

## Career Choices of K-State Biology REU Site Participants, 1995-2014

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2014

Name UG Home Institution	Highest Degree	Most Recent Update or Current Position
Breanna Canning Rhode Island College, RI		
Hannah Clipp West Virginia University, WV		
Matt Harder Hope College, MI		
Kate Hunter Iowa State University, IA		
Jessica Jimenez California State University, Monterey Bay, CA		
Andy Muench University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI		
Marci Parra Whitman College, WA		
Savannah Putnam Iowa State University, IA		
Melissa White Tufts University, MA		
Sarah Winnicki Denison University, OH		
Josh Yeomans Pittsburg State University, KS		

2013

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Alex Bartolo Hampshire College	BA	In summer 2014, Alex was working for Dr. Tom Martin's (Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit) longterm avian field project in Coconino National Forest, AZ.
Bonnie Bernard Centenary College of Louisiana	BA	Graduated in Spring 2014 and is working in Alaska.
Lily Calderon University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	BS	Intern for Illinois Natural History Survey at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
Armand Cann Xavier University	BS	
Ben Ketter Kansas State University	BS	Beginning a Masters program at the University of Missouri in Fall 2014.
Casie Lee University of California, Berkeley		Working on a bachelor's at UC Berkeley (anticipated 2015).
Jenny Lohmiller Bethany Lutheran College	BA	Beginning a Masters program at the University of Washington in Fall 2014.
Elizabeth Mays Colorado College	BA	Working on the Chicago Botanic Garden's Echinacea Project.
<a href="#">Steffanie Munguia</a> University of South Florida		2014 NOAA Hollings Scholar. Working on a bachelor's at University of South Florida (anticipated 2016).
Emily Pavlovic Earlham College	BA	Naturalist educator at River Bend Nature Center in Minnesota.
Nicole Richardson University of Iowa	BS	Beginning graduate study in epidemiology at Emory University in Fall 2014.
<a href="#">Steven Rosenzweig</a> SUNY Geneseo	BS	Beginning a Masters in agrosystems ecology at Colorado State University in Fall 2014.

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Nallely Barron-Garcia Kansas State University, KS	BS	Studying at the University of Kansas Medical Center, mentored by Nirmal Veeramachaneni.
<a href="#">Chris Berger</a> Kansas State University, KS	BS	Entered Brad Olson's lab at K-state as a Masters student in 2013.
Amber Jensen Nebraska Wesleyan University, NE		Recently studied abroad in Costa Rica, and was awarded an American Society of Agronomy Scholarships.
Shan Kothari Michigan State University, MI	BS	Entering a PhD program in the Plant Biology Department at University of Minnesota. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2014.
Scott McConaghy Kansas State University, KS	BS	Entering a Masters program in geography at Texas A&M University.
Nervalis Medina University of Puerto Rico in Humacao, PR	BS	After completing an SCA internship at El Yunque National Forest, is now a wildlife technician for Natural Resources Office of Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida.
Rachel Pain St. Olaf College, MN	BA	Senior Lab Technician at University of Minnesota EEB.
Evan Pugh Denison University, OH	BA	Studying in Morocco on a Fullbright student research grant 2013-2014.
Jennifer Sojka Lake Forest College, IL	BA	Studying ground squirrel ecology in the MSc program at University of Manitoba.
<a href="#">Rachel Thayer</a> Brigham Young University, UT	BS	Enrolled in the PhD program in Integrative Biology at UC Berkeley. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2013.

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<a href="#">Lauren Bansbach</a> Missouri State University, MO	BS	Sustainability Coordinator at Missouri State University.
<a href="#">Benjamin Blanchard</a> University of Michigan, MI	BS	Beginning a PhD program Fall 2014 in University of Chicago's Committee on Evolutionary Biology (CEB) program, based in the Moreau Lab at the Field Museum.
Nelson Castillo Rivera University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, PR	BS	Beginning graduate school in Public Health at Recinto de Ciencias Médicas (UPR Medical Science Campus) in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Lynsey Daniels Saint Joseph's University, PA	BS	Enrolled at Drexel University College of Medicine
<a href="#">Mary Glover</a> University of Tennessee, TN	BS	Studied abroad in Tanzania in 2012 and is pursuing a Master's degree at the University of Notre Dame.
<a href="#">Annie Klodd</a> Grinnell College, IA	BA	PhD Student at Penn State.
Charlotte Levy Skidmore College, NY	BS	Beginning a PhD program in forest ecology and biogeochemistry at Cornell in Fall 2014.
Judith Patterson University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL	BS	Zookeeper at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.
Becky Sullivan University of Dallas, TX	BS	Works at Lehan Drugs in DeKalb, Illinois.
Patricia 'Trish' Zarate Swarthmore College, PA	BS	No current information.

