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**María de Jesús Aguilar-Aguilar** is a PhD student at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). In her doctoral project she is interested in determining the racial ancestry in managed and feral populations of *Apis mellifera*, in the five beekeeping regions of Mexico.

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as the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC), [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org), Bee Friendly Farming, and P2 donor development. She also supports administrative activities including HR, finance, and Board of Directors coordination. Savannah's passion for habitat conservation and restoration stems from her love of all living organisms— during her free time, you'll find her exploring trails with her dog, Naya, or tending to her two miniature donkeys, Enzo and Henri.

**Francisco Balvino** has a Master of Science from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, and is currently a PhD candidate from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. He has dedicated part of his research to the biological conservation of the seasonally dry tropical forest and more recently to the biological conservation of pollinators in Mexico

**Amber Barnes** is a nature enthusiast who holds both a Bachelor and Master of Science in Biology, from the University of Akron. While her undergrad focused on Zoology, she has since broadened her interests through volunteer work and field positions. As a Field Botanist for the Cleveland Metroparks she contributed toward the long-term PCAP (Plant Community Assessment Program), which sparked an interest in vegetative research and the use of native plants in gardening and restoration projects. The following summer she was chosen to participate in the Chicago Botanic Garden's Conservation and Land Management Internship as a Wildlife Technician. While stationed in Cedar City, Utah, she worked with the local Bureau of Land Management field office on several wildlife projects including greater sage-grouse conservation work, raptor nest surveys, Utah prairie dog studies, as well as several rangeland and riparian ecosystem health assessments. She is excited to bring her plant and wildlife experience together for the Pollinator Partnership as she monitors plant-pollinator relationships through the Bee Buffer and Monarch Wings Across Ohio programs. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, photography, and volunteering.

**Mylea Bayless** leads BCI's Network & Partnerships Division with more than 20 years of experience in building collaborative teams for conservation, research, and wildlife management. "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." The wisdom of this African proverb defines her approach to conservation. A life-long student, she is thrilled to be focusing her natural affinity for people to develop strategic partnerships that will grow BCI's impact around the world. Bayless joined BCI in 2006, with a career portfolio including State and Federal agency service and Academic research. She holds degrees from Colorado State University (B.S., M.S.).

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behavior of honey bees and stingless bees. As a PhD student, Meg's dissertation focused on stress physiology and circadian biology of leafcutting bees. Kendra Greenlee (NDSU) and Joseph Rinehart (USDA-ARS) co-advised Meg during her PhD work. She aspires to run her own lab centered around bee behavioral physiology in natural and agricultural contexts.

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**Katie Boyer** is a Recovery Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and co-leads the agency's National Pollinator Partnership Team. This team is working to harness the Service's existing partnerships and create novel national partnerships that will synergize pollinator conservation efforts. Katie has been engaged in pollinator conservation since 2015, when she began serving as the Southwest Region's Monarch Outreach Specialist. In this role, Katie coordinated monarch conservation efforts with a variety of partners and led outreach efforts to increase awareness of monarch and pollinator decline. Katie also works on recovery planning and implementation for a variety of other migratory threatened and endangered species. Katie holds a Bachelor of Science in Resource Conservation from the University of Montana and a Master of Natural Resources in Environmental Policy from Utah State University.

**Katie-Lyn Bunney** coordinates MJV's education and outreach programs, which include professional development programs for teachers and educators, local programming, and the MJV/NCTC Conservation Webinar Series. She also works to connect partners and the public to the resources they need for monarch conservation and education. In addition to these roles, Katie-Lyn also co-plans the Annual Partner meeting and coordinates the MJV's Monarch Store. Born and raised in southeast Wisconsin, she moved to Minnesota for school and never left, now residing in the Twin Cities area with her family. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Environmental Sciences Policy and Management. Previous to MJV, Katie-Lyn worked as an informal educator at museums, zoos, nature centers and park systems where she led and coordinated summer camps, field trips, and outdoor education programs for all ages. Most recently she held the position of Education Program Coordinator for the former Monarch Lab, from which many of MJV's education programs stem. Katie-



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Lyn enjoys the opportunities MJV has to work with so many people devoted to and interested in promoting conservation and education. She loves having such an integral role in providing them with the tools and skills they are seeking. In her free time, she can be found hiking, camping, reading, knitting and spending time with her family.

**Douglas Burkett** is an Environmental Biologist for the Armed Forces Pest Management Board under the Office of the Secretary of Defense near Washington DC. Serve as one of the two OSD offices tasked with overall DoD policy for pollinator protection. Also serve as Co-Chair for the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Pollinator Working Group serving ~150 members.

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**Shelly Candel** is the founder, director and full time volunteer for Bee City Canada. She loves what she does and encourages cities, campuses, schools, businesses and organizations to join the Bee City Family. To date there are over 120 Bee City communities across Canada. Her background is in business and holds a degree in Agriculture from the University of Guelph. The bees have taught her that if we collectively take care of the bees we will address many of our environmental disasters we have brought upon ourselves, including climate change, desertification, droughts and floods.

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**Diana Cox-Foster**, Ph.D., is Research Leader and Research Entomologist at the USDA-ARS-PWA Pollinating Insects Research Unit in Logan, Utah. Her research focuses on bees and their interactions with pathogens and stresses (parasites, lack of nutrition, and pesticide exposure). She works on honey bees, bumble bees, blue orchard bees, and has interests in other native bee species. Cox-Foster was helped perform initial studies on Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and was co-Chair of the CCD working group. Cox-Foster became fascinated with insects at a young age on her family's farm in Colorado. She continued her studies of insects at Colorado State University, receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Entomology and Zoology, and then at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving a Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy in Entomology. At U of I, she became interested in insect pathology and insect immunity. Cox-Foster gained skills in molecular biology as a post-doctorate researcher at Vanderbilt University. In 1987, Cox-Foster joined Penn State University in Department of Entomology; she transitioned to USDA-ARS in October 2016.

**Miles Dakin** has had a lifetime passion and love for insects. As a child he was raised on his mother's farm and at Bouverie Preserve, where his father lived, giving him a deep appreciation for conservation and land management. Miles spent countless hours hiking through the hills and fields of Sonoma County, chasing after newts, beetles, and his 3 older sisters. He went on to receive his B.S. in Ecology and Computer Science from Tulane University and recently received his M.S. in Entomology from UC Davis, focusing on Navel Orangeworm management in almonds and pistachios. Miles hopes to continue to bring his passion for conservation and his deep appreciation for mindful land management to P2 and the Bee Friendly Farming program.

