

2010 GRADUATE ASSISTANT COLLOQUIUM STAFF



Katie Barnhill Katie earned her Masters at ESF, and is now a first-year PhD student in GPES Environmental and Natural Resource Policy. Her research focuses on Native (North) American inclusion in broader environmental and natural resource decision making. She has been a graduate assistant for both Intro to American Government in Environmental Studies and Global Environment in EFB. She has worked as an RA conducting policy analysis for a Great Lakes Research Consortium project, and currently works as an RA for an NSF ULTRA project. In addition, Katie is the incoming president for the Graduate Student Association. This is her first year working on the colloquium.



Emily Byrne is a MS student in Forest and Natural Resource Policy and pursuing a concurrent Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. She received a BA in economics and international studies from the University of Wisconsin in 2008. In 2009-2010 she was an NSF GK12 fellow, helping teach Global Environment in local high schools. This is her first year working on the colloquium.



Susana del Granado is a PhD student in the program of Environmental and Natural Resources Policy at SUNY-ESF. In 2009 she got a master's degree on Public Administration at Maxwell School of Syracuse University. Susana studied Biology in her home country, Bolivia. In 2004 she was awarded a Fulbright-OAS scholarship to do a MS degree at SUNY-ESF in Environmental Policy and Democratic Processes and a certificate in Environmental Conflict Resolution. This is her second year working on the colloquium.



Whitney Lash Marshall Whitney is a PhD student in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy at ESF, interested in integrating development and conservation initiatives in Costa Rica for the future of the National Park System. She also received her MS from ESF in the Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) department in Conservation Biology. She has been a GA for classes within the EFB department, including Introductory Genetics, The Global Environment, Systems Ecology, Ecosystems, Geographic Modeling, 'Ecology, Resources, and Development' and is currently co-teaching an undergraduate seminar on Costa Rica. This is her first year working on the colloquium.



Katherina Bendz Searing is a Ph.D. candidate 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 GK-12 Fellow. She has been a GA for General Botany, EFB Freshman Orientation Seminar, Mammal Diversity, Senior Synthesis in Conservation Biology and Applied Wildlife Science. This is Katherina's fifth year working on the colloquium.



Anna Stewart is a concurrent Ph. D. candidate in ecology at SUNY ESF and a Masters of Public Administration student at Syracuse University. Anna is broadly interested in the application of interdisciplinary ecological research to issues of human development in low-income countries. From 2007 to 2009, she taught a college-level environmental science course in local high schools as an NSF GK12 STEM Fellow. This past year, she was a teaching assistant for introductory GIS and environmental science courses. Beginning this fall, Anna will spend 10 months conducting her dissertation research in Ecuador as a Fulbright Scholar. This is her third year working on the colloquium.



Ann 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.