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Kristen Ballinger Whitman College, WA	BA	Enrolled at Univeristy of Washington School of Medicine.
Amanda Bennett Yale University, CT	BS	Assistant Program Manager at MBI, Inc., in Norwalk, Connecticut.
Anika Bratt St. Catherine University, MN	BA	PhD Student with Jacques Finlay at the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at University of Minnesota. Received an EPA STAR Graduate Fellowship in 2012.
Elizabeth Delfing Capital University, OH	BS	Completed Bachelor's in 2012 and is working as a paralegal for Collins & Slagle Co., LPA, in Columbus, Ohio.
Cecily Foo Whitman College, WA	BA	Monitoring wind farms for an environmental consulting firm.
Teddy Gelderman Carleton College, MN	BS	Co-coordinator of the TORCH (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) program for Northfield, Minnesota public schools.
<a href="#">Chelsea (Heatherington) Weitekamp</a> University of Florida, FL	BS	Graduate student in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology program with Hans Hoffmann at The University of Texas at Austin. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2012.
Hannah Kahl Whitman College, WA	BA	Recently completed a summer working for University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center (UNREDC) summer program in Montana.
<a href="#">Jon Lambert</a> St. Olaf College, MN	BA	Working on a PhD in Neurobiology and Behavior at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Received an honorable mention from the 2012 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program.
Spencer Lickteig Kansas State University, KS	BS	JD candidate at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois.
<a href="#">Aaron Novick</a> The College of Wooster, OH	BA	PhD student in history and philosophy of science, particularly philosophy of biology, at the University of Pittsburgh.
Arjun Potter Cornell University, NY	BS	Studied in Indonesia on a Fulbright Fellowship from 2012-2013. Is now working on a farm and exploring ecology PhD options.
<a href="#">Eric Ross</a> California State University - Monterey Bay, CA	BS	Studying at bird migration phenology at the University of Wisconsin. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2012.
<a href="#">Caitlin Singer</a> Arizona State University, AZ	MS University of Washington	Completed a Masters in Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management at University of Washington in 2013, and still lives in the Seattle area.
Runqi Song Yale University, CT	BS	Broker with Credit Suisse Securities in New York City.
<a href="#">Rachel Wieme</a> St. Olaf College, MN	BA	<a href="#">Pursuing a PhD in soil science at Washington State University as part of the NSPIRE (Nitrogen Systems: Policy-Oriented Integrated Research and Education), an NSF-funded IGERT program.</a>

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Tina L. Graver Ohio Wesleyan University, OH	MS Indiana University	Working as an integrated pest management technician at Mead Tree & Turf Care, Inc., in Maryland.
Kelsey Hixson-Bowles Kansas State University, KS	MA Kansas State University	Recently completed a Masters degree in English at Kansas State University, and is starting a PhD program in Composition and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Fall 2014.
Brian V. Kearns Whitman College, WA	MS University of Southern California	Working on a PhD with Dave Haukos at Kansas State University.
<a href="#">Rose Keith</a> Mount Holyoke College, MA	BA	<a href="#">PhD student in the University Program in Genetics and Genomics at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.</a>
<a href="#">Matt Nielsen</a> Grinnell College, IA	BS	PhD student in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona in the Papaj Laboratory. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2012.
<a href="#">Nathan Pavlovic</a> Grinnell College, IA	BA	Master's student in Geography at the University of Illinois.
Dumi Presuma Bethune-Cookman University, FL	MS Drexel University College of Medicine	Enrolled at Temple University School of Medicine.
<a href="#">Zak Ratajczak</a> Vassar College, NY	PhD Kansas State University	Beginning a post-doc at the University of Virginia in Fall 2014.
Rebecca Spurr St. Olaf College, MN	BS	Medical Scribe at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
<a href="#">Gabriella 'Ellie' Sterne</a> Whitman College, WA	BA	Graduate student in the Neuroscience program at the University of Michigan.
<a href="#">Maya Wilson</a> Franklin and Marshall College, PA	BS	In Fall 2014, Maya began the Interfaces of Global Change PhD program at Virginia Tech.

