

# 2011 GRADUATE ASSISTANT COLLOQUIUM STAFF



**Michael Amadori** is an MS student in Ecological Engineering who designed an aquaponic food production system on campus and is using food waste as an alternative to fish feed for the main nutrient input. Prior to coming to ESF, he worked as an Americorps member in Lake Tahoe, NV specializing in environmental outreach and education. He has been a TA for several different engineering courses and also works in the graduate office to educate prospective students about our campus. This is his 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. She has been a GA for Introduction to Economics and Natural Resources Managerial Economics. This is her 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. 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** is a PhD Candidate in Environmental and Natural Resources Policy at SUNY ESF, interested in developing socio-ecological models for successful conservation management and education in Costa Rica at the community level. She also received her MS in Conservation Biology from ESF. She has been a GA for classes in the EFB department including Introductory Genetics, The Global Environmental, Systems Ecology, Ecosystems, Geographic Modeling, and The Ecology of the Economic Process. Currently, she is developing an Ecology of the Economic Process course for the ESF in the Highschool Outreach program as well as teaching Ecosystems. This is her second 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 sixth 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 Administrative Staff Assistant who supports Chuck Spuches (Provost) 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 Provost 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.