

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF PROGRAM ALUMNI: 1978-PRESENT

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2025 Ph.D.

Danielle Brown

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Using Historical and Biological Archives to Study the Ecology of Humpback Whales Along the East Coast of the U.S.

Advisor: Dr. John Wiedenmann

Kyra Fitz

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Conservation Genomics of Marine Fish Populations

Advisor: Dr. M. Pinsky

Tianqi Huang

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: The Effect of Urbanization and Anthropogenic Disturbance on a Widespread Snake Species, DeKay's Brown Snake (*Storeria dekayi*)

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

Robert Kwait

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Identifying Potential Treatment and Evaluating Host Responses to Infection in bats with White-nose Syndrome

Advisor: Dr. Brooke Maslo

Tracy Youngster

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: From Sand to Muck: Exploring Belowground Processes of Managed Dune and Wetland Ecosystems in New Jersey

Advisor: Dr. J. Dighton/Dr. J. Krumins

2025 M.S.

2024 Ph.D.

Alvin Crespo

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Molecular Evolution of Eukaryotic Single-Stranded DNA Viruses at Different Taxonomic Scales

Advisor: Dr. Siobain Duffy

Evan Drake

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Multi-scale Habitat Selection and Conservation of Bats in Eastern Temperate Forests

Advisor: Dr. Brooke Maslo

Dylan Simpson

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Habitat Associations and Population Genetic Structure of Wild Bees

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

Julia Van Etten

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: DNA Transfer as a Driver of Eukaryote Genome Evolution

Advisor: Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya

2024 M.S.**Kelly Ng**

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Temporal Analysis of Vulnerability During Nesting Season of Northern Pine Snakes (*Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus*) in New Jersey

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Burger

Theodore Diehl

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Bird's Eye View: Using a Data Fusion of Drone and Satellite Imagery to Classify and Assess High Marsh Habitat in Delaware Bay, New Jersey

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

2023 Ph.D.**Ryan Almeida**

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Causes and Consequences of Overexploitation of Rare and Valuable Species in the Wildlife Trade

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Elizabeth Bouchard

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: The Distribution of Horseshoe Crab Eggs and Marine Infauna Around Intertidal Oyster Farms in Delaware Bay

Advisor: Dr. David Bushek

Katrina Catalano

**

Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Patterns, Causes, and Consequences of Dispersal Variation in a Coral Reef Clownfish
Advisor: Dr. Malin Pinsky

Amy Gage

**

Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Performance of a Woody Vine (*Parthenocissus quinquefolial*) Sampled from Dune and Inland Populations to Coastal Stressors and the Potential for Restoration
Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

Zoe Kitchel

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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Detecting Impacts of Climate Change and Fishing on Shelf Ecosystems
Advisor: Dr. Malin Pinsky

Kathleen Kyle

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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Using eDNA to Bridge the Gap Between Species Presence and Detection: Implications for Conservation and Invasive Species Management
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Joseph Paulin

**

Rutgers University
Dissertation title: The Influence of Personal Experience on Tolerance for Wildlife and Support for Management in New Jersey
Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

Hua Shang

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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Mapping Global Gross Primary Productivity on Google Earth Engine Platform – Developing and Application of an Improved Process-Based Model
Advisor: Dr. Ming Xu

Lucia Weinman

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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Pollen Use by Forest Bees: Conservation, Diet Breadth Across Space, and Bee-Plant Conflict
Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

2023 M.S.

Kelvin Chen

**

Rutgers University
Dissertation title: First Observation of *Lethocerus cordofanus* (Hemiptera: Belostomatidae) Preying on *Afronycteris nana*
Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

Rene Clark

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Adaptive Potential in a Changing Ocean

Advisor: Dr. Malin Pinsky

Zhuoxue Chen

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Investigating the Morphological Dynamics of Vegetation Patterns in Semiarid Areas: A Theoretical and Empirical Study of Ecosystem Bistability

Advisor: Dr. Juan Bonachela

Emelie Einhorn

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Structural River Restoration with a Focus on Connectivity and GIS Applications

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

2022 Ph.D.**Seth Bromagen**

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Parasites and Protists: The Dynamics of Species with Facultative Sexual Reproduction

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

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Researcher PhD Candidate

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Vascular Plant Community Assembly in Stormwater Detention Basins