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Daron Blake SUNY Binghamton, NY	MA Kansas State University	Communications Director for The Nature Museum and AmeriCorps VISTA/Communications and Technology Specialist at Mobius, Vermont's Mentoring Partnership.
Joanna Bronkema Earlham College, IN	BA	Doula and Registered Nurse in San Diego, California.
<a href="#">Carina 'Cory' Castro</a> California State University at Fullerton, CA	MS California State University at Fullerton	Completed her Masters in 2013.
<a href="#">Nicholas DiRienzo</a> Benedictine University, IL	BS	PhD candidate in Animal Behavior in the College of Biological Sciences at the University of California, Davis. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2011.
<a href="#">Jennifer Fill</a> University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MA	BS	Currently a PhD student at the University of South Carolina Duke University with Tim Mousseau. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2010.
Laura Kangas Michigan Technological University, MI	MS Michigan Technological University, Univeristy of Helsinki	Currently a biologist with Environment & Archaeology, LLC, in the Cincinnati, Ohio area.
<a href="#">Jorge Mendoza</a> Kansas State University, KS	MS Univeristy of Wisconsin	Recently finished a Masters degree at the University of Wisconsin studying foraging ecology of sloths in Costa Rica.
<a href="#">Amy Strauss</a> Whitman College, WA	BA	PhD student at University of Massachusetts - Amherst, studying avian vocal communication systems with Jeffrey Podos.
Katherine White Cornell University, NY	BS	No current information.

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Andrés Andrade University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, CO	BS	Entering graduate school in Fall 2014.
Melissa Blundell Humboldt State University, CA	BS	Working for Dudek, an environmental consulting firm, in the Santa Barbara, California area. Received a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2010.
Adam Carter Muhlenberg College, PA	BS	An educator at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Kempton, Pennsylvania.
<a href="#">Anthony Dalisio</a> Sterling College, VT	MS Emporia State University	Tony is the greenhouse manager and a teaching assistant at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.
Jesús 'Chu' Gómez-Carrasquillo University of Puerto Rico at Humacao, PR	BS	Working on a PhD with Tony Joern at Kansas State University.
Auctavia Grant Grambling State University, LA	BS	Substitute teacher at Lincoln Parish School Board in Ruston, Louisiana.
<a href="#">Lauren Hallett</a> Yale University, CT	MSc University of Western Australia	Pursuing a PhD focused on mechanisms of species diversity, novel ecosystems, serpentine grasslands with Katharine Suding in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at UC-Berkeley. Lauren received a Fulbright Scholarship in 2008 to work at Murdoch University in Western Australia.
<a href="#">Sara Jackrel</a> The College of New Jersey, NJ	MS University of Chicago	PhD student at The University of Chicago with Cathy Pfister and Tim Wootton, studying how species identity and individual differences affect stream ecosystems. Was an Udall Scholar in 2008 and 2009, a Goldwater Scholar in 2009, a recipient of an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2010, and was awarded a NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant in 2013.
<a href="#">Tyler Kohler</a> Kansas State University, KS	MS University of Nebraska at Lincoln	<a href="#">Working on a PhD in the Environmental Studies Program at University of Colorado-Boulder.</a>
Clair Nash Arizona Western College, AZ	BS Northern Arizona University	Working on a Masters of Forestry in the Sánchez Meador Quantitative Ecology lab at Northern Arizona University.
Katie Parsons Colorado State University, CO	BS	No current information.
Andrea Severson Utah State University, UT	MS Kansas State University	Working as a Natural Resource Specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation in McCook, Nebraska.



