#### **DONALD A. FALK**

#### **Professor**

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### **JOINT APPOINTMENTS:**

2007 –	Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research (Professor, Dendrochronology)
2007 –	Arizona Institute for Resilient Environments and Societies (AIRES; Affiliated Faculty)

2015 – Global Change Graduate Interdisciplinary Program (Professor, Global Change)

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, 2004

M.A. Tufts University, Environmental Policy, 1981

B.A. Oberlin College, Interdisciplinary Studies, 1972

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Fire ecology, fire history, ecological resilience, dendroecology, fire climatology, restoration ecology, global change ecology, ecological scale.

#### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

1998 - 2007	Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona	
2004 - 2007	Adjunct Associate Professor	
1998 - 2004	Graduate Associate in Research	
1993 - 2002	Society for Ecological Restoration	
2000 - 2002	Science & Policy Consultant.	
1993 - 2000	Executive Director. First director of the leading international organization dedicated to	
the science and practice of ecological restoration.		

- 1993 1994 **The Nature Conservancy of Arizona.** Field biologist and consultant for assessment of conservation status of rare plants in southern Arizona.
- 1984 1993 **Center for Plant Conservation, Co-Founder and Executive Director.** Co-founder of first national organization dedicated to conservation of endangered plants, at Arnold Arboretum (Harvard University (1984 1991), Missouri Botanical Garden (1991 2015), and San Diego Zoo Global (2015 present).
- 1980 1984 **Cambridge Community Development Department, Energy Director.** Developed and managed \$1.5 million residential energy conservation program.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

1991 – current 2023 – current	Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Sigma Xi
2013, 2021	Outstanding Course (Introduction to Wildland Fire), School of Natural Resources and the
2020, 2023	Environment, University of Arizona Outstanding Faculty Member, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Arizona (2023: Honorable Mention)

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2019 - 2020	Academic Leadership Institute, University of Arizona		
2015	Research Delegate representing the University of Arizona, Conference of Parties		
	(COP21), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); Paris, France.		
2014 - 2015	Faculty Fellow, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy		
2012	Outstanding Scholarly Achievement, School of Natural Resources and the Environment,		
	University of Arizona		
2008	Outstanding Paper in Landscape Ecology, International Association for Landscape		
	Ecology (US): Falk, Miller, McKenzie, and Black, 2007, Ecosystems		
2004	Center for Plant Conservation, STAR Award		
2004	International Association of Landscape Ecology (US), Student Presentation Award,		
2004	Honorable Mention		
2003	Edward S. Deevey Award, Ecological Society of America, Outstanding Presentation in		
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2001 2002	Paleoecology  Marshall Franchise Contacts Fallowship		
2001 - 2002	Marshall Foundation Graduate Fellowship		
2001 - 2003	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant		
2001 - 2002	Robert W. Hoshaw Scholar, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, U. Arizona		
1999 - 2000	William McGinnies Scholar, Arid Lands Studies, University of Arizona		
1998 - 2001	Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Scholar		
1996	Pinchot Institute for Conservation, U.S. Forest Service, Conservation Scholarship		
1995 – 1996	Lockwood Fellow, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington		
1991	Fulbright Short-Term Scholars Award, Australian Fulbright Foundation		
1990 – 1991	Arboretum Associate, Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University		
1990	Plant Conservation Award, New England Wild Flower Society		
1981	Governor's Award for Energy Conservation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
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#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

#### **Publication metrics (GS):**

Citations	13,418
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#### **Books**

- Palmer MA, **DA Falk**, and JB Zedler (Eds.). 2016. *Foundations of Restoration Ecology*. Second Edition. Island Press, Washington, DC.
- McKenzie D, C Miller, and **DA Falk** (Eds.). 2011. *The Landscape Ecology of Fire*. Ecological Studies Series No. 213, Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands. 27,000+ chapter downloads since publication. ISBN 978-94-007-0300-1. https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-94-007-0301-8.
- **Falk DA**, MA Palmer, and JB Zedler (Eds.). 2006. *Foundations of Restoration Ecology*. Island Press, Washington, DC.
- **Falk DA**, CI Millar, and M Olwell (Eds.). 1996. *Restoring Diversity: Strategies for Reintroduction of Endangered Plants*. Island Press, Washington, DC.
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#### **Thesis and Dissertation**

- **Falk DA.** 2004. *Scaling rules for fire regimes*. Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, and Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona. Tucson. 305 pp. https://repository.arizona.edu/handle/10150/290135
- **Falk DA**. 1981. *Political economy of the environment*. Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University. <a href="https://tufts-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/18fc9o8/01TUN\_ALMA2190679550003851">https://tufts-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/18fc9o8/01TUN\_ALMA2190679550003851</a>