Advisor: Dr. John Hartman

Bernard Isaacson

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Redefining Forest Stocking in the New Jersey Pinelands: Forest Evapotranspiration, Understory Light Availability, and a Quantitative Framework to Balance Contemporary Management Goals

Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

Richard Leopold

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Growth Rate and Morphology of Street Trees: An Analysis of Different Site Types of Urban Areas in New Jersey

Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

Laina Lockett

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Foul and Loathsome Habitat for Foul and Loathsome Creatures? Water Quality Impacts on Ecological Traps, Habitat Utilization, and Behavior & Swimming Performance in NJ Amphibians

Advisor: Dr. Henry John-Adler

Joseph Paulin

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: The Influence of Personal Experience on Tolerance for Wildlife and Support for Management in New Jersey

Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

2022 M.S.

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MLA Candidate

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Growing awareness: using adaptive management to increase resilience and improve public perceptions of a fourth-nature brownfield expansion

Advisor: Dr. Frank Gallagher

Jean Epiphan

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Rutgers University

Masters Student

Dissertation title: Disturbance in the Forest of Morristown National Historical Park

Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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Rutgers University

Dissertation title: The Intricate Relationship Between Foraging and Ecology

Advisor: Dr. Lena Struwe

Katie Russell

Masters Student and Land Steward

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: Terrestrial lidar in measuring forest understory structure

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

2021 Ph.D.

Michael Acquafredda

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Northeast Fisheries Science Center

Dissertation title: Expanding aquaculture opportunities in the Northeastern United States through ecologically-sound diversification

Advisor: Dr. Daphne Munroe

Paulina Arancibia

Postdoctoral Researcher

University of Jyväskylä
Dissertation title: The Effects of Network Topology on Metapopulation and Metacommunity Dynamics
Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

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Postdoctoral Fellow
Centre Interfacultaire en Sciences Affectives (CISA)
University of Geneva
Dissertation title: Health effects of rehabilitation and reintroduction in Bornean orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus wurmbii*)
Advisor: Dr. Erin Vogel

Sarah Borsetti

Post-Doctoral Researcher
Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory
Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Population characteristics of unfished waved whelk (*Buccinum undatum*) on the U.S. Mid-Atlantic continental shelf: a case study for comparison to global fished stocks
Advisor: Dr. Daphne Munroe

Abigail Golden

Postdoctoral Researcher
University of Washington
Dissertation title: Integrating human and ecological dimensions of recreational fisheries
Advisor: Dr. O. Jensen

Samantha Lynch

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Investigating the early history of bay scallop, *Argopecten irradians*, using mesocosm experiments
Advisor:

Daniel Merchant

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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Species Distribution Modeling & Migratory Shorebird Overwintering Habitat in Northern Brazil
Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

Johnny Quispe-Aquije

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Rutgers University
Dissertation title: Coastal Resilience in the Raritan River/bay Region: Projecting Challenges and Solutions for Sea Level Rise
Advisor: Dr. Jean-Marie Hartman

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Adjunct Professor
The College of New Jersey
Dissertation title: Novel Applications of Expected Utility to Three Ecological Systems: Epigenetics, Signal Detection and a Pandemic
Advisor: Richard Lathrop

2021 M.S.

Emily Manuel

**

Rutgers University

Dissertation title: The Influence of Salinity on Ontogenetic Larval Swimming Behavior and Juvenile Growth

Advisor: Dr. Daphne Munroe

Michael Whiteside

Dissertation title: Genetics of Shell Shape and Color in the Eastern Oyster, *Crassostrea virginica*

Advisor: Dr. Ximing Guo

2020 Ph.D.

Joni Baumgarten

Adjunct Professor

Temple University

Dissertation title: Soil community shifts, the impact of nitrogen fertilization, and plant-soil interactions of potential biofuel crop *Panicum virgatum*

Advisor: Dr. John Dighton

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Postdoctoral Scholar

University of California - Santa Cruz

Dissertation title: Adaptation and evolutionary potential in light of anthropogenic stressors in the ocean

Advisor: Dr. Malin Pinsky

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Postdoctoral Associate

University of Maryland

Dissertation title: Sexually dimorphic foraging in bees and robust measurement of biodiversity

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree.