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<a href="#">Elizabeth Bach</a> Cornell College, IA	MS Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	<a href="#">PhD student at Iowa State University working with Kirsten Hofmockel on soil microbial community function and prairie restoration. She will be defending her thesis this fall.</a>
<a href="#">Aaron Berdanier</a> Beloit College, WI	MS Colorado State University	<a href="#">Currently a PhD student at Duke University with Jim Clark. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2007.</a>
Clayton Bowers New Mexico State University, NM	BS	Wildlife Biologist for New Mexico State Land Office in Santa Fe.
Eric Kightley Ohio State University, OH	MA University of Florida	Applied Mathematics student in the Interdisciplinary Quantitative Biology graduate program at University of Colorado Boulder. He recently was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.
Viviana Loaiza Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica, Costa Rica	MS University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna	Completed a Masters in Horticultural Sciences in 2013, as part of a joint program between the Technical University of Munich, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and the University of Bologna.
Megan Matonis Colorado State University, CO	MS Michigan State University	PhD student in Forest and Rangeland Stewardship at Colorado State University.
Chris McLaughlin University of Mary, ND	BS	Environmental Specialist for the Environmental Affairs Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota.
<a href="#">Kelsey Reider</a> Ohio State University, OH	MS Florida International University	PhD student in tropical ecology and herpetology at Florida International University. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2010.
Loren (Reinhardt) Lynch Virginia Polytechnic and State University, VA	BS	Worked in management for Trader Joe's in the Philadelphia area until early 2014.
<a href="#">Derek Schook</a> College of Wooster, OH	MS Colorado State University	Working on a PhD in fluvial geomorphology at Colorado State University.
Emilie (Throop) Blevins Berea College, KY	MS Kansas State University	Freshwater Project Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy in Oregon.

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<a href="#">Nicole Blalock</a> Willamette University, OR	PhD University of California, Davis	<a href="#">Post-Doc at Mary Lou Fulton Teacher's College, Arizona State University.</a>
Jeffrey Eitzmann Kansas State University, KS	MS Kansas State University	VP of Operations at Falcon Drilling Inc. in Carson City, Nevada.
Chad Fox Kansas State University, KS	BS	Teaches High School in Vermont.
Rider Frey Kansas State University, KS	BS	No current information.
Krysta Hougen Concordia College-Moorhead, MN	MS Ohio University	EcoCamp Programs Director at Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton, Maryland.
<a href="#">Julie (James) Norem</a> Haskell Indian Nations University, KS	BS	Working as a Rangeland Management Specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS-USDA) in Hughes Co., Oklahoma.
Tony Modzelewski Donnelly College, KS	BS	Working as a Utility Forester in the Kansas City area.
<a href="#">Karan Odom</a> Ohio Wesleyan University, OH	MS University of Windsor	<a href="#">Working on a PhD in Biological Sciences at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Recently published in Nature Communications.</a>
Amanda Riffel Thomas Kansas State University, KS	BS	Research assistant at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.
Crystal (Sinn) Siebert Butler County Community College, KS	BS	Laboratory Analyst for the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District in Vail, CO.
Alyssa (Standorf) Riley University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, WI	PhD Kansas State University	Project Administrator, Nonpoint Source Staff for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
Samantha (Tolve) Holm Colorado College, CO	MS Colorado State University	Completed her Masters in 2013, and is now a Wildlife Technician at City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks, Colorado.
<a href="#">Ben VanderWeide</a> Calvin College, MI	PhD Kansas State University	Completed his PhD in 2013, taught at K-State for a year, and is now a Natural Areas Stewardship Manager at Charter Township of Oakland, Michigan.
Alyssa-Kristine Whu Cornell University, NY	MS Miami University (Ohio)	Instructor at the Bronx Zoo/Wildlife Conservation Society.
<a href="#">Perry Williams</a> Saint Olaf College, MN	MS University of Minnesota	Enrolled in a PhD program with Bill Kendall at Colorado State University, working on developing a decision tool for managing wildlife on the north slope of Alaska.
<a href="#">Jacqueline Wilson</a> University of Kansas, KS	BS	Working as a photographer, and recently moved to Denver, Colorado.

