

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF PROGRAM ALUMNI: 1978-PRESENT

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2017 Ph.D.

Margaret Conroy

Actuarial Consultant

Dissertation title: A landscape integrity method for determining tradeable credits as the basis for conservation banking

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

Cara Faillace

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Experimental Aquatic Ecology

CNRS Experimental and Theoretical Ecology Station at Moulis

Moulis, France

Dissertation Title: Invasions and Diversity: Mechanisms, Microbes, and Multiple Scales

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

Amanda Sorensen

Post-doctoral Associate

School of Natural Resources

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Dissertation title: Framing in Science Communication: Influencing the Publics' Behavior Towards the Environment

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

2017 M.S.

Allison Anholt

Research Scientist

The Wetlands Institute

Thesis title: Using evidence to explore broad trends in nest fate assessments of threatened

Piping Plovers

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

Matthew Strom

Advisor: Dr. Cesar Rodriguez-Saona

2016 Ph.D.

Ashley DeNegre

Medical Communications

Ogilvy Commonhealth

Dissertation title: Antibiotic Resistance Among the Aids-Immunocompromised: A model of its Influence on Microbial Evolution

Advisor: Dr. Nina Fefferman

Tina Harrison

Post-Doctoral Associate

DEENR

Rutgers University

Dissertation Title: "Biotic homogenization in bee communities across spatial scales"

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

Natalie Howe

Weed Ecologist

USDA

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Riverdale, MD

Dissertation title: Soil Lichen Communities of the New Jersey Pinelands and their Effects on Belowground Patterns and Processes.

Advisor: Dr. John Dighton

Katalin Malcolm

Assistant Research Professor

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New Lisbon, NJ

Dissertation title: Effects of Mercury on Phylloplane Fungi

Advisor: Dr. John Dighton

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New York, NY

Dissertation title: How do species abundance distributions influence plant – pollinator networks?

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

Nicholas Pollock

Lecturer

Department of Biology

University of Texas, Arlington

Dissertation title:

Advisor: Dr. Henry John-Alder

James Vasslides

Program Scientist

Barnegat Bay Partnership

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Dissertation title: Using Ecosystem Models to Understand the Faunal Response to Non-Trophic Impacts in an Estuarine Ecosystem.

Advisor: Dr. Olaf Jensen

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David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship
Princeton University
Princeton NJ

Dissertation title: You are More Than What You Eat: Using Biomarkers to Investigate Aquatic Trophic Dynamics at Multiple Scales.

Advisor: Dr. Olaf Jensen

2016 M.S.**Eden Buenaventura**

Geographical Information System Specialist
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

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Advisor: Steven Handel

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Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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Geographical Information System Specialist
The Nature Conservancy, New York
Thesis Title: Composite Datasets Facilitate Large Scale Conservation Planning: Application of a Regional Distribution Model to Protect an Imperiled Turtle
Advisor: Dr. Brooke Maslo

Taryn Pittfield

Thesis title: Habitat Use and Response of Freshwater Turtles to Human Presence in an Urban Canal of Central New Jersey
Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

2015 Ph.D.**Faye Benjamin**

Dissertation title: Wild bees for agriculture and agriculture for wild bees a view from New Jersey
Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

Curtis (John Curtis) Burkhalter

Postdoctoral Researcher
National Audubon Society
Audubon Rocky Mountain Regional Office
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Dissertation title: Decision making in ecology and its applications to animal conservation
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Jeremy Feinberg

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National Museum of Natural History and the National Zoological Park
Dissertation title: An Unexpected Journey: Anuran Decline Research and the Incidental Elucidation of a New Cryptic Species Endemic to the Urban Northeast and Mid-Atlantic US.
Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

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Department of Entomology
Center for Vector Biology
Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Proximal factors driving the local dynamics of West Nile virus transmission
Advisor: Dr. Dina Fonseca

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Acute Angling
Hillsborough, NJ
Dissertation title: Aspects of the Life History of *Cichla temensis* (Perciformes: Cichlidae) and It's Relationship to the Amazon Basin's Flood Pulse
Advisor: Dr. Ken Able

John Ruppert

Academic EHS Officer
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Saint Peter's College
Jersey City NJ
Dissertation title: Ecosystem Services in Scientific Literacy: What One Needs to Know in Order to Be Scientifically Literate about Ecosystem Services
Advisor: Dr. Ravit Golan-Duncan

Laura Shappell

Wetland Ecologist
New York Natural Heritage Program
Department of Environmental Conservation
Albany NY
Dissertation title: Urban wetland structure and its relationship to exotic plants, biodiversity, and West Nile virus risk
Advisor: Dr. Lena Struwe

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Consultant
National Technical Systems (NTS)
Tinton Falls, NJ
Dissertation title: Common Greenbrier (*Smilax Rotundifolia* L.) as a Model for Understanding Fungal Community Organization in the Phyllosphere
Advisor: Dr. James White.