Colleen Smith

Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Ottawa

Dissertation title: Bees, specialists, and global change in North American forests

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

Paul Walberg

Dissertation title: Community disassembly during extreme high temperature events: Effects of warming rate, interspecific competition, and physical disturbance

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

2020 M.S.

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NJDEP

Advisor: Dr, Richard Lathrop

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Advisor: Dr. Myla Aronson and Dr. Steven Handel

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Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis

Rutgers University

Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

2019 Ph.D.

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Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources

Rutgers University

Dissertation Title: Improving the effectiveness of land sharing conservation efforts for North American grassland birds

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

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Teaching Assistant Professor

Thomas Jefferson University

Dissertation title: "Diversity of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi associated with switchgrass in the New Jersey Pine Barrens ecosystem"

Advisor: Dr. Ning Zhang

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Postdoctoral Researcher

Central Arizona-Phoenix Long-Term Ecological Research Program (CAP LTER)

Arizona State University

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Adjunct Professor

Department of Biology

University of San Francisco

Dissertation title Analyzing invasive species impacts:

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Lauren Frazee

Postdoctoral Fellow

Department of Biology

Temple University

Dissertation title: Trait changes in weedy plant communities and native species evolution in urban environments

Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel and Dr. Lena Struwe

Rita Grunberg

Postdoctoral Researcher

Department of Biology

University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill

Dissertation title: The effects of space and energy on parasite communities

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

Ariel Kruger

Science Writer

Yale University

Dissertation title: Amphibian microbial and morphological defenses against natural enemies

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

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Postdoctoral Research Fellow

University of Massachusetts – Amherst/USDA

Dissertation title: Forests in the city: understanding urban-driven changes in tree recruitment dynamics

Advisors: Dr. Myla Aronson and Dr. Steven Handel

Didik Prasetyo

Research Fellow

Center for Sustainable Energy and Resource Management

Universitas Nasional

Philippines

Dissertation title: Understanding bimaturism: the influence of social conditions, energy intake, and endocrinological status on flange development in Bornean orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus wurmbii*)

Advisor: Dr. Erin Vogel

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Postdoctoral Associate

Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation

University of Minnesota

Dissertation title: Integrating sustainable natural resource management and conservation objectives: Approaches to ecosystem based management

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Oliver Stringham

Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Adelaide, Australia

Dissertation title: "Preventing biological invasions by understanding the processes leading to establishment "

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

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Intern

The Data Incubator

Dissertation title: Paleopathological and Microbiological Investigations of Dental Health in America since 1890

Advisor: Dr. Siobain Duffy

2018 Ph.D.

Jennifer Blake Mahmud

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Colgate University

Dissertation title: "Time for a change: causes and consequences of sex change in a native maple tree"

Advisor: Dr. Lena Struwe

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Environmental Specialist
NJDEP

Dissertation title: "Landscape's relation to park use and sets of environmentally responsible behavior among suburban residents"

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

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Lecturer
Kean University

Dissertation title: "Consequences of an inducible defense in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*"

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

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Laboratory Researcher
Haskin Shellfish Research Lab
Rutgers University

Dissertation title: "Understanding the ecological processes that drive patterns in fishery selectivity and survey catchability"

Advisor: Dr. Daphne Munroe

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AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow

US Department of Agriculture

Dissertation title: Linking host-parasite interactions and ecosystem processes with energy and elements

Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

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Environmental Specialist

NJ Department of Transportation

Dissertation title: "A comparison of post-industrial brownfield and old-field plant communities: How site history shapes current patterns of diversity"

Advisor: Dr. Claus Holzapfel

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Quality Control Scientist

Biomeme, Inc.

Dissertation title: "Niche release through polyploid formation in highbush blueberries (*Vaccinium corymbosum* L.)"

Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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Science Teacher

Rutgers Preparatory School

Dissertation title: The role of (meta)population dynamics in the control of invasive mosquitoes and the pathogens they transmit

Advisor: Drs. Nina Fefferman and Peter Morin

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University of Minnesota – Minneapolis

Dissertation title: "Bee foraging choice and implications for plant coexistence".

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

Rafael Valentin

Presidential Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Princeton University

Dissertation title: "The effects of invasion dynamics on post-establishment evolution, global spread, and population detectability".

