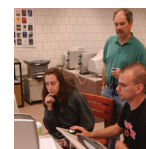
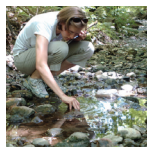


# The SENR Alumni Resource

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We create and maintain connections among OSU SENR students, faculty, and alumni, and advance natural resources professions and education throughout the state of Ohio, and beyond.



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School of Environment and Natural Resources

## Alumni Society



## A Message From SENRAS President Lori Monska

The first item on my agenda as I begin my term as President is to thank Leighland for laying the foundation for SENRAS to move forward. During his tenure as President, he has brought in new council members that have revamped our Society logo and improved our newsletter. He moved us into the electronic age with e-meetings so members who could not make to our annual business meetings could join us online. Although he is not holding an officer position, he remains on Executive Council and will continue to provide input and guidance. I support the ideas that he started and plan to help guide us to achieve those goals.

I would like to congratulate our other officers who were elected in July. Jim

Bennett has come back to Columbus and back to SENR. We took the opportunity to have him re-join the SENRAS Executive Council, just in a different capacity as an elected member. Then we stepped up and elected him Vice-President. Welcome back, welcome aboard, and congratulations Jim.

We have had the fortune of having a Secretary and Treasurer who were willing to run for their positions again. Mark Dilley and Dave Hefner, respectively, were re-elected to their positions during our elections. With steady support in these positions, Mark and Dave have shown their devotion to the SENRAS. I look forward to the guidance they show as we move forward.

## Master of Environment and Natural Resources

### A Non-thesis Masters Degree for Practicing Professionals and Others

After many years of hard work, the School of Environment and Natural Resources is proud to be able to offer a graduate program for working professionals who want to advance their education while working full time.

The program may be completed in four quarters if attending full time but is designed with the part-time student in mind. A part-time student can complete the program in 2-3 years. It is a total of 55 graduate credit hours.

### The Breakdown:

- Four core courses that total 17 quarter credit hours
- Thirty additional quarter hours of your choosing
- Eight quarter hours of an independent project related to your career goals
- A final exam

### FAQ's:

#### Is the GRE required?

If you graduated with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, the GRE requirement is waived. It is required for those with a GPA of less than 3.0.

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### What kind of funding is available?

Check with your employer to see if you have a tuition reimbursement benefit. Typically, Master of Environment and Natural Resources students do not receive University or school funding.

### Exactly what kind of degree is this?

This is an applied, non-thesis degree that incorporates a project focused on the student's field of study that will help them expand and deepen their knowledge base in their natural resources career.

Applications are accepted every quarter, however it is best to start Autumn

quarter because of course sequencing. To apply, you'll need to submit a copy of your resume, complete the on-line application form, and solicit three letters of recommendation. For full application details, visit us on the web at [http://senr.osu.edu/Future\\_Graduate\\_Students/Admissions.htm](http://senr.osu.edu/Future_Graduate_Students/Admissions.htm) or email our graduate programs coordinator at [enrgrad@osu.edu](mailto:enrgrad@osu.edu).

## Welcome to Our Newest Members of SENRAS Executive Council

Congratulations to the following SENRAS members who were elected to the Executive Council in April, 2009.

### Lindsay Deering

Lindsay earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resources with a specialization in Wildlife Management from SENR in June, 2003. While at Ohio State, Lindsay was active in



the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society and participated in TerrAqua. After graduating, she attained

a position with the Ohio Division of Wildlife as a Wildlife Communication Specialist at their District One office. Her tasks included public and media relations and wildlife education. Recently, she took a promotion to Wildlife Communications Coordinator and serves as the Web site coordinator for the Division. Lindsay recently completed the requirements for a Master of Science degree in Marketing and Communications at Franklin University and graduated in May. She looks forward to giving back to the School of Environment and Natural Resources as her time there allowed her to follow the career path that she envisioned.

### Katie Bennett

Katie is a two-time graduate of OSU. She received an Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Science (2005) from the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Administration (2007) from SENR. She graduated from the Northern Arizona University Park Ranger Training Program in 2006. Katie has worked previously for the National Park Service, the USDA Forest Service, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. She received an honorable discharge from the United States Army National Guard and completed an overseas deployment in the Balkan region of Kosovo and Bosnia. Katie is currently employed by Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks as a part-time Park Ranger. She is excited about join-



Katie and Jim Bennett

ing the SENRAS Executive Council and looks forward to interacting with current SENR students and members of SENRAS.

### Jim Bennett

Jim majored in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Administration and graduated from SENR in 2007. The same year, he also received a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. While a student at Ohio State, Jim worked seasonally as a Wilderness Ranger and Forest Protection Officer for the USDA Forest Service in Oregon and Wyoming and also worked locally for Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks. Jim has also been employed by SENR as the Advisor to the Environment and Natural Resources Scholars Program and the Instructor for ENR 643 - Outdoor Recreation and Tourism by the Private Sector. He has previous SENRAS experience, having served on the Executive Council from 2004-2007 as the student representative. Jim is an avid outdoorsman and is looking forward to serving SENR students and alumni.