2015 M.S.**Daniel Betz**

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

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Continued to PhD program in North Carolina
Thesis title: Wild bee community change over a 26 year chronosequence of restored tallgrass prairie
Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

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Thesis title: Faunal community use of enhanced and natural oyster reefs in Delaware Bay a field study and classroom inquiry
Advisor: Dr. David Bushek

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Advisor: Dr. Michael Sukhdeo

Sarah Stewart

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

2014 Ph.D.**Kevin Aagaard**

Post Doctoral Fellow
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United States Geological Survey
La Crosse, Wisconsin
Dissertation title: The population dynamics of lag phases and collapses
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

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Biometrician
SilviaTerra
Dissertation title: Bayesian approaches for mapping forest soil carbon: addressing spatial uncertainty
Advisor: Dr. Edwin Green

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Lecturer

Hofstra University

Dissertation title: Mixed species nesting associations in a northeastern deciduous forest

Co-Advisors: Dr. Peter Morin and Dr. Rick Ostfeld

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Monmouth County Tick-Borne Disease Laboratory
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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Ecological and evolutionary determinants of invasion success in mosquitoes
Advisor: Dr. Dina Fonseca

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Health Scientist
Center for Disease Control
Atlanta, GA
Dissertation title: Higher-order analysis of knowledge capacity and learning potential in social animal groups
Advisor: Dr. Nina Fefferman

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Dissertation title: Simple modeling solutions for complex conservation problems
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Alicia Shenko

Lecturer
Animal Biotechnology and Conservation
Policy Studies
Delaware Valley College
Doylestown PA
Dissertation title: The influence of small mammals on succession and restoration of post-agricultural wetlands: species assembly and diet composition
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

2014 M.S.**Joanna Jorge**

Adjunct Professor at Kean University
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

Kathleen Kerwin

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Rutgers University
Advisor: Dr. John Dighton

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Instructor
West Point Naval Academy
Thesis title: The effects of coccoliths on photosynthesis in *Emiliana Huxleyi*
Advisor: Dr. Paul Falkowski

2013 Ph.D.

Julian Avery

Senior lecturer in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Curator ESM Natural History Collection

Pennsylvania State University

State College, PA

Dissertation title: Cryptic introductions and geographical patterns in bird color [electronic resource]: implications for the study of evolutionary divergence

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

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STEM Policy Fellowship

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

Washington, D.C.

Dissertation title: Factors affecting the community invasibility of tropical dry forests and the implications for ecological restoration

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

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Assistant Professor

Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

University of Maryland

College Park, Maryland

Dissertation title: Long-term outcomes of ecological restoration and management in urban forest patches

Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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Director of Land Stewardship

NY-NJ Trail Conference

Dissertation Title: The vertical dimension of deer browse effects on forest understories

Advisor: Dr. Claus Holzapfel

Elena Tartaglia

Assistant Professor

Bergen County Community College

Paramus, NJ

Dissertation title: Hawkmoth-flower interactions in the urban landscape: Sphingidae ecology, with a focus on the genus Hemaris

Advisor: Steven Handel

2013 M.S.

Michael Garzio

Middle School Science Teacher

Crockett Middle School

Hamilton, NJ

Advisor: Dr. Oscar Schofield

Suzanne Rose

Continuing to Ph.D. in University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Thesis title: Isolation and characterization of lipid rafts in *Emiliana huxley* [electronic resource] : key players in host-virus interactions

Advisor: Dr. Kaye Bidle

Lauren Spitz (Poster)

Continued on to Ph.D. in E&E

Thesis title:

Advisor: Dr. Lena Struwe

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GIS Specialist

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Advisor: JeanMarie Hartman

2012 Ph.D.**Aspassia (Aspa) Chatziefthimiou**

Postdoctorate Fellow

Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar

Education City, Doha, Qatar

Dissertation title: The Effect of Long-Term Mercury Contamination on the Composition and Diversity of Soil Bacterial Communities in Riverine Ecosystems

Advisor: Dr. Tamar Barkay

Zachary Freedman

Assistant Professor of Environmental Microbiology

Division of Plant and Soil Sciences

West Virginia University

Morganton, WV

Dissertation title: Microbially Mediated Mercury Detoxification in Geothermal Environments: Interactions of Aquificae with Mercury, and Evidence for Phylogenetic Niche Conservatism in Yellowstone National Park Hot Springs.