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<a href="#">Erin Hewett Ragheb</a> Cornell University, NY	PhD Virginia Tech	Assistant Research Scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and Breeding Bird Survey Coordinator for the State of Florida.
Brian Holloway Washburn University of Topeka, KS	BS	Proposal Manager of Global Strategic Proposal Development at PPD Consulting.
Rebecca Lohnes Yale University, CT	MS Cornell University	<a href="#">Behavior and Training Manager, Lollypop Farms, Rochester, New York.</a>
<a href="#">Kristen (Pitts) Bouska</a> University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, WI	MS Kansas State University	PhD Candidate and IGERT Fellow in Watershed Science and Policy at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.
Laura Sellens Western Washington University, WA	BS	No current information.
Jeremy Thornbrugh Kansas State University, KS	BS	No current information.
<a href="#">Andrew Tilker</a> Midwestern State University, TX	BS	PhD Student for Tim Keitt at University of Texas, and a Biodiversity Consultant for the World Wildlife Fund.
Melinda Williamson Haskell Indian Nations University, KS	MS Oklahoma State University	Works for the Diabetes Prevention Program at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas.

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Matthew Bakker Dordt College, IA	PhD University of Minnesota	Research Plant Pathologist for the National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment, USDA-ARS, in Ames, Iowa. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2007.
Elizabeth Bockman Eckberg Gustavus Adolphus College, MN	BS	Completed a Teaching Certificate and has been working for several years as a high school teacher, currently at East Ridge High School in Woodbury, Minnesota. She found true love in the REU program and married Jim Eckberg.
Isaac Deal Lenoir-Rhyne College, NC	MS University of Tennessee	Completed a Master's in Entomology at the University of Tennessee in May 2007 and worked for USDA APHIS near Ft. Myers, Florida. No current information.
James Eckberg Gustavus Adolphus College, MN	MS University of Nebraska	Enrolled in the PhD program in the Agronomy Department at the University of Minnesota. Jim found true love in the REU program and married Liz Bockman.
Courtney (Franssen) Tobler Kansas State University, KS	MS University of Oklahoma	Recently moved back to Manhattan, KS.
Sarah Haller Crate William Jewell College, MO	MS Texas A&M University	Recently worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers in North Carolina. Received a Goldwater Scholarship in 2004.
Dustin Jasken North Dakota State University, ND	BS	District Conservationist in Mahnomen County, Minnesota for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS-USDA).
<a href="#">Elizabeth Murray</a> Gustavus Adolphus College, MN	MS Kansas State University	Working on a PhD on the systematics of Hymenoptera at UC Riverside with John Heraty and John Pinto.
<a href="#">Judd Patterson</a> Kansas State University, KS	MS Kansas State University	Working as a professional photographer in Miami, FL. An exhibition of his photographs of Konza Prairie was on display at the Department of the Interior Museum in Washington DC in Summer 2008.
<a href="#">Beth Ross</a> Kansas State University, KS	PhD Utah State University	Completed her PhD in 2013 and is now a Postdoc with Dave Haukos at the Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

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<a href="#">Amanda (Crouse-Behnke) McCleary</a> Kansas State University, KS	DVM Texas A&M University	Associate Veterinarian at North Florida Equine Veterinary Service in Archer, Florida.
Justin Trowbridge Kansas State University, KS	BS	Working as a teaching technician in the Division of Biology at K-State.