**Barbara De Rosa-Joynt** has been with the U.S. Department of State for 30 years and is the Division Chief for Biodiversity in the Office of Conservation and Water in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Ms. De Rosa-Joynt is an expert multilateral negotiator with more than two decades of experience. Her portfolio includes biodiversity, desertification, invasive species, migratory birds, parks and protected areas, pollinators, sustainable tourism, and wetlands and she is the U.S. National Focal Point for the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification. She was previously a lead U.S. negotiator in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. She holds a Masters Degree in International Policy and Practice and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Affairs, both from the George Washington University in Washington, DC. She is an avid gardener and her Northern Virginia garden is certified by multiple conservation NGOs. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy in Loudoun County, Virginia.



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**Oliverio Delgado-Carrillo** is a Ph. D. Student from UNAM, México. He is a biologist interested in pollination ecology. His work included the interaction of crops and pollinators, and the ecology of the main pollinators.

**Megan Denver** is a beekeeper in New York. Megan and her partner Jorik Phillips own Hudson Valley Bee Supply that is a hub of resources for local beekeepers. They also run 200 colonies in and around the Hudson Valley for honey production. Megan is serves on the board of directors for Pollinator Partnership.

**Elaine Evans** is a University of Minnesota Extension Educator and Bee Researcher working on pollinator education and research relating to bee conservation. She completed her M.S. and Ph.D. in Entomology at the University of Minnesota. She has authored several books: “Befriending Bumble Bees: A Guide to Raising Local Bumble Bees” and “Managing Alternative Pollinators”. She works with volunteers to survey bumble bees in MN though the Minnesota Bee Survey and the Minnesota Bee Atlas programs. Her current work focuses on determining the status of bees in MN, monitoring threatened populations of the rusty-patched bumble bee, and enacting pollinator conservation through research, education, outreach, and citizen-science.

**Vicki Finn** serves as Conservation Coordinator for Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She is a member of the Service’s National Pollinator Advisory Team and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies’ Monarch Butterfly Working Group. Previous positions with the Service in the Pacific Region during her 30-year career include Chief of Staff, Chief of Aquatic Habitat Conservation, Geographic Assistant Regional Director for Southern California, and Chief of Endangered Species. A native of Virginia, Vicki has a B.S. in biology from the College of William and Mary and an M.S. and M.P.A. in Environmental Science and Public Affairs from Indiana University.

**Laurie-Ann Flanagan** is Executive Vice President at DCLRS with over 20 years of experience in the federal legislative and regulatory process. She is a trusted advisor and strategist at DCLRS with expertise in a variety of issues including energy, labor and immigration, pesticides and fertilizers, small business, and water policy. In addition to lobbying government officials, Laurie assists clients with strategic government relations planning. She advises clients on upcoming regulatory and legislative initiatives that could impact their businesses and helps them understand the steps needed to ensure successful advocacy efforts.



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**Suzanne Forbes** has spent her career working in the Environmental Planning, Environmental Science and Sustainability fields. Her areas of expertise includes water and land-based conservation planning, fund-raising, regulatory and non-regulatory conservation management efforts, and implementing a corporate sustainability program. With regard to specifics, Suzanne created and directed an environmental outreach and marketing program for an urban resource recovery facility, completed several environmental planning publications for the Bucks County Planning Commission, managed a county conservation district department, successfully secured clientele and created planning departments for two private environmental engineering companies, and ran her own successful environmental consulting business for 7 years. For the last 10 years Forbes has reported directly to the Vice President of Consumer Affairs and Corporate Communication. With cross-divisional teams, she has created and implemented a corporate sustainability program. The three program areas include: Associate and community engagement, measuring sustainability baseline parameters, setting and attaining sustainability goals, and creating and implementing sustainability policy."

**Jessica Fox** is a Senior Technical Executive at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), a non-profit scientific research organization. She has led EPRI's \$15M per year Water and Ecosystem research team and is an expert in environmental markets and "credit stacking," ecosystem services, and corporate sustainability. Fox created the EPRI Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project, which is the world's first interstate trading program for nutrients (<http://wqt.epri.com>) and won the United States Water Prize in 2015. Fox led EPRI's Energy Sustainability Interest Group from 2011 through 2016 to become the largest collaborative forum in the industry to strategically advance critical issues related to the sustainable generation and distribution of electricity, including consensus by 45 utilities on sustainability metrics to use to benchmark their companies' performance ([www.epri.com/sustainability](http://www.epri.com/sustainability)). She launched EPRI's internal corporate social responsibility program in 2016 under EPRI's Chief Sustainability Officer and CEO, with oversight from EPRI's Board of Directors. In 2017, Fox was recognized as Top Innovator (The Fantastic Forty) by Public Utilities Fortnightly. In 2018, Ms. Fox launched the EPRI Power-in-Pollinators Initiative <http://www.epri.com/pollinators>, which already is the largest effort in North America focused specifically on pollinator conservation at electric power companies.

**Holly Frainer** is a nature enthusiast, whether it be for hobby or occupation. Holly graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Science with an emphasis on Horticulture and Dendrology. She had the liberty of completing her internship at one of Chicagoland's leading landscaping firms, Acres Landscaping Group. Previous experiences include a Forester, Greenhouse and Garden Center management, and owning and operating Barefoot Roots landscaping. Outside of Holly's professional experiences, she is a contributing member to various gardening societies. In her spare time, she greatly enjoys Family, gardening, growing and caring for plants, hiking trails, single-track mountain bike riding, kayaking, camping, and anything involving the outdoors.



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**Timothy Fredricks** works as the Environmental Engagement Manager for Bayer CropScience to coordinate projects and outreach directed to bees, monarch butterflies, and other pollinators or species of concern. Including, identifying and supporting projects that acquire new knowledge, or investigate innovative approaches, to support pollinators. He has 10 years of experience at Bayer, previously as a Senior Ecotoxicologist supporting environmental assessments for the crop protection portfolio in North America.

**Elizabeth Galli-Noble** is the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program Manager and Senior Natural Resource Program Manager.

**Daniella Garcia** joins us from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Sustainability and Safety Division, Environmental Safety & Health Programs Branch located in Washington, D.C. Currently, she leads the National Pollinator Protection Initiative program which protects and promotes pollinator habitats in 22 EPA facilities across the nation. This is an effort to gather baseline information and develop recommendations to improve pollinator habitats. This year, the program encouraged EPA employees to visit the resources provided on the Pollinator Partnership website and to participate in the National Pollinator Week, the agency's first ever proclamation in designating National Pollinator Week at EPA. Daniella looks forward to work with other members to improve our habitats and protect our pollinators.