Advisor: Dr. Tamar Barkay

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Science Communication Director

North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange, Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact

West Cape May, NJ

Dissertation title: Fire in the Pines: A Landscape Perspective Of Human-Induced Ecological Change in the Pinelands of New Jersey

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

Carolyn (Carrie) Norin

High School Biology Teacher

Princeton Country Day School

Dissertation title: Appropriate Plant Genotypes for Urban Ecological Restoration: An Investigation Into Urban Stress Response

Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

Monica Palta

Exploration Postdoctoral Fellow
Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability
Arizona State University.
Phoenix, AZ

Dissertation title: The Little Wetlands That Could: Nitrogen Removal Function
(and Dysfunction) in Urban Brownfield Ecosystems
Co-Advisors: Drs. Joan Ehrenfeld and Peter Groffman

Ileana Perez- Rodriguez

Post-doctoral Scholar – Research Associate
Center for Dark Energy Biosphere Investigations
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Dissertation title: Microbial ecology of deep-sea hydrothermal vents: physiology and cell-to-cell
communication in anaerobic chemosynthetic bacteria.
Advisor: Costantino Vetriani

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Assistant Professor of Biology
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Waynesburg PA.

Dissertation title: Impacts of space, abundance and food web structure on parasite life cycles.
Advisor: Dr. Michael Sukhdeo

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Director of Technical Services and Research
Casey Trees
Washington, DC

Dissertation title: Defining and measuring success in the urban forest
Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

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Post-Doctoral Fellow
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Athens GA

Dissertation title: Ecological correlates of genetic diversity in *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the Lyme
disease bacterium
Co-advisors: Dr. Peter Morin and Dr. Richard Ostfeld

2012 M.S.**Denise Hewitt**

Thesis Title:
Advisor: Dr. Gareth Russell

Joshua Moody

Continuing to Ph.D. in Biodiversity, Earth and Environmental Sciences at Drexel University
Thesis title: The relationship between the ribbed mussel *Geukensia demissa* and salt marsh
shoreline erosion
Advisor: Dr. David Bushek

David Smith

Teaching Instructor

Department of Landscape Architecture

Rutgers University

Thesis title: Succession dynamics of Pine Barrens riverside savannas: a landscape-survey approach

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

2011Ph.D.**Aabir Banerji**

Ecologist

Ecosystem Integrity Branch

US Environmental Protection Agency

Cincinnati, OH

Dissertation title: Ecology of the Inducible Trophic Polymorphism of *Tetrahymena vorax*

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

Sharron Crane

Lecturer

Department of Biology

Rider University and Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Mercury effects on axenically grown fungal isolates, and on *Pinus rigida* seedlings and their rhizosphere fungal communities

Advisor: Dr. Tamar Barkay

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Statistical Consultant

Janssen Pharmaceuticals

Raritan, NJ

Dissertation title: Using Bayesian Regression Tree Models and Remotely Sensed Data to Characterize Recent Environmental Change in Alaska, USA

Advisor: Dr. Edwin Green

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Project Manager/Community

Center for Open Science

Charlottesville, Virginia

Dissertation title: Sexual selection among the Mbuna cichlids and the effect of a small class intervention on at-risk undergraduate students

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

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Research Forester

USDA Forest Service

Climate, Fire and Carbon Cycle Sciences

Morganville, WV

Dissertation title: Quantifying Three-Dimensional Vegetation Structure and its Responses to Disturbances using Laser Altimetry in the New Jersey Pinelands

Advisor: Dr. Ming Xu

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Lecturer

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Dissertation title: Structure and dynamics of a highly-invaded plant-pollinator network

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

2011 M.S.

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Environmental Scientist

Langan Engineering

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

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Assistant Biologist and Special Projects Manager

Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc..

Vineyard Haven, MA

Thesis title: Dermo disease on Martha's Vineyard: Infections of *Perkinsus marinus* and its influence on population structure, assessed by microsatellite markers

Advisor: Dr. David Bushek

Brian Johnson

Continued to Ph.D. program in Ecology and Evolution

Thesis title: The impacts of urban wetlands on mosquito population dynamics and disease risk at the local scale

Advisor: Dr. Michael Sukhdeo

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Middle School Science Teacher

Willow School

Gladstone, NJ

Advisor: Dr. Joan Ehrenfeld

2010 Ph.D.

Allison Candelmo

Researcher

Central Caribbean Marine Institute

Cayman Islands

Dissertation title: Responses of young of the year bluefish, *Pomatomus saltatrix*, exposed to contaminants from an urban estuary