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Cameron Cooley Middle Tennessee State University, TN	MS Purdue University	Teaches at Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering in Memphis, Tennessee.
<a href="#">Brian Darby</a> Northwestern College, IA	PhD University of Vermont	Assistant Professor in the Biology Department of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.
Brian DeGasperis College of the Holy Cross, MA	MS Harvard University	Research Technician for Larry Smart's lab at Cornell.
<a href="#">Travis Engelbert</a> Bethany College, KS	MD University of Kansas	Vascular surgeon and faculty member at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.
Theresa (Kelly) Coy Loras College, IA	BS	High School Science Teacher at Marist High School in Chicago, Illinois.
Amanda (Kieke) Griffin St. Olaf College, MN	PhD University of Minnesota	Currently a Postdoctoral IRTA Fellow at Rocky Mountain Laboratories, NIAID, NIH in Hamilton, Montana, and also a Captain in the Army Reserves.
<a href="#">Heather (Nippert) Dannahower</a> Kansas State University, KS	BS	Has taught Forestry and Wildlife Biology at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colorado since 2003.
Audrey Owens University of Florida, FL	MS University of Georgia	Turtles Project Biologist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
Amy Seery Kansas State University, KS	MD University of Kansas	<a href="#">Pediatrician at Via Christi in Wichita, Kansas, and faculty for Via Christi Family Medicine Residency Program.</a>
<a href="#">Matthew Trager</a> Grinnell College, IA	PhD University of Florida	Ecologist with the US Forest Service on the Allegheny National Forest. Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2006.
<a href="#">Kyle Whittinghill</a> Middlebury College, VT	PhD University of Minnesota	Visiting Assistant Professor at St. Olaf College 2014-2015, and a faculty associate with the Arctic Long-Term Ecological Research Site.

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Vanessa Agosto Swarthmore College, PA	BA	No current information.
<a href="#">Barry Broeckelman</a> Kansas State University, KS	MD University of Kansas	Pediatrician with Pediatric Professional Association in Overland Park, Kansas.
Cameron Cooley Middle Tennessee State University, TN	MS Purdue University	Teaches at Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering in Memphis, Tennessee.
Anna Fiedler Lawrence University, WI	PhD Michigan State University	Executive Director at Sheepscot Wellspring Land Alliance in Unity, Maine.
Natalie Pheasant Colorado College, CO	BS	Working as an Environmental Specialist for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in the Radiological Monitoring and Oversight program at the DOE Oversight office in Oak Ridge.
Rena Schmitt Creighton University, NE	MS University of Montana	Teaching biology at Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, North Dakota.
<a href="#">Zachary Simpson</a> Colorado College, CO	PhD Claremont Graduate University	<a href="#">Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, in Norman, Oklahoma.</a>
Sarah 'Sadie' Solomon Appalachian State University, NC	MS Cornell University	No current information.
Arden Thomas Earlham College, IN	MS University of Washington	Working for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Yakima, Washington on fish conservation.
Laura Wies Allegheny College, PA	BS	Goldwater and Udall Scholar in 2001. Recently moved back to Columbus, Ohio.
Julia Wilcox Hiram College, OH	MS University of Wisconsin	Working for Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) in France.

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Jessica Allewalt Augustana College, IL	MS Montana State University	Geologist for Westech Environmental Services in Helena, Montana.
<a href="#">José Checo Colón-Gaud</a> University of Texas at El Paso, TX	PhD Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Assistant Professor of Aquatic Ecology in The Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology at Georgia Southern University.
Alexandra 'Sacha' (Latham) Boon Illinois Wesleyan University, IL	MS Illinois State University	Sacha passed away unexpectedly in 2011. She had worked as a Principal Environmental Specialist at Abbott Laboratories.
Molly (Magill) Lauterbach Kansas State University, KS	MS Colorado State University	Senior Research Scientist working on molecular genetics for Cargill in Fort Collins, Colorado.
<a href="#">James McFadden</a> Harvard University, MA	MD University of Illinois College of Medicine	Since 2012 is a Clinical Assistant Professor specializing in adult arthroplasty and joint reconstruction, in the Department of Orthopaedics within the Trauma Division at the University of Florida College of Medicine.
<a href="#">Catherine Mohr</a> Wayne State College, NE	DVM Kansas State University	Associate Veterinarian at Belmont Veterinary Center in Lincoln, NE.
<a href="#">Hope Austin-Phillips</a> College of Saint Benedict, MN	M Ed Arizona State University	Teaching middle school science in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
<a href="#">Catherine Stewart</a> Colorado College, CO	PhD Colorado State University	Research Soil Scientist in the Soil Plant Nutrient Research Unit with USDA Agricultural Research Service in Fort Collins, Colorado.
<a href="#">Amy Toth</a> Bard College, NY	PhD University of Illinois	Assistant Professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology at Iowa State University.