**Gabriela Garrison** is the Eastern Piedmont Habitat Conservation Coordinator for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC). She works with developers, consultants and government agencies to develop ecologically friendly technical guidance and minimize impact to wildlife in a developing landscape. Prior to the NCWRC, she worked for the Fort Bragg Environmental Division and an environmental consulting firm in the Sandhills of North Carolina. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology (with a minor in Forestry) from NC State University and a Master of Science Degree in Wildlife Ecology from Virginia Tech. In 2017, she formed the NC Pollinator Conservation Alliance (NCPA), a partnership comprised of over 25 conservation agencies and organizations that work to promote pollinator and habitat conservation across North Carolina. For more information on the NCPA, please visit [www.ncpollinatoralliance.org](http://www.ncpollinatoralliance.org).

**Amy Geffre** is a social insect enthusiast, with a special fondness for paper wasps and honey bees. She has spent her academic career exploring the host-pathogen dynamics of these fascinating taxa. A native to San Diego, she has lived many places, but relishes the opportunity to come home to do ecology in southern California. She is currently a second year PhD student at UCSD, in James Nieh's Lab of Honey Bee Health and Behavior.





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**Sonja Glasser** is a bee enthusiast and has spent most of her time in academia exploring the interactions of native pollinators in agricultural contexts. While completing her B.S. in Entomology at UC Davis, she discovered that she fit perfectly in the field of native bee ecology. Sonja has continued onto to a M.S. in Biological Sciences in the UNAM in México where she is studying floral visitor interactions of wild and domestication squash plants. She hopes to continue exploring the role of domestication in plant-pollinator interactions in a PhD program as well as be apart of connecting and supporting academic alliances between México and the USA.

**Joan Gunter** is a migratory commercial beekeeper from North Dakota and Mississippi. She is currently the president of the American Beekeeping Federation and serves on several other boards including the National Honey Board and NAPPC. She and her husband Dwight run approximately 8000 colonies and raise and sell queens and mics in the spring. Both Dwight and Joan have served the beekeeping community throughout the years and will continue to do so in the near future.

**Kevin Hackett** is the Senior National Program Leader, USDA/ARS for Crop Entomology, which includes pollinators.

**Tiffani Harrison** is a conservation and outreach associate interning with Pollinator Partnership Canada. Prior to that she was working with Wildlife Preservation Canada under their native pollinator initiative, primarily conducting bumble bee monitoring surveys across Ontario but also leading some research projects and surveys in Alberta.

**Kendra Henderson** has a Masters degree in environmental management and policy from AMU. She spent several years working with Pollinator Partnership in Montana managing a research project focused on native and honey bee productivity in FDA conservation land.

**Chris Hiatt** was born into a beekeeping family in Ephrata, Washington in 1975. He and his five brothers grew up spending springs managing apple pollination in central Washington and summers pulling and extracting honey in North Dakota. Together they now own Hiatt Honey Co., started by their father 50 years ago. Chris splits his work year between Madera, California and Bowman, North Dakota running 20,000 hives. He also manages the business's almond orchard in Madera. Chris graduated from Brigham Young University in 1999 with a BA in Horticulture, and minor in Business Management. Chris also currently serves as vice president of American Honey Producers Association.



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**Meredith Holm** is a Wildlife Biologist and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Pollinator Coordinator for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Great Lakes, Region 3. She coordinates the collaborative, multi-federal agency GLRI Pollinator Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to catalyze native bee conservation by coordinating and funding actions that efficiently maximize native bee abundance, distribution, diversity and resilience within the Great Lakes basin.

**David Inouye** is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biology, University of Maryland, and a Principal Investigator at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, where he has spent 50 years doing long-term research on flowering phenology, plant demography, and pollination biology. He works with bumble bees and hummingbirds, and has worked on fly pollination as well. He serves as Chair of NAPPC's Board.

**Timothy Jackson** is a Detroit native, CO-Founder and Co-Executive Director for Detroit Hives; a 501c3 nonprofit organization that works to create sustainable communities and bee populations by transforming vacant lots into educational bee farms. Timothy is also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, urban pollinator task force committee member, bee ambassador of the bee conservancy, member of the South Eastern Michigan Beekeepers Association and founding board member of MO Hives KC.

**Brent Jacobsen** is a landscape architect based in Bozeman, MT with experience designing projects throughout the United States. Brent co-leads the landscape practice at RIOS, a multi-disciplinary design firm, where he directs efforts to illustrate project success by quantifying landscape performance. His approach seeks engaging and resilient solutions to generate lasting and demonstrative value for clients and stakeholders. He combines passions for urban ecology, biophilia, and pollinators with a specialty in bringing sustainable solutions to sites. While much of his work at RIOS has focused on the public realm, including parks, plazas, and federal sites, he has also designed landscapes for private sector projects ranging from religious institutions, stadiums, mixed-use, and office complexes. An active member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Montana Native Plant Society, Brent also serves as an advisor and guest critic at several educational institutions.

**Mary Jamieson** is an Assistant Professor at Oakland University in the Department of Biological Sciences. Her research program investigates ecological relationships among plants and their insect herbivores and pollinators, with a focus on understanding how anthropogenic environmental change influences species' traits and interactions. Projects in the Jamieson lab aim to support plant and insect conservation through research, habitat restoration, and education. Dr. Jamieson received her Ph.D. at the University of Colorado in



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the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She completed a Master's degree at the University of Texas and undergraduate degrees at the University of Kansas. Prior to her current position at Oakland University, Dr. Jamieson worked as a postdoctoral research associate at Colorado State University in Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management and research scientist at the University of Wisconsin in Entomology.

**Cathy Johnson** is employed as an Environmental Contaminants Specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento, CA. Cathy has worked for the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office for over 20 years; however, she spends much of her time out of the office conducting field investigations. Cathy has degrees in biology, in soil and water chemistry and a Master's in environmental chemistry, and has been the principal investigator on numerous on-refuge and off-refuge contaminant investigations ranging from the effects of temperature on acetylcholine esterase in frogs to the effects of herbicides on the endangered Lange's metalmark butterfly. All of her studies have an emphasis on pesticides and endangered species in varying habitats (vernal pools, bay-delta). Further, as the lead pesticides expert in her region, she coordinates with the endangered species program on all activities regarding pesticides and endangered species.

**Elizbeth Kaufman's** passionate interests in native pollinator conservation and habitat restoration led her to join Pollinator Partnership in 2018. Prior to working with P2, Elizbeth worked throughout the Midwest, Intermountain West, and Southwest with the Chicago Botanic Garden's Plant Science Center, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and in the horticultural arts and sciences specializing in the design of novel ecosystems and the restoration of native eco-scapes. Elizbeth earned her BA in Human Ecology from Prescott College and MSc in Plant Biology and Conservation from Northwestern University and Chicago Botanic Garden. Elizbeth is thrilled to work with the P2 team, enabling her to focus her efforts on landscape-scale pollinator habitat enhancement and conservation work and to serve as a NAPPC Task Force Co-chair.

