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EDUCATION

- 1987-1988: University of Vermont Law School, So. Royalton, VT, USA. Masters of Science in Law. Emphasis on environmental law and natural resource policy.
- 1976-1982: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA. Ph.D. in Silviculture and Forest Ecology, especially forest biology, soils, and hardwood stand dynamics.
- 1974-1976: Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA. Masters of Forestry. Emphasis in botany, soils, and forest management.
- 1966-1970: Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., USA. Bachelor of Science (Natural Sciences).

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2009-present Associate Professor, Department of Earth and Environment, Florida International University
- 2006-2009: Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Florida International University
- 2002-present: Associate Research Scientist, Southeast Environmental Research Center, Florida International University
- 1993-2002: Assistant Research Scientist, Southeast Environmental Research Center, Florida International University.
- 1988-1993: Research Scientist and Principal Investigator, Florida Keys Terrestrial Ecosystem Study, Ecosystem Research Unit, National Audubon Society, Tavernier, FL.
- 1987: Teaching Assistant and independent investigator, University of Michigan Biological Station. Assist in plant ecology courses, conduct research on growth and establishment of eastern white pine.
- 1986-1987: Research Associate, Department of Forestry, Michigan Tech University, Houghton, MI. Analyze and synthesize data from recovery program for endangered roundleaf birch (*Betula uber* Ashe).
- 1983-1986: Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Dept. of Botany, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Director of Hondo Research Laboratory. Multi-disciplinary research on aspects of boreal forest ecology.

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

The Control of Germination, with Emphasis on the Role of Oxygen. Master's Thesis, Utah State University, 1976.

Oak Regeneration after Clearcutting on Steep Slopes in the Ridge and Valley Province of Southwest Virginia. Ph.D. Dissertation, VPI&SU, 1982.

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Wang, X., L. O. Sternberg, M. S. Ross, and V. C. Engel. 2010 (online). Linking water use and nutrient accumulation in tree island upland hammock plant communities in the Everglades National Park, USA. *Biogeochemistry*. DOI: 10.1007/s10533-010-9492-8

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- Ross, M.S., E.E. Gaiser, J.F. Meeder, and M.T. Lewin. 2002. Multi-taxon analysis of the "white zone", a common ecotonal feature of South Florida coastal wetlands. Pp. 205-238 In: *The Everglades, Florida Bay, and Coral Reefs of the Florida Keys*. J. W. Porter and K.G. Porter, eds. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, USA. 1064 pp.

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Biogeography of south Florida tree islands and forest fragments. M. S. Ross, J. P. Sah, P. L. Ruiz, and A. Spitzig. North American Forest Ecology Workshop. June 2011. Roanoke, VA.

Past and future effects of sea level rise on terrestrial ecosystems of the Florida Keys. M. S. Ross. Invited interagency workshop: Sea level rise adaptation in the Florida Keys: conserving terrestrial and intertidal natural areas and native species. Hawks Cay Resort, Duck Key, FL. May 10-12, 2011.

Contemplating the fate of fresh-water dependent Florida Keys ecosystems: what to do about species threatened with extinction due to sea level rise? M. Ross, H. Liu, J. Maschinski, E. J. von Wettberg, J. O'Brien, K. Haskins, and D. Reed. Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Symposium. Naples, FL. July 2010.

Linking soils, hydrology, and forest structure in Everglades tree islands. M. S. Ross, J. P. Sah, and P. L. Ruiz. Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Symposium. Naples, FL. July 2010.

Wrenching choices: managing species threatened by sea level rise in the Florida Keys. M. S. Ross. Workshop: Keeping our heads above water: surviving the challenges of sea-level rise in Florida. Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, FL. Jan 2010.

Stand density in south Florida tropical forests: implications for the function and management of Everglades tree islands. M. S. Ross, D. A. Ogurcak, P. L. Ruiz, J. P. Sah, and L. Lopez. North American Forest Ecology Workshop. June 2009. Logan, UT.

Assessing several vegetation indicators of Everglades water management. M. S. Ross, Daniel Gomez, Xin Wang, Michael Kline, Brooke Shamblin, Jay P. Sah, Pablo L. Ruiz, Steve Oberbauer, Leo Sternberg, and Vic Engel. Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Conference. July 2008. Naples FL.

Sea level rise and disturbance: a two-pronged challenge to management of coastal island refuges. M. S. Ross, J. J. O'Brien, R. G. Ford, K. Zhang & A. Morkill. Society of Wetlands Scientists Annual Meeting., Special Symposium: Disassembly of coastal ecosystems in the face of global change: implications for conservation, management, and restoration. May 2008.

