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Scientific & Professional Career

- 1991 -92 Anthropology, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, USA
- 1992-97 Biology, Univ. of Erlangen-Nürnberg (Diploma grade 1.0 with Highest Honors)
- 1997-01 PhD, Experimental Ecology, Bielefeld University (Dr. rer. nat., Summa cum laude)
- 2001-04 Post-doc, Disturbance and Vegetation Dynamics, Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research UFZ Leipzig
- 2004-09 Junior Professor, Disturbance Ecology and Vegetation Dynamics, Univ. of Bayreuth
- 2009-11 Full Professor, Geoecology /Physical Geography, Univ. of Koblenz-Landau
- 2011 - Full Professor, Disturbance Ecology, Univ. of Bayreuth, Germany

Current Research Topics / Expertise

Disturbance ecology and resilience
Climate change research and extreme events
Biodiversity and conservation
Experimental community ecology
Ecological Novelty and invasion

Graduate Advisory Experience

8 Post-docs, 19 PhD-students, numerous Master, Diploma and Bachelor students

Honors and Awards

- 2010: Invited to Academia-Net: Excellence portal
- 2007: Member of the Board „Die Junge Akademie“, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Deutschen Naturforschenden Gesellschaft Leopoldina
- 2003: Horst-Wiehe Award: Gesellschaft für Ökologie
- 2001: Dissertation Award: Westfälische Universitätsgesellschaft Bielefeld

Service in Steering Committees

- Drought-Net (global experimental network to assess terrestrial sensitivity to drought)
- HerbDivNet (global network on productivity/richness)
- ClimMani (EU Cost Action: Climate Change Manipulation Experiments in Terrestrial Ecosystems)
- SIGNAL (BiodivERsA European Gradients of Resilience in the Face of Climate Extremes): Princip. Investigator

Selected Publications

(h-index= 26^{ISI} | 34^{GS} | 2884 cit^{ISI} | 4968 cit^{GS} | Jan. 2018)

- Jentsch A**, White PS (in review): Toward a theory of pulse dynamics and disturbance in ecology.
- Kreyling J, et al. & **Jentsch A** (2017): Species richness effects on grassland recovery from drought depend on community productivity in a multi-site experiment. *Ecol Lett* 20(11):1405-1413.
- Steinbauer MJ, Field R, ... **Jentsch A**, et al. (2016): Topography-driven isolation, speciation and a global increase of endemism with elevation. *Global Ecology Biogeography* 25(9): 1097–1107.
- Isbell F, Craven D, et al., **Jentsch A**, et al. (2015): Biodiversity increases the resistance of ecosystem productivity to climate extremes. *Nature* 526: 574-577.
- Fraser LH, Pither J, **Jentsch A**, et al. (2015): Worldwide Evidence of a Unimodal Relationship Between Productivity and Plant Species Richness. *Science* 349: 302 - 305.
- Jentsch A** et al. (2011): Climate extremes initiate plant regulating functions while maintaining productivity. *Journal of Ecology* 99: 689-701.
- Jentsch A** et al. C (2007): A new generation of climate change experiments: events not trends. *Frontiers Ecology and Environment* 6(6): 315-324.
- White PS, **Jentsch A** (2001): The search for generality in studies of disturbance and ecosystem dynamics. *Progress in Botany* 63: 399-449.