**Mara Koenig** is a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Public Affairs Specialist. Mara co-leads Pollinator Partnerships Team to engage external audiences in pollinator conservation. Mara and her team harness existing Service partnerships and create novel national partnerships that will synergize pollinator conservation efforts, thereby advancing the mission of the agency. Mara brings more than 16 years of leadership, and vision for fish, wildlife and plant conservation across the United States. Drawing from her family's teaching tradition, she has more than 20 years of using her innate communication skills to impart to others the importance of natural resource conservation.



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**Gary Krupnick** is a research scientist at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, where he heads up the Plant Conservation Unit. He advises organizations on IUCN plant listings and represents the Smithsonian on committees for plant conservation and pollination. Gary studies plant conservation biology, plant reproduction, the use of herbarium specimens to determine rarity and endangerment of plant species, and plant-pollinator interactions. He has conducted conservation assessments of the flora of Hawaii and the flora of the West Indies. Along with the American Society of Botanical Artists, he co-curated the traveling exhibition, “Losing Paradise? Endangered Plants Here and Around the World,” a convergence of art, science, conservation, and education. Gary serves on the steering committee of the North American Orchid Conservation Center and is the Vice Chair of the steering committee of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. He is the co-editor of the book *Plant Conservation: A Natural History Approach* (University of Chicago Press; 2005), and serves as the editor of *The Plant Press* (newsletter of the U.S. National Herbarium).

**Katie Kucera** recently joined Pollinator Partnership as a Native Seed Steward for Project Wingspan Across Chicagoland. She earned her BS in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2015, and earned her MSc in Plant Biology and Conservation from Northwestern University and the Chicago Botanic Garden in 2020, where she studied how seed production methods and seed mixing impact population genetics of a species grown for large-scale restoration projects. Katie has worked and volunteered in the field of restoration ecology for six years, most recently as a Prairie Restoration Technician for the Chicago Botanic Garden’s Dixon Prairie and Skokie River streambank. In her spare time, she is a Volunteer Steward at Somme Woods for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, an avid nature observer on iNaturalist, a member of the Illinois Native Plant Society, and is helping build volunteer restoration stewardship networks for the Illinois Nature Preserves system.

**Kathleen Law** is the Integrated Conservation Manager for Pollinator Partnership Canada (P2C). As a pollinator specialist focusing on collaborative approaches to conservation, she has worked with the energy industry, farm organizations, and municipalities to integrate pollinator conservation with other land uses such as energy generation and infrastructure. In her role at P2C, she has worked with Ontario Power Generation, HydroOne, OMAFRA, the City of Toronto, New York Power Authority and businesses to develop practical actions that provide benefits to landowners as well as the environment.

**Seth Lerman** worked for the USDA-NRCS for 18 and half years, and joined the National Park Service (Region 1) as the Natural Resources Support Coordinator, working in the Regional Office. He coordinates the Servicewide Comprehensive Call for natural resources projects, writes technical briefs, and assists parks and regional natural resources staff on a range of technical and administrative issues. While at NRCS he worked with several private and public landowners on pollinator habitat implementation projects



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**Josette Lewis** oversees research for the Almond Board, spanning aspects of almond production, sustainability, nutrition, and biomass utilization. Dr. Lewis has worked in agriculture for twenty five years, in government, industry, university and non-governmental organizations.

**Nicole Lindsey** is a Detroit native, CO-Founder and Co-Executive Director for Detroit Hives; a 501c3 nonprofit organization that works to create sustainable communities and bee populations by transforming vacant lots into educational bee farms. Nicole is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc, urban pollinator task force committee member, bee ambassador of the bee conservancy, member of the South Eastern Michigan Beekeepers Association, 2019 Pollinator Advocate of the NAPPC, and certified pollinator champion of Michigan State University Extension program.

**Isaac Lisle** developed a love for biology and nature at a young age. Frequent trips to local zoos and nature parks, as well as the family farm in Iowa nurtured this growing passion over the years, eventually leading him to pursue his B.S. in Conservation Biology at Union University in Tennessee, where he not only gained a valuable education, but had the opportunity to work for nonprofits across the nation during the summers. Upon graduation, he moved to San Francisco where he is earned a Masters of Environmental Management at the University of San Francisco. Isaac is involved with many of Pollinator Partnership's core programs including Pollinator Week, Bee Friendly Farming, the Honey Bee Health Improvement Project, and the Mite-A-Thon.

**Tim Lohner** is a Consulting Environmental Specialist at American Electric Power (AEP) and has previously worked at Dominion Resources, Ohio EPA, and the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company. At AEP, he addresses issues involving the regulation of water resources, sustainability reporting, environmental stewardship, and vegetation management for biodiversity. Dr. Lohner holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University. He currently serves as an advisor to the Electric Power Research Institute, the Utility Water Act Group, the Edison Electric Institute, the University of Illinois-Chicago ROW Habitat Working Group and The Ohio State School of Environment and Natural Resources. He has received multiple research awards, published numerous articles on environmental assessment and policy and is co-author of a chapter in the book, "Sustainable Electricity II: A Conversation on Tradeoffs."



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**Shari Long** joined Valent USA as a Sr. Ecotoxicology Scientist in June of 2020. Previously, Shari was a managing scientist (ecotoxicology) at Exponent Inc. in the Chemical Regulation and Food Safety Group. Previous experience was with Arysta and Chemtura as a FIFRA ecotoxicologist.

**Rebecca Louie** is a Catskills beekeeper, certified Master Composter, and public speaker. A lifelong storyteller, she has written for numerous news and lifestyle publications, is the author of the book *Compost City: Practical Composting Know-How for Small-Space Living*, and founder of The Compostess blog. A former brand strategist and creative director, she has worked with global teams across marketing, product, and technology to set strategies for B2B and B2C businesses. She splits her time between the mountains and city with her dog, Max.

**Victoria MacPhail** is a pollination biologist with a BSc from the University of Prince Edward Island and an MSc from the University of Guelph. She is currently working on her PhD at York University investigating the value of community science data, focusing on the BumbleBeeWatch program. She is using data from that project to help answer pressing ecological questions related to the biology and conservation status of bumble bees, as well as how community scientists can help in species conservation. She is also a founding member and current co-Chair of Pollination Guelph, a grassroots volunteer-run group dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of pollinators and pollinator habitat.

**Clare Maffei** is a wildlife biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and bee taxonomist with the Wildlife Management Institute. She is an apprentice of Sam Droege of the USGS Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab. As a biologist with USFWS, she designs pollinator restoration habitats and contributes to conservation planning objectives for monarch and frosted elfin butterflies and other threatened and endangered pollinators. She is currently leading an effort to improve pollinator habitat on transportation and energy rights of way, with the cooperation of private landowners, county road managers, and solar energy companies. As the taxonomist for WMI, she identifies the bees collected in the Xeric Grassland, Barren, and Woodland Pollinator Conservation Project sponsored by the Regional Conservation Needs grant program. The project is in its third survey season. Clare also manages the internal database (species data are also available from DiscoverLife) and is writing a review of known life history and behaviors of genera present in the xeric habitats.



