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Dr. Potosnak's interest in CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations began as an undergraduate at Harvard University measuring forest carbon cycling. He then focused on plant-atmosphere interactions while in graduate school at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. Dr. Potosnak next accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, where he studied in the Biosphere-Atmosphere Interactions group. As a research professor at the Desert Research Institute, Dr. Potosnak's efforts focused on the effects of urban vegetation on air quality in the Las Vegas region. He is currently an assistant professor at DePaul University. Two of his on-going research projects are studying the effects of urban tree planting on air quality and monitoring atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations to understand urban carbon metabolism.