Sea level rise and pine forest loss in the Florida Keys. M. S. Ross, K. Zhang, J. P. Sah, R. G. Ford, and J. J. O'Brien Pine Rockland Working Group symposium. Florida International University. February 2008

What we know about forest succession on tree islands in the southern Everglades. M. S. Ross. 2007 Tree Island Workshop. Sponsored by Florida Atlantic University and CERP RECOVER program. Boca Raton FL. December 2007.

Papers presented (continued)

- Vegetation dynamics in habitats of 4 endangered birds in the Florida Everglades. M. S. Ross and J. P. Sah. Everglades Avian Ecology Forum. Florida International University. August 2007.
- Hurricanes, fire, and coastal pine forests in a rising sea: the Florida Keys. M. S. Ross, K. Zhang, J. P. Sah, R. G. Ford, and J. J. O'Brien. Ecological Society of American Annual Meeting. San Jose CA. August 2007.
- Sea level rise and the decline of pine rockland forests in the lower Florida Keys. M. S. Ross, K. Zhang, J. P. Sah, J. J. O'Brien & R. G. Ford. Conservation of the Florida Keys pine rocklands: learning from our past to sustain for the future. Big Pine Key, FL. March 2007.
- Tree islands in Everglades landscapes: a study of inter-regional variation and forest moisture relations. M.S. Ross, J.P. Sah, P.L. Ruiz, S. Oberbauer & L. Sternberg. 2006 Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Conference. Lake Buena Vista, FL. June 2006.
- Landscape structure in the southern Everglades and its implications for restoration. M.S. Ross, P.L. Ruiz, J. P. Sah, K. Jayachandran, S. Mitchell-Bruker and S. Stothoff. Society of Wetland Scientists 26th Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia. June 2005.
- Nutrient relationships in the "ridge-and-slough" vegetation mosaic of the southern Everglades, Florida, USA. M.S. Ross, P.L. Ruiz, K. Jayachandran, C.L. Coultas, and J.P. Sah. International Association of Vegetation Science, 47th Annual Meeting. Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, USA. July 2004.
- Vegetation dynamics in Everglades marshes, with emphasis on Taylor Slough. M. S. Ross, J. P. Sah, T. V. Armentano, D. T. Jones, H. C. Cooley, and C. S. Smith. IOP Workshop, Everglades National Park, October 2003.
- Reduced freeze incidence associated with global warming may promote mangrove encroachment in southeastern coastal marshes. Ecological Society of America. Savannah GA. August 2003.
- The response of Everglades tree species to simulated hydrologic regimes: an experimental study. Ross, M.S., D.T. Jones, B. Hwang, J. Walters, S. Oberbauer, and K. Jayachandran. Joint Conference on the Science and Restoration of the Greater Everglades and Florida Bay ecosystems. Palm Harbor, FL. April, 2003.
- Vegetation restoration in Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands. BBCW Project Development Team workshop. Miami, FL. October 2002.
- Developing ecological performance measures for Everglades tree islands. Natural Areas Association Conference 2002. Asheville, NC. October 2002.
- Biomass and fuel loads associated with hardwoods in the understory of Florida Keys pine forests. Natural Areas Association Conference 2002 (poster). Asheville, NC. October 2002.
- Mound and ridge tree-islands in the Everglades peatland. Gleason, P., P. A. Stone, and M. Ross. Geological Society of American Annual Meeting. October 2002. Denver, CO. GSA Abstracts, Volume 34, Number 6.

Papers presented (continued)