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**Lori Makarick** is an ecologist with the National Park Service and serves as the Branch Chief for Landscape Restoration and Adaptation group within the Biological Resources Division. Lori also leads the NPS pollinator team and an informal community of practice within the NPS. She has a passion for native plants and has been slowly transforming her yard in Fort Collins, CO to a biodiversity haven.

**Silvana Martén-Rodriguez** obtained her Ph.D. at University of Maryland, College Park and she is currently a full-time professor at Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores-Unidad Morelia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Her research focuses on plant-pollinator interactions in tropical plants, floral evolution and comparative biology. Much of her work has involved studying the evolution of pollination and breeding systems in florally diverse plant groups such as Gesneriads and morning glories. She has ample experience on the ecology and evolution of pollinator interactions on islands and tropical mountains. One of her most exciting research projects involves the characterization of pollination networks in the poorly-known alpine habitats of the high Mexican mountains and associated elevational gradients; this project also involves barcoding Mexican alpine plants and floral visitors.

**Ray McAllister** has worked in regulatory policy for CropLife America in Washington, DC for 31 years, representing the crop protection industry. His primary areas of responsibility include development, refinement, and implementation of regulations and guidelines for premarket government approval and continued product support of crop protection products and uses. He also works on international trade issues to facilitate markets for U.S. crop protection products and the crops that are treated with them. Over the years, pollinator protection has been one of his significant interests and responsibilities. His academic training took place at Utah State University, Brigham Young University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Erin McGregor** is the Stewardship and Policy Manager for Syngenta Canada. Commencing this role in 2020, Erin supports initiatives that promote and support the safe and responsible use of Syngenta products. This includes focus on initiatives in the areas of pollinators and biodiversity, water stewardship, soil health and pesticide safety and education. Prior to this, Erin worked in Regulatory Affairs as Manager of the Canadian herbicide portfolios for Syngenta since 2014. Erin was responsible for the product registration process and implementation of strategies to support commercial plans, and worked to support and promote environmental and product stewardship activities in the Territory. Before joining Syngenta, Erin was an Environmental Risk Analyst at Intrinsic Corp., a scientific and regulatory consulting firm specializing in toxicology, environmental risk assessment and risk communication for the protection of human health and the environment. She holds a Bachelors' Degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Guelph and a Master's Degree in Science focusing in ecotoxicology from the University of Manitoba.



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**Deborah (Deblyn) Mead** is the National Mitigation Lead for the Bureau of Land Management and serves as a headquarters representative on BLM's Pollinator Team. She joined the BLM after a 20-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Deblyn held various positions in the Ecological Services Program at USFWS in the field and at headquarters, including Entomologist and Senior Biologist. She has been instrumental in developing mitigation policy, guidance, and tools at the field and national levels for 25 years. Deblyn also developed and taught community college courses in biology and entomology. She holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of California, Davis, and a master's degree in ecology and systematic biology from San Francisco State University.

**Andony Melathopoulos** is an Assistant Professor in Pollinator Health Extension in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University, which was the first such position in the US. He also sits on the Steering Committee of the Oregon Bee Project, which coordinates pollinator health work across state agencies, leads the Oregon Bee Atlas and hosts a weekly podcast called PolliNation. In 2018 Andony was recognized with the national Pollinator Advocate award by the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign.

**Ray Mims** helps lead collaborative partnerships at the USBG as well as sustainability initiatives.

**Lora Morandin** has been a bee and beneficial insect researcher for over 20 years with an MSc from Western University, a PhD from Simon Fraser University, and Post Doctoral work at UC Berkeley. She has a number of peer-reviewed publications, has co-authored books, and has developed many technical and outreach guides on protecting pollinators. She has been with Pollinator Partnership for about 5 years. Her ultimate goal is to create more sustainable landscapes that integrate conservation with human use.

**Gail Morris**, M.A., is the Coordinator of the Southwest Monarch Study, a Citizen Science research project based in Arizona monitoring, tagging and conserving monarch butterflies in Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, western Colorado and the deserts of California. She is also a member of the NAPPC/MJV Communications Working Group and a Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist. She is the Vice President of the Monarch Butterfly Fund as well as the Central Arizona Butterfly Association and is an Advisory Board member for the IMMP monitoring strategy. Gail has authored several monarch publications and dedicates her time training Citizen Scientists to participate in monarch research, education and conservation in the southwestern United States.

**Erica Newman** supports the entire suite of client solutions for the Midwest region as a Solutions Analyst including wetland and stream mitigation, species habitat mitigation, stormwater and nutrient reduction, public works, and corporate sustainability. She provides key





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insights, data analysis, and market research to assess short and long-term projects, identify project impacts, and supports client development. Erica comes to RES with experience in green building certifications, corporate sustainability reporting, and utility data tracking for the Commercial Real Estate Industry. She is a LEED Accredited Professional and has successfully completed over 25 LEED projects across the United States."

**Alex Payne** is a PhD candidate at Texas A&M University in the Honey Bee Lab of Dr. Juliana Rangel. She earned her bachelor's degree from A&M as well, double majoring in Bioenvironmental Sciences and Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. Alex's research has primarily focused on honey bee disease ecology, and her research interests include honey bee pathogens (particularly viruses) and how they impact host physiology and behavior. Her most recent publication surveyed what ant pests are commonly found within apiaries in Texas and screened them to see if they harbored honey bee-associated viruses, potentially contributing to interspecies transmission of viruses to honey bees. Her recent work involves honey bee nutrition and studying how it can be used to improve the health of honey bees infected with pathogens.

**Ben Powell** is the coordinator of the newly formed Apiculture and Pollinator Program at Clemson University. The program is primarily an Extension education program for South Carolina's growing apiculture industry as well as a pollinator conservation awareness initiative. They provide beekeeper education through a variety of training programs, and engage the general public with a dynamic outreach program which emphasizes the importance of invertebrate biodiversity and pollinator conservation. He has 12 years of experience in Extension and was recently chosen to develop this new program last year. He looks forward to developing fruitful relationships with members of NAPPC and other similar education and conservation program coordinators.