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

Kenneth Elgersma

Assistant Professor

Department of Biology

University of Northern Iowa

Cedar Falls IA

Dissertation title: Community-level and ecosystem-level consequences of plant-soil feedbacks during forest understory plant invasion

Advisor: Dr. Joan Ehrenfeld

Alexander Felson

Assistant Professor
School of Forestry and Landscape Architecture
Yale University
Dissertation title: Suburbanization and amphibians: designed ecological solutions
Advisor: Dr. Steward T.A. Pickett

Steven Gray

Assistant Professor
University of Massachusetts Boston
Boston, MA
Dissertation title: [Integrating stakeholder knowledge into the management of a social-ecological system: Mental models, risk, and trust in Atlantic coast fisheries](#)
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

Amy Karpati

Director of Science and Programs
Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining, NY
Dissertation title: Ectomycorrhizal communities and ecological restoration:
status and performance in urban conditions
Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

David La Puma

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Cape May Bird Observatory
Cape May NJ
Dissertation title: Come hell or high water: conservation of the federally endangered Cape Sable seaside sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus mirabilis*) in the dynamic Florida Everglades
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Brooke Maslo

Assistant Professor
Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources
Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Evidence-based recommendations for Atlantic Coast piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) conservation and habitat restoration
Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

Blake Mathys

Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and
Department Head
Ohio Dominican University
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Dissertation title: Morphological evolution of birds recently introduced to islands: patterns of diversification
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood
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Kirsten Schwarz

Assistant Professor
Department of Biological Sciences
Northern Kentucky University
Highland Heights, KY
Dissertation title: The spatial distribution of lead in urban residential soil and correlations with urban land cover of Baltimore, Maryland
Advisor: Dr. Steward T.A. Pickett

Yufei Wang

Research Associate

People's Republic of China

Dissertation title: Climate change and its ecological and social-economic impact-evidences from China's historical documents

Advisor: Dr. Ming Xu

Ai Wen

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Cedar Falls IA

Dissertation title:

Co-advisors: David and Joan Ehrenfeld

2010 M.S.**Jessica Cummings**

Environmental Specialist for the Greenman-Pedersen

Annapolis MD

Advisor: Steven Handel

Karena DiLeo

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Thesis title: An assessment of the correlation between amphibian populations, chytridiomycete communities, and the ecological integrity of the habitat

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

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Biology Teacher

East Brunswick High School

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Advisor: Michael Sukhdeo

Cara Faillace

Continued in E&E Ph.D. program

Thesis title: Snowy Plovers (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) exhibit variable response to human disturbance on two islands in Southwest Florida

Advisor David Ehrenfeld

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GIS/Database Manager

The Reinvestment Fund

Thesis title: Distributional change in seagrass as an ecological indicator of estuarine health for Barnegat Bay, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Advisor Rick Lathrop

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Events & Outreach Coordinator

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Craig Ruzicki

Ecologist
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Advisor: Joan Ehrenfeld

Jay Turnure

Horizon Residential Energy Services
Portland, ME
Thesis title: Estuarine habitat ecology of adult weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*):
A multi-scale approach using acoustic telemetry
Advisor: Kenneth Able

2009 Ph.D.**Patricia Alvarez**

Project Manager – Peru
TEAM Network, CI
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Post-doctoral Associate
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Dissertation title: The role of pathogens in determining plant recruitment and distribution patterns
in a western Amazonian floodplain.
Advisor: Dr. James White

Tavis Anderson

ORISE Research Scientist
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Dissertation title: Food web networks and parasite diversity.
Advisor: Michael Sukhdeo

Benjamin Baiser

Assistant Professor
Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
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Dissertation title: Biodiversity in a rapidly changing world: from local interactions to
large scale patterns.
Advisor: Julie Lockwood

Kyle Bennett

Assistant Professor
Elmhurst College,
Elmhurst IL.
Dissertation title: Genetic and morphological discrimination of species within the nominal
Brachidontes exustus (*Mollusca: Bivalvia*) cryptic species complex from the Florida Keys
Advisor: Richard Lutz

Gregory Dahle

Assistant Professor of Arboriculture
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Dissertation title: How the hydraulic and mechanical properties of wood influence branch form in Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides* L.)

Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

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Associate Professor
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Dissertation title: A functional, behavioral, and taphonomic analysis of ziphodont dentition: novel methodology for the evaluation of carnivorous dinosaur feeding paleoecology.