#### Peer reviewed publications

## In review/revision

- Barra C, M Fule, R Beers, **DA Falk**, L McGuire, A Youberg, and C Rasmussen. Soil biogeochemical and hydraulic properties respond to wildfire across forested ecosystems of the Santa Catalina Mountains, Arizona, USA. *Catena*. In revision.
- Cortés Montaño C, J Kellerman, PZ Fulé, **DA Falk**, and EC Enkerlin Hoeflich. Thick-billed Parrot (*Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha*: Psittacidae) old-growth forest habitat associated with frequent fires in northwestern México. *Fire Ecology*. In revision.
- Ektvedt TM, **DA Falk**, MN Evans, R Penniston, S White, and P Sheppard. Dendrochronology and isotope chronology of *Juglans neotropica* and its response to El Niño events in tropical highlands of Piura, northern Peru. *Dendrochronologia*. In revision.
- Farris, CA, EQ Margolis, JM Iniguez, **DA Falk**, KG Gerow, CH Baisan, CD Allen, and TW Swetnam. New methods provide a 300–year perspective on modern area burned in two wilderness areas of the southwest United States. *Ecosphere*. Submitted.
- Fule, M and **DA Falk**. Repeated Fire and Extended Drought Influence Forest Resilience in Arizona Sky Islands. *Fire Ecology*. In revision.
- Kellerman JL, **DA Falk**, and C van Riper II. Birds select diverse fire mosaics during migration. *Ecological Applications*. In revision.
- Swetnam TL, **DA Falk**, BJ Enquist, AM Lynch, DP Guertin, and SR Yool. Assessing the generality of Metabolic Scaling Theory in differing forest disturbance regimes. *American Naturalist*. In revision.

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- Parks SA, Guiterman CH, Margolis EQ, Lonerman M, Whitman E, Abatzaglou JT, **Falk DA**, Johnston JD, Daniels LD, Lafon CW, Loehman RA, Kipfmueller KF, Naficy CE, Parisien M-A, Portier J, Stambaugh MC, Williams AP, Wion AP, and Yocom LL. 2025. Widespread evidence of a North American fire deficit despite recent increased high severity wildfire. *Nature Communications*. In press.
- Margolis EQ, A Wion, JT Abatzoglou, LD Daniels, **DA Falk**, CH Guiterman, JD Johnston, KF Kipfmueller, CW Lafon, RA Loehman, M Lonergan, CE Naficy, M-A Parisien, SA Parks, J Portier, MC Stambaugh, E Whitman, AP Williams, and LL Yocom. 2025. Spatiotemporal synchrony of climate and fire occurrence across North American forests (1750-1880). *Global Ecology and Biogeography*, in press. <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/geb.13937">http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/geb.13937</a>
- Lee K, WJD van Leeuwen, JK Gillan, and **DA Falk**. 2024. Examining the impacts of pre-fire forest conditions on burn severity using multiple remote sensing platforms. *Remote Sensing* 16: 1803. <a href="https://doi.org/10.3390/rs16101803">https://doi.org/10.3390/rs16101803</a>
- Lalor AR, DJ Law, DD Breshears, **DA Falk**, JP Field, RA Loehman, FJ Triepke, and GA Barron-Gafford. 2023. Mortality Thresholds of Juvenile Trees to Drought and Heatwaves: Implications for Forest Regeneration across a Landscape Gradient. *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*, 6: 1198156. <a href="https://doi.org/10.3389/ffgc.2023.1198156">https://doi.org/10.3389/ffgc.2023.1198156</a>
- MacDonald G, T Wall, CAF Enquist, SR LeRoy, JB Bradford, DD Breshears, T Brown, D Cayan, C Dong, MKE Evans, DA Falk, E Fleishman, A Gershunov, M Hunter, RA Loehman, PJ van Mantgem, BR Middleton, HD Safford, MW Schwartz and V Trouet. 2023. The drivers of California's changing wildfires: A state-of-the-knowledge synthesis. *International Journal of Wildland Fire* 32(7): 1039-1058. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1071/WF22155">https://doi.org/10.1071/WF22155</a>
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2021-current	SWFire CAP, Steering Committee ( <a href="https://www.swfirecap.org/home">https://www.swfirecap.org/home</a> )
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	Advisory Committee ( <a href="https://epscorspo.nevada.edu/">https://epscorspo.nevada.edu/</a> )
2019 - current	Faculty Status Committee, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University
	of Arizona (Chair 2021-2022)
2018-current	Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions, University of Arizona, Core
	Advisory Team, (https://www.ccass.arizona.edu/node/364)
2017-current	Inclusive Excellence Committee, School of Natural Resources and the Environment,
	University of Arizona (Co-Chair 2017-2021)
2011-current	Chair, Global Change Ecology and Management Working Group, School of Natural
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1994 – current	Indigenous Peoples Restoration Network
2020 - 2021	California Air Resources Board, SB 901 "Historical Wildfire Emissions Baseline"
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2019 - 2022	Society for Ecological Restoration, Southwest Chapter, Board Member-at Large
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2019 - 2021	Diversity and Inclusion Council, Division of Agriculture, Life and Veterinary Sciences,
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2019	Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University
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2018	Co-Chair (with Jia Hu), SNRE Departmental Seminar Series, "Women in Ecology and
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Native Seeds/SEARCH, Board of Directors

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