**Mauricio Quesada** is coordinator of the National Laboratory for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. He has more than 140 publications that have been cited in more than 8500 scientific articles (<https://scholar.google.com.mx/citations?user=-OsTXSoAAAAJ&hl=en>); many publications have focused on the study of plant-pollinator interactions in tropical systems. He has led more than 30 national and international research projects. His recent study entitled "Status of pollinators in Mexico: Diagnosis of knowledge and its systematization" stands out as one of the main contributions of the "National Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators in Mexico" funded by the German Agency for Development Cooperation (GIZ) and the Government of Mexico. Another study is the "Evaluation of the impacts of climate change on pollinators and its potential consequences in the agricultural sector in Mexico" carried out for the Government of Mexico.



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**Michael Retterer** is a graduate from the University of Rio Grande where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree focusing on wildlife/fish conservation and management. He currently serves as a Coordinating Wildlife Biologist for Pheasants Forever and serves as the State Coordinator for the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI), and for Pollinator Partnership's Project Wingspan - Mike works with private landowners, and multiple state and federal agencies to provide technical assistance regarding the implementation of specific conservation measures and programs to improve native pollinator and wildlife habitat. Mike also works with a large group of diverse partners to help coordinate and influence habitat management efforts and participates in state wide meetings to further the mission of Pheasants Forever, OPHI, and statewide conservation efforts.

**Lucie Robidoux** is the Head of the Ecosystems Unit at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) where her work focuses on helping practitioners in Canada, Mexico and the United States collaborate to conserve their shared North American ecosystems. Lucie works on a variety of topics and issues related to conservation, including pollinators, migratory species, marine protected areas and marine litter. She is based at the CEC Secretariat in Montreal, Canada.

**Lara Roketenetz** has a Master's in Biology from John Carroll University and a Ph.D. in Integrated Bioscience from The University of Akron. She is currently (back) in school at Cleveland State University to get a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management. She is on the boards of several nonprofits in the Cleveland area. She was the recipient of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History Conservation Educator of the Year in 2017. Lara is the manager for the University of Akron Field Station (UAFS). The field station encompasses three sites: The Martin Center for Field Studies and Environmental Education at Bath Nature Preserve, Steiner Woods, and Panzner Wetland Wildlife Preserve. Although she wears many hats as the UAFS manager, her true passion is the community engagement program she's spearheaded to increase UA's involvement with local area K-12 schools. She also plans, leads, or recruits other local experts for nature and art outreach events for the general public. Lara understands the importance of connecting people to nature in order to inspire stewardship and community action. She is also the state coordinator of Pollinator Partnership's Project Wingspan in Ohio.

**Kelly Rourke** has been dedicated to pollinator conservation for over 7 years. Her focus is on large-scale habitat projects, plant-pollinator interactions, and agricultural and industry engagement. Kelly holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She has also received a Master's of Science in Environmental Management (Ecology Concentration) from the University of San Francisco. Her background in ecology, conservation, and culture has propelled her career in the non-profit sector. Prior to Pollinator Partnership (P2), Kelly worked at another bay area-based environmental non-profit called Conservacion Patagonica (CP). Kelly manages the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC), National Pollinator



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Week, [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org), and pollinator grants and scholarships. Kelly serves on the Board of Directors of Pollinator Partnership Canada, the Advisory Committee of the Monarch Joint Venture, and the Steering Committee for PlantAgents.

**Olav Rueppell** has pursued his interest in honey bee biology and health at the University of North Carolina Greensboro for the past 18 years. As professor in the UNCG Biology department, he leads a group of about ten postdocs and students, researching the interaction of honey bees with viruses and Varroa mites to identify sustainable management practices to improve bee health. He and his group also work on the causes and consequences of social evolution, the genetic architecture of complex traits, behavior, aging, and life history. Methodological approaches range from mathematical modeling and apicultural manipulations to genomic techniques and bioinformatic analysis.

**Gloria Ruiz Guzmán** is a PhD candidate in Biological Sciences at ENES-UNAM Morelia, in Mexico. She has worked with the parasite-host interaction and immune response in insects of medical importance and pollinators, and is currently studying resistance to parasites in honey bees and their prevalence of parasites and pathogens in the five beekeeping regions of Mexico.

**Ilse Ruiz-Mercado** is Assistant Professor of Ecotechnology Monitoring and Evaluation at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), at the ENES Mérida in Yucatán. Her research focuses on monitoring the adoption process and evaluating the impacts of community-managed ecotechnologies at the nexus of energy, water and food systems. Her expertise is in developing tools and methodologies for characterizing the drivers and dynamics of socio-technical-ecological systems. She holds a Ph.D and M.Sc. in Civil and Environmental Engineering Systems with emphasis in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of California, Berkeley, and a B.Sc. in Physics from UNAM.

**Mary Rust** is a biologist at EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs where she has worked to further pollinator awareness for educators and pesticide users. Every year, Mary and other EPA employees participate in NAPPC's Pollinator Week on the National Mall. Mary is passionate about pollinators and NAPPC.

**Josie Ryan** is the USDA APHIS PPQ National Operations Manager for Pollinators.



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**Jessica Rykken** is an entomologist working primarily with pollinators in Denali and other parks in Alaska. Prior to her work in Alaska, Jessica conducted surveys for pollinators and other arthropods in many other parks including Boston Harbor Islands, Shenandoah, North Cascades, and Olympic.

**Dolores Savignano** co-leads the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Pollinator Community of Practice and is the liaison to the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. The USFWS Pollinator Community of Practice is a practitioner-driven community that shares knowledge and tools to increase and improve the USFWS's collective ability to conserve pollinators and their habitats. The USFWS has a wide range of pollinator projects throughout the country and internationally. Dolores led the project with the U.S. Air Force to produce a pollinator conservation strategy, pollinator conservation reference guide, and training. She received a B.S. in Biology from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in Zoology from Univ. of Texas at Austin for her research on the facultative mutualism between Karner blue butterfly larvae and attendant ants.

**Caydee Savinelli** is the Syngenta U.S. Stewardship Team Lead. In this role, she leads a team with goals of advocating, educating, and collaborating for stewardship of Syngenta products in order to provide American farmers a variety of tools. The team provides catalyst for change through Sustainable and Responsible Business and Good Growth Plan initiatives. Some of the main areas of the stewardship team's focus are environmental issues, endangered species, pesticide safety education and pollinator and biodiversity conservation initiatives. Caydee has focused on pest management, product development and crop protection throughout her 36-year career and has worked in the U.S., Europe and Latin America. Caydee holds a Ph.D. in Entomology with a minor in Crop Science from North Carolina State University, a M.S. in Entomology from The Pennsylvania State University and a B.A. in Biology from Gettysburg College. Caydee's interest in agriculture and entomology started in childhood during the time spent at her grandfather's orange grove in Florida.

