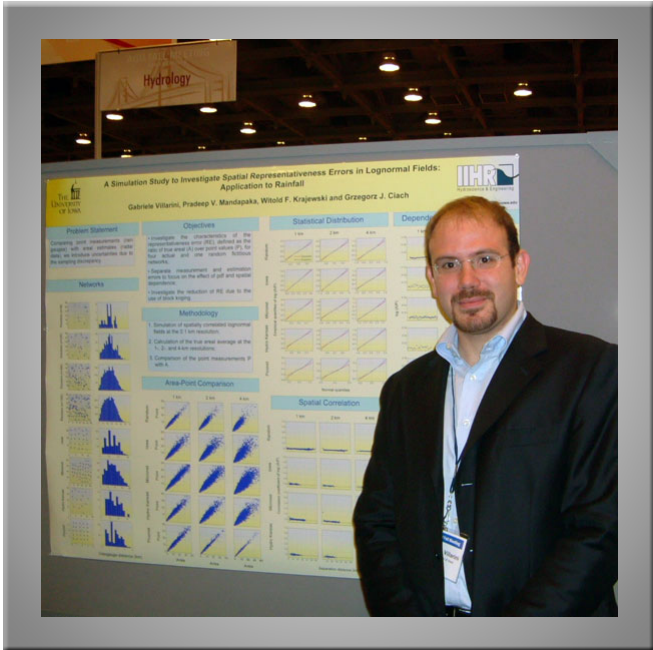




Graduate Student Spotlight



Gabriele Villarini

PhD - Civil & Environmental Engineering

MS, - The University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Winner of 3rd Place in the Math, Physical, & Engineering Sciences Division at the 2007 James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference

Please describe your thesis project in a short sentence.

Modeling of the uncertainties associated with radar estimates of rainfall

How did you decide to go to graduate school?

I wanted to study more the capabilities of weather radar for rainfall estimation

What made you decide to go to graduate school at Iowa?

My Italian advisor suggested me to come here

What are your long-term goals beyond your graduate degree?

I would like to teach and continue with my research

How has being a graduate student at Iowa prepared you to achieve those goals?

Very well

You are a winner of one of the top awards at the Jakobsen Conference in a previous year. What did you enjoy most about the Jakobsen Conference experience?

Learning about other students' work and talking with them about mine

What are some of your interests outside of school?

Soccer and football

Do you have a particular mentor who has played an important role in the development of your thesis or your career trajectory?

My advisor, Prof. Krajewski

Please note any significant honors you've received .
NASA Earth System Science (ESS) Fellowship, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Code Y), USA.