- Determining the role of sediment deposition and transport in the formation and maintenance of tree islands in the Florida Everglades. Mitchell-Bruker, S. D. Childers, M. Ross, L. Leonard, H. Solo-Gabriel and S. Stothoff, 2002. American Geophysical Union Spring 2002 Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Population dynamics of *Pinus elliottii* var. *densa* in Everglades National Park: a case for less frequent prescribed fire. Natural Areas Assoc. Conference. Cape Canaveral, FL. Oct 2001
- The L-31E pilot project: coastal restoration in Biscayne National Park. Natural Areas Association Conference 2001 (poster). Cape Canaveral, FL October 2001.
- Dynamics of “the White Zone”, an indicator of coastal wetland condition. Presentation to National Academy of Science Greater Ecosystem Restoration oversight committee (CROGEE). Homestead, FL February 2001.
- Vegetation:environment relationships and water management in Shark Slough, Everglades National Park. Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Science Conference, Naples, FL. December 2000.
- An alternative method for estimating above-ground production in mangrove communities of Biscayne National Park, Florida. Ecological Society of America annual meeting, Snowbird, UT. August 2000.
- The status of four endemic pine rockland herbs in the Florida Keys: implications for long term management. Ecological Society of America annual meeting, Snowbird, UT. August 2000.
- The L-31E surface water redirection project: coastal wetland ecosystems and some initial treatment results. Florida Bay Science Conference, Key Largo, FL. November 1999.
- Ecological impacts of sea level rise in South Florida. Climate Change and Extreme Events Workshop. Florida International University, Miami, FL. July 1998.
- Integrating ecological criteria into fire management in South Florida rocklands. Pine Rocklands Fire Managers Symposium. Key Largo, FL. December 1997.
- The Southeast Saline Everglades revisited: vegetation and soil changes during the last century. First Annual Meeting of the Walt Dineen Society. Miami, FL. May 1997.
- Water use in mangrove communities of Biscayne National Park, FL. First Annual Meeting of the Walt Dineen Society. Miami, FL. May 1997.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus in the Florida Keys: groundwater-vegetation relationships. 1992 Symposium on Florida Keys Regional Ecosystem, Miami, Florida, November 1992.
- Has 20th Century sea level rise caused the migration of Florida Keys plant communities? Botanical Society of America annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, August 1991.
- Pineland decline in the Florida Keys. Ecological Society of America annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, August 1991.
- Subtropical hammock successional trends in North Key Largo, Florida. Ecological Society of America annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, August 1991.

Papers presented (continued)

Plant community architecture across habitat gradients in the Florida Keys. Ecological Society of America annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, August 1991.

Ecological site classification of terrestrial habitats of the Florida Keys. Ecological Society of America annual meeting, Snowbird, Utah, August 1990.

Fire history and the forest mosaic near Lesser Slave Lake, Alberta. Northwest Scientific Association annual meeting, Cheney, WA, March 1986.

Stem unit analysis in oak. 7th Forest Tree Physiology Workshop, Raleigh, N.C., 1983.

Oak regeneration development after clearcutting in the Ridge and Valley province of Virginia. Virginia Academy of Science annual meeting, Norfolk, VA, May 1981.

Age structure of an Appalachian oak forest. VA Acad. of Science annual meeting, Charlottesville, VA, May 1980.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED

2011. CERP monitoring and assessment: marl prairie – slough gradients. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$122,812. **PI**.

2011. CERP monitoring and assessment program: monitoring of tree island condition in the southern Everglades. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$157,115. **PI**.

2011. Vascular plant community composition and distribution in Cape Sable seaside sparrow Sub-population D. South Florida Water Management District. \$38,531. **PI**; Jay Sah Co-PI.

2011. Assessing the impact of the Deep Fire on hardwood hammocks in Big Cypress National Preserve. U.S. Geological Survey. \$18,000. **PI**; Jay Sah Co-PI.

2010. Deepwater oil spill collaborative research and monitoring plan: impacts on mangrove ecosystems. U.S. Forest Service. \$12,000. **PI**; Keqi Zhang Co-PI.

2010. CERP monitoring and assessment: marl prairie – slough gradients. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$118,910. **PI**.

2010. CERP monitoring and assessment program: monitoring of tree island condition in the southern Everglades. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$150,660. **PI**.

2010. Landscape pattern - ridge, slough, and tree island mosaics. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$206,622. **Co-PI**, Jim Heffernan **PI**.

2010. Cape Sable seaside sparrow monitoring and assessment plan. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$157,707. **PI**.

2010. A synthesis of Everglades freshwater research. The Everglades Foundation. \$91,431. **PI**; Joel Trexler and Evelyn Gaiser, Co-PI's.