**Elizabeth Sellers** currently serves the USGS as a Data Manager and Taxonomic Data Development Specialist (Bees), with the Science Analytics and Synthesis Program. She joined the USGS in December 2003 after completing a year as a USGS Volunteer for Science working with the Invasive Species science program. She is responsible for updating and maintaining the taxonomic nomenclature data for the bees of the world in the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS, [www.itis.gov](http://www.itis.gov)). From 2009-2019 she coordinated the development of the USGS Biodiversity Information Serving Our Nation (BISON, <https://bison.usgs.gov>) online species mapping application and Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT, <https://bison.usgs.gov/ipt>)-hosting species occurrence data harvested into the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). She represents the USGS on the NAPPC Steering Committee and on the USDA Pollinator Working Group.



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**E. Kiku Severson** has been with the Almond Board of California for one year, working in sustainability communications. Kiku is a 4th generation almond farmer from Turlock, CA. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Environmental Plant Science, concentrating in crop and fruit science, from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo.

**Stacy Simanonok** is a Biologist for the US Geological Survey at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota. As part of Dr. Clint Otto's team, her current research focuses on plant-pollinator interactions. Specifically, she is quantifying flower preferences of wild and managed bees and conducting studies to maximize the impact of land conservation programs for pollinators.

**Kim Skyrn** is the current President of the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) and the Chief Apiary Inspector for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). Prior to these appointments, Dr. Skyrn received a doctoral degree focused on the environmental impacts affecting bumble bees native to the Willamette Valley of Western Oregon, was a Research Scientist for Koppert Biological Systems, Inc. specializing in commercial bumble bee rearing and a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst evaluating bumble bee colonies in the cranberry agroecosystem. In addition to being a bombiculturist, Kim is also a hobby beekeeper. Dr. Skyrn has always been driven by an intense love of bees to serve in supporting roles informed by the latest scientific research. Kim is truly passionate about ensuring the viability and sustainability of bee populations!

**Christopher Smith** is a wildlife ecologist and protected species program coordinator in the Office of Environmental Stewardship at the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT). His work largely focuses on endangered species conservation -- with an emphasis on amphibians, reptiles, and insects. Chris also serves on a variety of boards, committees and commissions related to natural resource protection and wildlife conservation.

**Edward Spevak** has dedicated the last 40 years to the conservation of invertebrates and vertebrates working as a zoo curator and small population biologist. Ed is the Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and is Director of Saint Louis Zoos WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation. Ed and the Saint Louis Zoo helped to establish the IUCN SSC Bumble Bee Specialist Group and Ed serves as the Programme Officer. Ed and the Zoo also helped establish the Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone Monarch Collaborative and Missourians for Monarchs Collaborative and Ed serves on the steering committee of each. Ed is also a member of the Science Advisory Council of Field to Market looking at biodiversity issues in the sustainable agriculture chain. Ed, through the CNPC, has also



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begun a new program called Native Foods, Native Peoples, Native Pollinators focused food security, food sovereignty and pollinator conservation on Native American Reservations

**Carol Spurrier** is a well- seasoned bureaucrat. She has been working for the American public for 35 years to inventory, protect and restore their North American native plant communities. She is currently an Ecologist with the USDA Forest Service in their Washington DC Headquarters where she devotes her time to both the Botany program and The Ecology program. She serves as the leader of the Federal Geographic Data Committee's (FGDC) Vegetation Subcommittee and promotes the use of the National Vegetation Classification in federal agencies. She works with partners to promote increasing the supply of native plant materials available for restoration of National Forests and Grasslands and has been focused on developing new nectar source plants for pollinators in that work. She has an interest in native wild crop relative plants and promoting both in situ and ex situ conservation of them and is also interested in learning more about their pollinators.

**David Stein** is the watershed program coordinator at Prairie Rivers of Iowa. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Drake University and a Master of Science in Ecology from Iowa State University. His focus is improving habitat for threatened and endangered pollinators and other wildlife in Central Iowa. He's passionate regarding conservation issues in Iowa and loves teaching others about the unique ecosystems found in the state. He's previously worked as a researcher at both Iowa State and Tufts Universities, focusing mainly on prairie restoration and pollinator conservation in Iowa, Missouri and Central Maryland.

**Maureen Stine** graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and spent the years that followed serving non-profit organizations and agencies dedicated to inclusion and diversity-driven missions. The first fifteen years of her career were devoted to frontline communications beginning with an appointment with the National Park Service as a park guide and later with the State of Michigan as a park interpreter. Maureen recently served for eight years as a soil conservationist for US Department of Agriculture (USDA) managing Michigan landscapes for optimal environmental and economic benefit and administering federal grants for landowners from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, alongside a team of the most talented natural resource managers in Michigan. Planning seed mixes for landowners to enhance cover crops and conservation cover improving soil health and vegetative diversity was a large part of her work. Maureen was awarded the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Earth Team award in 2013 for her work with conservation education across the State of Michigan. Maureen currently serves as the P2 NRCS Pollinator Liaison in Michigan. She is also a female entrepreneur and owns her small business, Natureology sharing nature explorations with all audiences:

<https://www.natureology.me>



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**Brad Stokes** holds a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Horticulture and a Master's Degree of Science in Entomology, both from the University of Idaho located in Moscow, ID. Brad has worked for the University of Idaho since 2013 in various aspects and was selected for his current position in 2017. Brad's interest in insects and more recently pollinators species was gained from numerous collecting adventures in graduate school and personal time.

**Christine Taliga** currently serves NRCS as the national ecologist focusing on policy and national guidance related to pollinators and invasive species. Christine has worked with NRCS for over two decades with expertise in ecological restoration, plant materials, and training.

**Pamela Thompson** is an AAAS science policy Fellow at the EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Fate and Effects Division. As a Fellow, she is working on the development of methods for biological evaluations of pesticides for species protected under the Endangered Species Act. She has studied forest fragmentation and bat-mediated pollen gene flow her PhD, and the landscape genetics of seed dispersal in Pacific NW prairies for her post-doc. She has a strong interest in bat and pollinator ecology and conservation.

**Amy Toohey** joined American Electric Power (AEP) in 2014 as part of the Water and Ecological Resource Services team. Amy's knowledge of the environmental and the AEP-PLMP processes related to transmission, distribution and telecom projects allows her to resolve very complex project situations and construction issues. Amy's experience is valuable as a team leader and collaborator when it comes to developing new protocols, guidance documents and standards for environmental compliance. She has led and been a team member of several collaborative efforts with AEP, the state of Ohio, and local entities in the development of native seed mixes for use in post construction restoration as well as increasing the awareness of the benefits and feasibility of native seed mixes. Prior to joining AEP Amy was employed by the Ohio Department of Transportation for over 30 years as the District Environmental Coordinator. During her tenure at ODOT Amy managed the environmental and permitting processes for many highway projects. She was involved in projects from development, field surveys, leading public and stakeholder meetings, to the end of construction. Amy led an effort to streamline engineering drawings required for a single span bridge in order to reduce engineering costs for local governments using federal funds. Amy's efforts in the reduction of cultural resource survey costs was recognized by the State of Ohio for her exemplary efforts in reducing cost, increasing efficiency, and improving services to the public through Innovation Ohio. Amy received a B.A. from Capital University-History/Comprehensive Social Studies-Historic Preservation. Amy was selected to intern at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.