Advisors: Drs. Kathleen Scott and George McGhee

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Dissertation title: The effects of changing precipitation patterns on soil microbial communities and nitrogen cycling in the New Jersey Pinelands.

Advisor: Dr. John Dighton

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Dissertation title: Parasites and ecosystem energy flow.

Advisor: Dr. Michael Sukhdeo

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Dissertation title: Evolution, pollination biology, and biogeography of *Leea* (Leeaceae, Vitales.)

Advisor: Dr. Lena Struwe

Alison Seigel (Nurok)

Associate in Science in Biology and Instructor
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Dissertation title: Maximizing the effectiveness of grassland management for a grasshopper sparrow metapopulations.

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

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National Museum of Natural History
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Dissertation title: Studies in the taxonomy and biodiversity of South African orthopteroids

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Lecturer

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Dissertation title: [Compensatory partitioning of physiological resource budgets by the grass shrimp \(*Palaemonetes pugio*\) in association with contaminants encountered in a marsh creek system.](#)

Advisor: Dr. Gary Taghon

2009 M.S.**Suzanne DeCoursey**

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Endangered and Non-Game Species Program

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Trenton, NJ

Thesis title: The spatial and temporal distribution of piping plovers in New Jersey: 1987-2007.

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

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NYC Parks Department

Thesis title: Source-sink dynamics of anurans in stormwater basins of New Jersey's coastal plain.

Advisor: Dr. Rick Lathrop

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Trenton, NJ

Thesis title: Characterization of landscape-scale habitat use by timber rattlesnakes (*Crotalus horridus*) within the ridge and valley and highlands regions of New Jersey.

2008 Ph.D.**Shannon Galbraith-Kent**

Associate Professor

Department of Biology

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Dissertation title: Effects of experimental invasive communities on forest dynamics.

Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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Dissertation title: The role of soil metal contamination in the vegetative assemblage development of an urban brownfield.

Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

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Science Advisor to the Office of Public Affairs
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Dissertation title: The ecology of contaminant exposure in *Uca pugnax* (Smith): Physiological, reproductive, and behavioral sublethal effects.

Advisor: Dr. Gary Taghon

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Dissertation title: Does invasive Phragmites affect nekton utilization of internal creeks? Implications for salt marsh ecology and marsh restoration.

Advisor: Dr. Ken Able

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Dissertation title: Epibionts, edge effects, and variation in neotropical mangroves as fish habitat.

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Dissertation title: Habitat interactions structuring songbird communities across forest-urban gradients.

Advisor Dr. David Ehrenfeld

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Sanyar, Turkey

Dissertation title: Ecological heterogeneity: explaining the patchy distributions of macrofauna in an ecological contest.

Advisors: Drs Fred and Judith Grassle

Andrew Reed

Dissertation title: Molecular analysis of microbial 16S rRNA, mcrA, dsrAB and pmoA genes From deep-sea hydrothermal vent and cold seep sites.

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lutz
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Dissertation title: The effects of soil manipulations on invasion success of two exotic species, Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) and Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*.)
Advisor: Dr. Joan Ehrenfeld

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Dissertation title: Historical legacies, competition and dispersal control patterns of invasion by a non-native grass, *Microstegium vimineum*.
Advisor: Dr. Joan Ehrenfeld

Qaisir Tarique

Dissertation Title: An evaluation of Clam *Amiantis umbonella* (Bivalve) as bio-indicator of heavy metals pollution in Kuwait marine coastal waters.
Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

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Dissertation title: Effects of urbanization on the distribution and reproductive performance of the American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus palliatus*) in coastal New Jersey.
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

2008 M.S.**Thomas Almendinger**

Senior Ecologist
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Hillsborough NJ
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Thesis title: An ecological assessment of the non-indigenous isopod, *Synidotea laticadua*, in Delaware Bay.
Advisor: Dr. David Bushek

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Thesis title: Evaluation of the ecological value of constructed intertidal oyster reefs and aquaculture structures in Delaware bay: habitat utilization by motile macrofauna
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2007 Ph.D.**Myla Aronson**

Visiting Research Scholar
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Dissertation title: Ecological Change by Alien Plants in an Urban Landscape.
Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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Dissertation Title: Parasite communities and effects on mummichog (*Fundulus heteroclitus*) physiology, anatomy and behavior.
Advisor: Dr. Judith Weis

Teresa Johnson

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Dissertation title: Integrating fisherman and their knowledge in the science policy process: Case studies of cooperative research in the northeastern U.S.
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Dissertation Title: The causes and consequences of biodiversity in multitrophic communities.
Advisors: Dr. John Dighton and Dr. Peter Morin

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