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<a href="#">Virginia Flanagan</a> Illinois Wesleyan University, IL	PhD Max Planck Institute of Neurobiology	Principal Investigator at the Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, and associate faculty in the Graduate School of Systemic Neurosciences, Ludwig-Maximilians University Hospital, in Munich, Germany.
<a href="#">Nathan Heavers</a> Princeton University, NJ	MLA University of Pennsylvania	Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture in the School of Architecture + Design at Virginia Tech
<a href="#">Mary Jamieson</a> University of Kansas, KS	PhD University of Colorado	Research Scientist for the Department of Entomology at University of Wisconsin-Madison.
<a href="#">Amanda López</a> Kansas State University, KS	M Eng Purdue University	Teaches elementary school in Laramie, Wyoming.
<a href="#">Jennifer Nelson</a> Colby College, ME	PhD Duke University	Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the John Merck Division of Science and Technology at Southern Vermont College
Shawn Papon Southwestern College, AZ	PhD University of Missouri	Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Fergus Falls Wetland Management District, Minnesota.
Sophie Parker Wellesley College, MA	PhD UC-Santa Barbara	Ecoregional Ecologist at The Nature Conservancy.
Tanya Smutka Valparaiso University, IN	MS University of Minnesota	Faculty in the Biology Department at Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.
Natali West Coastal Carolina University, SC	MAT Miami University of Ohio	Teaching pre-K and elementary school-age church classes in Middlebury, VT.
Charmaine Woodard-Melvin University of Texas of the Permian Basin, TX	MS Texas Tech University	No current information.

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Donna Allen University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC		No current information. As of 2008, was an urban forester working in Charlotte, North Carolina.
<a href="#">Michael Cottam</a> University of Utah, UT	MS, University of Florida; DMD, University of Nevada School of Dental Medicine	Dentist near Salt Lake City, Utah.
Melissa Hill Kansas State University, KS	BS	No current information. Graduated from Kansas State University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Biology.
Jamie Johnson Michigan Technical University, MI	MS, Michigan Technical University; DO A. T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine	Physician in the Emergency Medicine Department at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia.
Laura (Krueger) Prelesnik University of Michigan, MI	MPH Yale University	Vector Ecologist at Orange County Vector Control District, California.
<a href="#">Daniel Neafsey</a> Loyola University of Chicago, IL	PhD Harvard University	Leads the Malaria Genome Sequencing and Analysis Group at the Broad Institute.
<a href="#">Aaron Pearse</a> Kansas State University, KS	PhD Mississippi State University	Research Wildlife Biologist at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota.
Melissa (Pline) Brown Aquinas College, MI	MS North Carolina State University	<a href="#">Owns and markets products from the Milk and Honey Farm in Yadkinville, NC, a small, highly diversified farm committed to the traditional principles of organic agriculture.</a>
Tara Schubert Swarthmore College, PA	MS UC-Davis	Received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2000. Was a Project Coordinator at the Centers for Disease Control in San Francisco. Lost a battle with breast cancer in 2011.
Rachel Smit Carleton College, MN	MPA Princeton University	No current information. Worked as a Senior Analyst at the Kansas Health Institute in Topeka, Kansas, through early 2011.

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<a href="#">Andres 'Andy' Aguilar</a> Humboldt State University, CA	PhD UCLA	Assistant Professor at the Department of Biological Sciences at California State University - L.A.
<a href="#">Jon Beckmann</a> Kansas State University, KS	PhD University of Nevada at Reno	Conservation Scientist and Connectivity Initiative Coordinator with the Wildlife Conservation Society.
<a href="#">Nicole Ann Castro-McLaughlin</a> University of Wisconsin at Madison, WI	M Ed DePaul University	Teaching Biology at Benito Juarez Community Academy in Chicago, Illinois.
Jean Fantle-Lepczyk University of Wisconsin at Madison, WI	BA	Working on a Ph.D at the University of Hawaii with Dr. Sheila Conant on the impacts of introduced wildlife on native imperiled species.
<a href="#">Audra (Gallaspy) Warren</a> Delta State University, MS	MS	Biology Instructor at Faulkner State Community College in Alabama.
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