., Hydraulics and Water Resources Engineering, Civil Engineering**, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, India, 2008

**B.S., Agricultural Engineering**, Kerala Agricultural University, Kerala, India, 2006

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor**, Aug 2016- present. Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, & Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

**Post-doctoral Research Associate**, Feb 2014- Aug 2016. Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

**Post-doctoral Research Assistant**, Feb 2013- Feb 2014. Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

**Engineering Consultant**, Aug 2008- Aug 2009. L&T Ramboll Consulting Engineering limited, Hyderabad, India.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Editorial Board Member**, Water, Global Change Biology (GCB)-Bioenergy, International Journal of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (IJABE)

**Member**, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), American Geophysical Union, American Water Resources Association,

**Journal Reviewer** - Transactions of ASABE, Hydrological Processes, Environmental Modelling & Software, Journal of Hydrology, Journal of Earth System Science, GCB Bioenergy, Irrigation and Drainage, Environmental Management.

**Proposal Reviewer**, National Science Foundation, USDA- AFRI, One Planet Fellowship, Chile National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT), The University of Wisconsin Water Resources Institute (WRI), Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

**Scientific Committee**, 2015 International Soil and Water Assessment Tool Conference, Purdue University

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Dr. Cibin Raj's research is in the field of computational ecohydrology, specializing in application of mathematical models for quantifying ecohydrological impacts of climate and land use change, deep learning application in water quality modeling, and development of decision support tools for sustainable watershed management. He has co-authored 50 peer reviewed publications, 42 peer reviewed journal articles (7 as lead author), two book chapters, and six conference proceedings. He teaches three courses annually at Penn State- (1) Principles of Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, (2) Simulation Modeling for Water Resources Management, and (3) Computational Ecohydrology.

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