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Amanda Wenczel

Aquaculture Development Specialist

N.J. Department of Agriculture

Dissertation title:

"Bivalve shellfish filtration and aquaculture policy: Towards a greater understanding of multispecies ecosystem services and a blueprint for improving domestic estuarine production"

Advisor: Dr. David Bushek

2018 MS

Stephanie Kealy

Adjunct Instructor
Brookdale Community College
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

Joseph Rua

Institutional Research Analyst
Ocean County College
Thesis Title: "Exploration of Faro Freestyle 3D Laser Scanners as a Method for Estimating Surface Fuel Loading for Wildland Fire Management"
Advisor: Dr. JeanMarie Hartman

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
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Moulis, France
Dissertation Title: Invasions and Diversity: Mechanisms, Microbes, and Multiple Scales
Advisor: Dr. Peter Morin

Michael Gallagher

Research Technician and Site Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service
Dissertation title: "Monitoring Wildland Fire Effects with Burn Severity Indices in the New Jersey Pinelands"
Advisor: Dr. Jason Grabosky

Nicholas Henshue

Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Buffalo
Dissertation title: "Effects of Earthworms on Post-Industrial Polluted Soil Remediation"
Advisor: Dr. Claus Holzapfel

Natalie Lemanski

Postdoctoral Researcher
University of California. Los Angeles
Dissertation title: "A Quantitative Framework for Investigating Life History Trade-offs in Social Insects."
Advisor: Dr. Nina Fefferman

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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**

Program Manager

University of Utah

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

University of Louisiana - Lafayette

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

Biotechnology Regulatory Services

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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Senior Manager, Science Content
Pfizer

New York, NY

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

Advisor: Dr. Rachael Winfree

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Lecturer

Department of Biology

University of Texas, Arlington

Dissertation title:

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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

Talia Young

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

Joshua Echols

Advisor: Steven Handel

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Noxious Weed Specialist, Region 8

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King County Washington

Seattle, Washington

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

Data Scientist

Mercedes-Benz USA

Dissertation title: Decision making in ecology and its applications to animal conservation

Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

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Conservation and Restoration Specialist

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

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Smithsonian Institution Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan Fellow

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

Brian Johnson

Queensland Institute of Medical Research

Mosquito Control Lab

Brisbane, Australia

Dissertation title: Proximal factors driving the local dynamics of West Nile virus transmission

Advisor: Dr. Dina Fonseca

Paul Reiss

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

Lab Coordinator and Instructor

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
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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)
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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**

Forestry Research Technologist
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Jordan

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Environmental Educator
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Thesis title: Wild bee community change over a 26 year chronosequence of restored tallgrass prairie
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Technical Problem Solver
Epic Computer Software
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Environmental Educator
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2014 Ph.D.**Kevin Aagaard**

Spatial Ecologist
Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife
Fort Collins, CO
Dissertation title: The population dynamics of lag phases and collapses
Advisor: Dr. Julie Lockwood

Brian Clough

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

Jean Deo

Senior Advisor – Pre-Health Advising
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Dissertation title: Mixed species nesting associations in a northeastern deciduous forest
Co-Advisors: Dr. Peter Morin and Dr. Rick Ostfeld

Andrea Egizi

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

Bradford Greening

Health Scientist
Center for Disease Control
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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

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Animal Biotechnology and Conservation
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Delaware Valley College
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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**

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Kean University
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Kathleen Kerwin

Research Technician
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Advisor: Dr. John Dighton

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United States Army
Thesis title: The effects of coccoliths on photosynthesis in *Emiliana Huxleyi*
Advisor: Dr. Paul Falkowski

2013 Ph.D.**Julian Avery**

Assistant Research Professor
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Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
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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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Dissertation title: Factors affecting the community invasibility of tropical dry forests and the implications for ecological restoration

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Lea Johnson

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

Advisor: Dr. Claus Holzapfel

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Assistant Professor
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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
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Advisor: Dr. Oscar Schofield

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Visiting Professor
University of Nebraska
PhD University of Nebraska 2015

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

Advisor: Dr. Kaye Bidle

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Advisor: JeanMarie Hartman

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Visiting Research Scientist
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Dissertation title: The Effect of Long-Term Mercury Contamination on the Composition and Diversity of Soil Bacterial Communities in Riverine Ecosystems
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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
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Dissertation title: Fire in the Pines: A Landscape Perspective Of Human-Induced Ecological Change in the Pinelands of New Jersey
Advisor: Dr. Richard Lathrop

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Dissertation title: Appropriate Plant Genotypes for Urban Ecological Restoration: An Investigation Into Urban Stress Response
Advisor: Dr. Steven Handel

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

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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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