

# 2008 GRADUATE ASSISTANT COLLOQUIUM STAFF



**Keith Bowman** is a Ph.D. 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 and a GA for General Botany, Diversity of Plants, Ecology of Mosses, and Marine Ecology. This is his first year working on the Colloquium.



**Ginny Collins** is working on her MPS in the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology, focusing on Environmental Interpretation with Professor Andy Saunders. Ginny has taught Hydrology and Hydraulics here at ESF, has worked at a local Syracuse City high school, was a research assistant in the Department of Environmental and Resources Engineering for 3 years, is involved in the Graduate Student Association, and will be the graduate assistant for Introduction to Environmental Interpretation. This is her third year with the Graduate Assistant Colloquium.



**Katherina 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 and Senior Synthesis in Conservation Biology. This is Katherina's third year working on the Colloquium.



**Anna Stewart** is an ecology Ph.D. student in the Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) Department at ESF and is concurrently pursuing a Masters of Public Administration at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Her research is focused on urban health and development in the tropics. She received a B.S. in Environmental Biology at Syracuse University. This is Anna's second year as a NSF / ESF Science Corps Fellow. Additionally, she led a graduate seminar on current energy issues. This is her first year working on the Colloquium.



**Nicole Werner** is a Ph.D. student in EFB and an NSF GK-12 Fellow. She gained her B.S. in Environmental Biology at ESF and an M.S. in Plant Pathology from Michigan State University. After working at Cornell University on diseases of small fruit and tree fruit, she decided to come back to ESF to pursue her interest in forest health from an entomological perspective. This is her first year working on the Colloquium.



**Emily Gillis** is a Project Assistant in ESF Outreach. She works on several Department of Labor grants (DOL H1B, SUNY SPARE (Solar Power as Renewable Energy), NYS DOL) and an OCC SPARE grant. She also provides administrative support to the ESF Outreach office. Emily is a recent graduate of Syracuse University with a B.S. in Hospitality Management.



**Chuck Spuches** is Associate Dean for Outreach, Instructional Quality and Technology 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.