Grants and contracts (continued)

2010. Carbon isotopic signature in the soil organic matter in marl prairie soil cores in the Everglades. U.S. Geological Survey. \$16,446. **PI.**
2009. ULTRA-EX: Double exposures: socio-ecological vulnerabilities in the Miami-Dade urban region. National Science Foundation. \$299,169. **Co-PI.** Gail Hollander PI, and three others.
2009. Cape Sable seaside sparrow monitoring and assessment plan. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$198,537. **PI.**
2009. CERP monitoring and assessment program: monitoring of tree island condition in the southern Everglades. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$132,250. **PI.**
2009. CERP monitoring and assessment: marl prairie – slough gradients. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$114,957. **PI.**
- 2009-2013. Loxahatchee impoundment landscape assessment (LILA): tree island experiments and site management. South Florida Water Management District. \$699,919. **Co-PI;** Len Scinto PI & Rene' Price Co-PI.
2009. Landscape pattern - ridge, slough, and tree island mosaics. South Florida Water Management District. \$191,355. **Co-PI;** Jim Heffernan PI.
2009. Tree islands in Everglades landscapes: current status, historical changes, and hydrologic impacts on population dynamics and moisture relations (addendum). \$45,626. US Department of Interior. **PI.**
2008. Estimating biomass production and nutrient concentrations of tree species growing along hydrologic gradient on LILA tree islands. \$49,305. South Florida Water Mgt District. **PI.**
2008. Cape Sable seaside sparrow monitoring and assessment plan, 2008-2012. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. \$136,872. **PI.**
2008. Resampling of permanent pine rockland vegetation plots on Big Pine Key. U.S. Geological Survey. \$45,745. **PI.**
2008. CERP monitoring and assessment program: monitoring of tree island condition in the southern Everglades. US Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$39,567. **PI.**
2008. CERP monitoring and assessment: marl prairie – slough gradients. US Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$88,481. **PI.**
2007. Dendro-isotope investigation of pine forests from the FL Keys: understanding the interaction of precipitation, sea-level rise and tropical cyclones. Department of Energy, National Institute of Climate Change Research. \$250,643 (not funded). With Bill Anderson.
2007. Vegetation mapping in Biscayne National Park. \$16,436 (addendum). DOI-NPS-Everglades National Park and South Florida/Caribbean Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. **PI.**

Grants and contracts (continued)

2007. Developing allometric biomass equations for saplings of tree species common in Everglades tree islands. \$48,750. South Florida Water Management District. **PI**.
2007. Status and response of endemic pine rockland plants following a storm surge event in the Florida Keys. \$90,250. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (not funded).
2007. Lower Keys digital terrain model and vegetation analysis for the National Key Deer Refuge. \$50,000. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **Co-PI**; Keqi Zhang, PI.
2007. Cape Sable seaside sparrow habitat monitoring and assessment project. \$180,278. US Army Corps of Engineers. **PI**.
2007. Prediction of pine forest changes in the Florida Keys due to sea level rise and storm surge inundation. \$120,000. Department of Energy, National Institute of Climate Change Research. **Co-PI**;; Keqi Zhang, PI.
2006. CERP monitoring and assessment program: monitoring of tree island condition in the southern Everglades. \$75,035 . South Florida Water Management District. **PI**.
2006. Developing a data-driven classification of south Florida plant communities, Phase I. \$55,318. DOI-NPS-Everglades National Park and South Florida/Caribbean Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. **PI**.
2006. Vegetation mapping in Biscayne National Park. \$47,762. DOI-NPS-Everglades National Park and South Florida/Caribbean Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. **PI**.
2006. Effects of hydrologic restoration on the habitat of the Cape Sable Seaside sparrow. U. S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$198,488. (continuation). **PI**.
2005. Fuel development and woody plant invasion in Everglades prairies. \$161,974. US Fish & Wildlife Service. **PI**.
2005. CERP monitoring and assessment: marl prairie – slough gradients. \$207,000. US Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. **PI**.
2005. Loxahatchee impoundment landscape assessment (LILA): tree island experiments and site management. South Florida Water Management District. \$460,000 over 3 years. **Co-PI**; Len Scinto, PI & Rene' Price, Co-PI.
2005. Analysis of Everglades fire effects monitoring data. Everglades National Park. \$16,700. **PI**.
2005. Determining the hydrologic requirement of aquatic slough vegetation. \$499,600 over 3 years. US Department of Interior. **Co-PI**; Jennifer Richards, PI, and 3 others.
2004. Tree islands in Everglades landscapes: current status, historical changes, and hydrologic impacts on population dynamics and moisture relations. \$535,000 over 3 years. US Department of Interior. **PI**; S. Oberbauer Co-PI.

