

2009 GRADUATE ASSISTANT COLLOQUIUM STAFF



Keith Bowman is a PhD Candidate in Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) studying community ecology of bryophytes. He is originally from Minnesota and completed a B.A. in Botany from Connecticut College and an M.S. in Botany from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Keith has been an instructor for General Botany at ESF and Le Moyne College and a GA for General Botany, Diversity of Plants, Ecology of Mosses, and Marine Ecology. He is also an NSF GK12 Fellow working with local high school students. This is his second year working on the Colloquium.



Susana del Granado is a PhD student in the program of Environmental and Natural Resources Policy at SUNY-ESF. She is also pursuing a concurrent master's degree at Maxwell School of Syracuse University in Public Administration. Susana studied biology in her home country, Bolivia. In 2004 she was awarded a Fulbright-OAS scholarship and completed a MS degree at SUNY-ESF in Environmental Policy and Democratic Processes and a certificate in Environmental Conflict Resolu-



Will Helenbrook is a Ph.D. student in Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) studying the effects of human disturbance on parasitism in Central and South American primates. He received a B.S. in Environmental Science and a B.A. in Psychology from the University at Buffalo, and a master's degree in Biology at SUNY College at Buffalo. He has been a graduate assistant for Genetics, Ecology and Evolution, Animal Behavior, and Botany. This is his first year working on the colloquium.



Katherina Bendz Searing is a Ph.D. student in the Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) Department. She received a B.S. in Biology, a B.A. in Chemistry and a minor in Geology from The University at Buffalo. She completed her M.S. in Biological Sciences at Binghamton University. In 2005-06 and 2007-08, she was a NSF / ESF Science Corps Fellow. She has been a GA for General Botany, EFB Freshman Orientation Seminar, Mammal Diversity and Senior Synthesis in Conservation Biology. This is Katherina's fourth year working on the Colloquium.



Anna Stewart is a Ph. D. student in the Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) Department at ESF and a concurrent Masters of Public Administration student at Syracuse University. She received a B.S. in Environmental Biology at Syracuse University in 2007. Her doctoral research is focused on infectious disease ecology in the tropics. From 2007 - 2009 she was an NSF GK12 STEM Fellow, and in 2009 she was awarded the Emerging Public Policy Leader Award by the American Institute of Biological Sciences. This is her second year working on the Graduate Assistant Colloquium.



Nidhi Pasi is a PhD candidate in the Department of Environment Studies and is working on water resource policy, management and decision making in India. She received BS in Environmental Science from University of Delhi, India and MS in Environment Management from Indraprastha University, India. In 2006-07 she did the MPA program from the Maxwell School, Syracuse University. She has been a GA/RA with the Graduate Program in Environmental Sciences (GPES) for the past 4 years now and will be the GA for Cultural Ecology for 2009-2010. This is her first year working on the Colloquium.



Ann M. Guzman joined the ESF Outreach team in January 2008. Ann earned her Bachelors of Science Degree from LeMoyne College with a concentration in Finance in 2002. Prior to working with Outreach, she worked at Solvay Bank in Solvay. Ann is a Project Staff Assistant who supports Chuck Spuches (Associate Dean) with administrative duties within the department. Ann is originally from Frankfort, New York and has been a resident of Baldwinsville, NY since 2006. She enjoys camping and traveling with her family.



Chuck Spuches is Associate Dean for Outreach and Instructional Quality at ESF. He also is an adjunct associate professor at Syracuse University in Instructional Design, Development, and Evaluation. He teaches the Seminar on College Teaching at ESF. At SU he teaches classroom and online courses in educational project management and planned change and serves on doctoral dissertation committees in instructional design and adult education.