### Re-Elected Members

Congratulations to Adam Clements, Jon Gerken, and Kyle Ware who were recently re-elected to the SENRAS Executive Council.



## Mark Dilley and Student Leaders Honored at SENR Spring Banquet

Mark Dilley, Secretary and former President of the School of Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society (SENRAS), was honored with a Distinguished Alumnus Award at the School's Spring Recognition Dinner on April 21st, 2009. The event was held at the 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. This award, granted for the first time by the SENR Alumni Society (SENRAS), recognized Mark for his seventeen plus years of service to the School and SENRAS and his accomplishments in his professional career.

Mark is a Professional Wetland Scientist certified by the Society of Wetland Scientists and Certified Ecologist with the Ecological Society of America. He and his wife, Chris, co-own a small environmental consulting business, MAD Scientist & Associates LLC (an innovative and fun company name based on Mark's initials and profession). With a market niche as "specialists in ecological and wetland consulting," MAD Scientist & Associates currently employs a staff of five (Mark, Chris, two full-time environmental scientists and full-time ecologist). The company also currently has two part-time summer interns from SENR. The company focuses on three key service lines: Wetlands, Ecological

Studies, and Ecological Risk Assessment, providing technical services to a variety of public and private sector clients, including municipalities, park districts, and larger consulting/engineering firms.

Mark and Chris have three sons, Jacob, Trevor and Brent, and live in Westerville. They lease an office less than three miles from home, so Mark bikes to work whenever possible - all part of his growing commitment to sustainability (and staying healthy).

Mark caused a bit of a stir at the event: When the awards committee realized that he needed to leave the banquet early for another meeting, they re-organized the schedule and made the award in advance of his departure. He was very surprised and appreciative of this gesture made by his friends and colleagues within SENR and SENRAS, and will display the award proudly at his office.

SENRAS also made two additional presentations during the evening. Leighland Arehart, President of SENRAS, presented the Lee Johnston Scholarship Endowment to two student leaders within the School. This year's awards went to Mariah Linkhart and Christopher Guy.



*Mark Dilley, MAD Scientist & Associates LLC*



*Christopher Guy and Mariah Linkhart*

## IN HONOR OF EXCELLENCE

Recognizing outstanding alumni is one way the OSU Alumni Association shows its commitment to make Ohio State stronger. These honorees represent just a few of the thousands of alumni who contribute in countless

ways to their fellow alumni, to the university, to their communities, to their professions and areas of interest, and to humankind. Visit [www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/) to nominate an alumnus today!

## 2010 Career Expos

Is your company looking for a few good buckeyes? The School of Environment and Natural Resources in conjunction with the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will be hosting several career fairs throughout the 2009-10 school year. Contact Trish Raridan Preston at [raridan-preston.1@osu.edu](mailto:raridan-preston.1@osu.edu) or 614-688-5665 for more information.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Clarence Fullard

Clarence David James Fullard was born in London, Ontario, Canada and grew up in Westerville near Hoover Reservoir. His uncle, and avid fisherman, fostered his interest in fish at an early age and Clarence quickly became fully dedicated to the sport. In middle school, he joined the Walnut Springs Fishing Club in Westerville and became a member of BASS youth where he learned many fishing techniques, as well as management and regulation policies that allow angling in public ponds, lakes, streams and rivers.

Knowing that he wanted to attend The Ohio State University to study environmental science or fisheries science, Clarence began his career at OSU in 2008 as a Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife major with a fisheries science focus. He quickly became involved with the aquaculture lab under the

supervision of Dr. Konrad Dabrowski. Clarence learned a great deal working with Kyle Ware (SENRAS council member) and the other graduate students in the lab on various subjects such as fish nutrition and lipid analysis, and he spent the winter quarter working in the lab as a biochemical intern.

Clarence hopes to become as involved with the School as much as possible before graduation. He is currently a student member of many fish and wildlife organizations including The Ohio Aquaculture Association, The Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Association, The Ohio Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and The Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Clarence knows that being a member of these professional organizations and



regularly attending their conferences will give him great access to professional networking, new technologies and innovations, and the latest information on discoveries in his field of study that will complement his classes and the work he does in the lab.

## Give Until It Helps

Your donation to the general fund helps support Society activities and outreach efforts to alumni. A tax-deductible donation to the SENRAS Endowment Fund will help support future students with scholarships, once the fund is fully endowed. I know that there are many worthy causes to which you can give. I understand that times are tight right now. However, I assure you, this is worthy of your help. Your donation gives back to School you came from and the Society of which you are a part. To borrow a concept from former SENRAS President Mark Dilley: Don't give until it hurts; instead, you should strive to give until it helps. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Lori Monska**

President, SENRAS

### SENRAS Endowment Fund Donation

This fund was created to establish perpetual scholarships for deserving SENR students. Donations are fully tax deductible.

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