Grants and contracts (continued)

2004. A spatial simulation model to predict prairie and marsh vegetation types in the Everglades. \$74,478. US Department of Interior. (Not funded).
2004. Documenting the importance of water flow to Everglades landscape structure and sediment transport in Everglades National Park (continuation). \$206,598. US Department of Interior. **Co-PI**; Dan Childers, PI.
2004. Effects of hydrologic restoration on the habitat of the Cape Sable Seaside sparrow. U. S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$39,600. (continuation). **PI**.
2004. Vegetation mapping in the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project area. \$145,000. South Florida Water Management District. With Keqi Zhang (Not funded).
2003. Effects of hydrologic restoration on the habitat of the Cape Sable Seaside sparrow. U. S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$192,382. (continuation). **PI**.
2003. Assessment of construction methodologies for wetland restoration of water distribution features in Biscayne National Park. \$50,000. US Department of Interior, National Park Service. **PI**; Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
2003. Large-scale assessment of mangrove landscape changes using enhanced Shuttle Radar Topography Mission data, LIDAR data, and ground observations. \$199K over 3 years. NASA, via Jet Propulsion Laboratory. **PI**; Keqi Zhang, Co-PI.
2003. Exploring spatial variation in climate to predict future fuel and fire dynamics in pine rockland ecosystems. \$68K over 3 years. Submitted to Joint Fire Science Program via USDA Forest Service, Southern Forest Experiment Station. (Not funded)
2003. Vegetation dynamics in Everglades marshes, with emphasis on Taylor Slough. National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$8,000. **PI**.
2002. Determining rates and biological consequences of salt-water encroachment in coastal wetlands of Biscayne National Park. U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service. \$86,760. **Co-PI**; Evelyn Gaiser, PI.
2002. Effects of hydrologic restoration on the habitat of the Cape Sable Seaside sparrow. U. S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$186,728. **PI**.
2001. Documenting the importance of water flow to Everglades landscape structure and sediment transport in Everglades National Park. U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Biscayne National Park. \$560,000. **Co-PI**; Dan Childers, PI; Helena Solo-Gabriele, and Lynn Leonard, Co-PI's.
2001. Water flow through coastal wetlands. U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Biscayne National Park. \$180,000. **Co-PI**; Evelyn Gaiser, PI.
2001. L-31E wetlands and flow monitoring. South Florida Water Management District. \$136,000. **PI**; Jack Meeder and Ron Jones, Co-PI's.
2000. Everglades National Park tree islands: interactions of hydrology, vegetation, and soils. U. S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Everglades National Park. \$333,263. **PI**; Steve Oberbauer and Krish Jayachandran, Co-PI's).

Grants and contracts (continued)

2000. Shark and Taylor Slough vegetation monitoring (continuation). U. S. National Park Service. \$50,000. **PI**.
1999. Southern Biscayne Bay watershed historical creek characterization. Florida Center for Environmental Studies. \$74,000. **Co-PI**; Jack Meeder, PI, and Evelyn Gaiser, and Rudolf Jaffe, Co-PI's.
1998. L-31E wetlands and flow monitoring. South Florida Water Management District. \$136,000. **PI**; Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
1997. Developing ecological criteria for prescribed fire in South Florida pine rockland ecosystems. U. S. Department of Interior Fire Initiative. \$464,000. **PI**; Suzanne Koptur and Jim Snyder, Co-PI's.
1996. L-31E flow redistribution monitoring (addition). South Florida Water Management District. \$368,766. **PI**; Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
1996. Effects of L-31E flow redistribution on nearshore benthic communities in Biscayne National Park. U. S. National Park Service. \$50,000. **Co-PI**; Jack Meeder, PI.
1996. Shark and Taylor Slough vegetation monitoring. U. S. National Park Service. \$175,000. **PI**.
1995. A study of the distribution of several South Florida endemic plants in the Florida Keys. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. \$24,798. **PI**.
1995. Effects of Hurricane Andrew on the upland forests of Biscayne National Park. U. S. National Park Service. \$70,000. **PI**, Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
1994. A strategic plan for conservation of Florida plants. Center for Plant Conservation. \$12,000. **PI**.
1993. Effects of Hurricane Andrew on the Crocodile Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. \$75,000. **PI**. Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
1993. L-31E flow redistribution monitoring. South Florida Water Management District. \$380,000. **PI**, Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
1993. Vegetation analysis of C-111 and Taylor Slough basins. South Florida Water Management District. \$196,000. **PI**. Jack Meeder, Co-PI.
1993. Effects of Hurricane Andrew on the distribution of rare plants in south Florida pine rocklands, with emphasis on edaphic factors. U.S. National Park Service. \$84,000. (with Jack Meeder)
1992. Terrestrial ecosystems of the Curry Tract, Fat Deer and Long Point Keys, Florida. The Nature Conservancy. \$9,000. **PI**. (at National Audubon Society, Tavernier, FL).
1991. Vegetation and landscape ecology of central Big Pine Key. The Nature Conservancy. \$15,000. **PI**. (at National Audubon Society, Tavernier, FL).
1989. Ecosystem study of the lower Florida Keys. The Nature Conservancy. \$25,000. **PI**. (at National Audubon Society, Tavernier, FL).