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**Kirsten S. Traynor** investigates honey bee health and how pesticides impact social behavior. She currently has a dual appointment as a research associate at Arizona State University and at the Free University in Berlin. She recently launched a new quarterly magazine 2 Million Blossoms: protecting our pollinators. In 2006-2007, Kirsten received a German Chancellor Fellowship. During that time she drove over 50,000 miles throughout Western Europe to study the differences between European & American beekeeping. Fascinated with the social complexity of a honey bee hive, she earned her PhD in biology with Dr. Robert Page. While a grad student, she spent almost a year in Avignon, France in the lab of Dr. Yves Le Conte as a Fulbright Fellow. She previously edited American Bee Journal and Bee World. She is the author of Two Million Blossoms: Discovering the Medicinal Benefits of Honey and Simple, Smart Beekeeping.

**Kyla Tripp** is P2's Project Wingspan State Coordinator for Minnesota. She works with various state partners to address the decline in pollinators and the fragmentation of habitat through seed collection, technical training, enhancing and securing long-term habitat. Kyla's work in the conservation field has led her across the globe: from the coastal headlands of San Francisco tracking raptor migration, trudging through hip-deep mud and muck monitoring diversity of wetland species in the Midwest, and through the rolling hills of Rwanda where she supported the development of a national forestry monitoring information system with IUCN and heads of the Rwandan National Government. Kyla is also a Project Associate for the International Practice Area at Environmental Incentives, a PMI certified project manager, has logged hundreds of hours leading nature outreach programs and is an avid rock-climber. Kyla holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Environmental Science, and Chemistry from Coe College and received her M.S. in Environmental Conservation from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Tom Van Arsdall** serves as P2 Public Affairs Director. He specializes in helping diverse stakeholders work together. He has a thorough understanding of the legislative and regulatory process and how to get results. With over three decades of experience in the national policy arena, he offers expertise and a demonstrated track record on conservation, environmental, ag research, energy and bioenergy, ag research issues affecting U.S. agriculture.

**Wayne Wehling** is a Senior Entomologist with the USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine. He is the agencies "subject matter expert" on butterflies, honey bees, and other pollinators. He specializes on evaluating the suitability of insects for importing and exhibit in zoos, museums, butterfly houses, and other educational uses. He is a life-long entomologist (especially butterflies). He has worked with honey bees, leaf-cutter bees, and alkali bees for 50 years. Previously, he was the insect collections manager for the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University and the Department's Director of Outreach. His goals are to promote education and conservation worldwide through live Arthropods.





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**David White** has over 35 years of professional leadership experience in natural resource conservation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and in the private sector. He was Chief of the NRCS from January 2009 to December 2012. As Chief, Dave led the nation's largest private lands natural resource conservation organization. Under his leadership, the NRCS created and implemented landscape level conservation initiatives that focused financial and technical resources on solving problems. Prior to serving as Chief, he was the NRCS State Conservationist in Montana. Dave has spent significant time on Capitol Hill. In 2002, he was detailed to Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, and in 2008 to Iowa Senator Tom Harkin. During those times, he helped craft the conservation titles of both the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills. Currently, Dave serves as president of Ecosystem Services Exchange, a small technical assistance firm focused on water quality, and he is the Co-Founder of the 9b Group, a benefit corporation which consults and lobbies for sustainable agriculture. Dave is an honors graduate of the University of Missouri.

**Bob Wildfong**, Executive Director of Seeds of Diversity Canada, a not-for-profit organization for the conservation of seeds and pollinators for food and agriculture. He also chairs the board of Pollinator Partnership Canada.

**Brad Willet** is a Master Gardener in Northern VA who is an advocate for creating backyard habitats to support pollinators and increase ecological services and sustainable practices for the home landscapes. Hobby beekeeper and public educator and garden coach to increase habitat and biodiversity into your home and collective landscapes.

**Kimberly Winter** is the NatureWatch National Program Leader for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology and Management and a Master's degree in Ecological Anthropology, and initially came to DC working for NAPPC as International Coordinator. Kim seeks ways to bring the value of conservation to the public eye by promoting opportunities for people of diverse demographics to immerse themselves in nature through special events such as Pollinator Week and Bat Week, programs like freshwater snorkeling in streams, and through media using wildlife critter cams, videos, and songs; educational resources like the FSNatureLIVE Distance Learning series; and the NatureWatch website ([www.fs.fed.us/naturewatch](http://www.fs.fed.us/naturewatch)). Kim spends as much time as possible outdoors with her daughter, dogs, and beehive.

**Terry Witzel's** career has focused on agriculture, food processing and food distribution. He is also interested in promoting sustainable food systems and serves as a member of the San Mateo County Food System Alliance. Additionally, Terry serves on the Agricultural Advisory



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Council for the California State Fair. He joined the Pollinator Partnership because of its emphasis on the global and economic importance of pollinators in food crop production. Terry serves as a member of the board of directors and is chairman.

**Vicki Wojcik** oversees P2 Canada's research and programs, keeping on top of new and emerging pollinator issues and managing programs that includes pollinator habitat conservation and landscape management assessments; understanding and enhancing agroecosystems; land use and pesticide policy review; support for threatened and critical species; and ecosystem service assessments.

**Charles Wooley** is the Regional Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Department of the Interior's Unified Region 3 – Great Lakes. He oversees the region's National Wildlife Refuge System program, as well as federal management of migratory birds, federally endangered species, environmental contaminants and fisheries in the region's eight states. He also serves the Federal Commissioner representing the United States on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Wooley serves as the Service's executive lead for pollinator conservation. In this role, he is responsible for representing the Service by providing leadership to advance the conservation of pollinators and their habitats. He has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1978.

**Alan Yanahan** is a Science Conservation Biologist with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Alan works out of the Regional Office in Portland, Oregon where he focuses on science support and collaboration in the Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region with an emphasis on science planning for species at risk and landscape conservation. Alan holds a PhD in Entomology and Insect Science, a PhD minor in Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis, and a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from the University of Arizona. He holds a MS and BA in Entomology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His doctoral thesis analyzed the impacts of climate on the past, present, and future distributions of species in the American Southwest and its Madrean Sky Island Archipelago. In addition to entomology and GIS, Alan has a background in molecular systematics and has an interest in biogeography and the effects of climate change on species distributions.