

Dr. Franco Biondi received a Laurea (Italian Doctorate) in forestry from the Università di Firenze in 1985, and a Ph.D. in watershed management and geosciences from the University of Arizona, Tucson in 1994. He is now an Associate Professor of geography at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he is also the DendroLab Director, and a member of four interdisciplinary graduate programs: Environmental Sciences, Hydrologic Sciences, Atmospheric Sciences, and Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology. He specializes in the application of tree-ring science to the study of climate, forest, and landscape dynamics, and has additional experience and interests in spatial processes and environmental change. Together with his students and colleagues, he has conducted research projects in the USA, Mexico, and Italy. He has received funding from the National Science Foundation (including a CAREER award in 2002-2008), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Geographic Society. He has contributed to approximately 130 publications and conference presentations describing results from research projects. One such article has been cited more than 150 times in ISI-listed scientific journals. Since his arrival at the University of Nevada, Reno, he has cooperated to bringing in a total of \$3.5 million through competitive extramural grants. Dr. Biondi is currently the statewide lead for the Ecological Change component of an NSF-EPSCoR project entitled "Nevada Infrastructure for Climate Change Science, Education and Outreach", which has been funded for a total of \$15 million over five years (2008-2013). The DendroLab (<http://woods.geography.unr.edu>), which has operated essentially with soft-money support, currently hosts seven people, including a laboratory technician, a computer programmer, a visiting scholar, and four students (three graduate, one undergraduate).

Dr. Biondi received the 2001 Paper of the Year Award from the Climate Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, and in 2006 he was a member of the National Academy of Science Committee that authored the book "Surface Temperature Reconstructions for the Last 2,000 Years". In spring 2007 he was appointed Blaustein Visiting Associate Professor in the School of Earth Sciences at Stanford University, and in summer 2007 he was a Guest Professor with the Chair of Forest Ecology at the Swiss Technological Institute (ETH) in Zurich, Switzerland. In 2008 he was the recipient of two awards at the University of Nevada, Reno: the Hyung K. Shin Award for Excellence in Research from the College of Science, and the Outstanding Researcher Award from the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. In the same year he also received the title of Senior Ecologist by the Ecological Society of America Board of Certification. At UNR he teaches several courses, from introductory undergraduate classes to graduate seminars. He has also developed, proposed, and established several new classes on climate and environmental change.