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research collaborator, Florida Coastal Everglades LTER.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Classes taught ---

EVR 5069/PCB 4452 (Wetland Ecology and Management) Fall 2010 (Mean student evaluation, 3.08)

EVR 4594 (Analysis of South Florida Ecosystems) Spring 2010 (3.38), Spring 2011 (3.08)

EVR 4596L (Field Methods in Ecology, Lab) Fall 2006 (2.33), Spring 2008 (NA), Spring 2009 (3.47),
Spring 2010 (3.13), Spring 2011 (3.00)

EVR 5320 (Environmental Resource Management) Spring 2007 (2.95), Spring 2008 (2.48), Spring 2009
(3.02)

Graduate Committees directed, Florida International University.

Environmental Studies program --- 7 M. Sc. completed

Hillary Cooley. 2004. Thesis: Palm fuel dynamics in fire-sustained pine forests in the Florida Keys.

Robin Gray-Urguelles, 2006. Independent Study: Analysis of performing controlled burns in the
wildland-urban interface of Miami-Dade County.

David Reed. 2007. Thesis: Effect of hydrology and light on seedling establishment and growth of four
wetland tree species in tree islands of northern Shark Slough, Everglades National Park.

Erin Hanan. 2008. Thesis: Multi-scaled patterning of plant-soil-water interactions across tree islands
and marshes within the prairie and slough landscapes of Everglades National Park.

Elaine Fontes. 2008 (Co-advisor). Thesis: Tracking the effects of physical and chemical changes using
past and current chironomid and Chaoborus assemblages in Lake Annie, FL.

Marissa Benigno. 2009. Directed study topic: Arsenic regulation in Miami-Dade County soils.

Suresh Subedi. 2011. Thesis: Interactions of nutrient availability, substrate, and hydrology on the
growth of Everglades tree island species.

Geosciences program --- 1 Ph.D, 1 MSc. in progress

Danielle Ogurcak (Began Fall 2008). Dissertation topic: The future of the endemic pine rockland
community on the island of Big Pine Key, FL: the use of functional traits to predict successional
trajectories resulting from the interaction of disturbance events and sea-level rise.

Mike Kline (Began Fall 2008). Non-thesis paper topic: A comparison of adjacent Ridge and Slough
vegetative communities.

Graduate Committee memberships, Florida International University

Department of Biology --- 7 completed, 2 in progress

Department of Environmental Studies --- 12 completed, 1 in progress (Kurt Birchenough).

Department of Earth and Environment --- 2 in progress (Pamela Sullivan, Carrie Rebenack).

Outside Committee memberships

University of Miami, Department of Biology --- 1 completed (Xin Wang)

University of Florida, Center for Wetland Soils --- 1 in progress (Daniel Irrick)

Extended lecture series --- Tropical Forest Management (Winter 2000, Winter 2001).

Undergraduate independent study courses directed, Florida International University --- 7 completed.

Numerous university classroom lectures presented, field trips lead.

Public environmental education lectures --- John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Long Key State Park, Isaak Walton League of Key Largo, Bent Tree Cub Scout Pack, and others.

Instructor, Silviculture Laboratory, VPI&SU. (1980).

Graduate Teaching Assistantship in Silviculture and Forest Ecology, VPI&SU. (1979-82).

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Member, EVR Graduate Committee, 2006 - present

Contributor, FIU Preserve Committee (Shadehouse facility)

Member, SERC Policies and Procedures Committee, 2000-2001.

Organizer, SERC Brownbag Seminar Series, 1999-2001.

Appointee to Land Acquisition Selection Committee (LASC) for the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) program, Miami-Dade County, 2007-present

South Florida pine rockland working group

Big Pine Key fresh water lens working group

Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program - Technical Review Team

Everglades conceptual model working groups - mangrove estuary, marl prairie, ridge and slough.

Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands working group

Biscayne Bay Partnership Initiative --- Science working group.

Manuscript review for many ecological journals and several book publishers

AWARDS

FIU Division of Sponsored Research & Training outstanding contribution award, 1996-97

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Natural Areas Association

International Association of Vegetation Science

Ecological Society of America

Association for Tropical Biology

Society of Wetland Scientists

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