

Environmental Studies

Alumni

CSUS– Environmental Studies Department

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*“No matter how many “THINGS” you have, the key is always to be able to see the basics—the important and simple things in life that make life worthwhile. Be in control of your possessions; don’t let your possessions be in control of you.” Author Unknown
Submitted by Brenda g. Penaranda - Bahrain*

Jeff Spoden - 1980

Head of Social Studies at Mt. Diablo High School

Cheryl Langley - 1984

CA dept. of Pesticide Regulation

Scott Mathieson - 1984

I have been focusing on alternative energy and Fuels with a goal of %100 solar and vegetable oil fueled farm. The tractors and delivery vehicles are presently running on veggie oil will run the pumping and refrigeration.

www.Lagunafarm.com

Paris Greenlee - 1986

Consumnes River College, where he runs training and educational programs for small businesses in environmental and occupational health and safety matters.

Steven Detwiler, Ph.D. - 1988

Senior Biologist

Habitat Conservation Division—Watershed Planning Branch

Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office

Craig C. Cross, MPPA (2002) - 1994

Environmental Scientist

Department of Water Resources

Noreen Humes - 1995

M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana.

Noreen wrote an exceptional senior thesis, her plan and account of how she created an environmental coordinator position on the sac state campus, with a negotiated agreement she arranged between the Hornet Foundation, ASI, and the administration to fund the position. This position has been responsible for many of the current environmental programs on campus, including running the recycling program in its present form (in its former form was designed and run by a previous generation of E.S. students.). Noreen has subsequently headed a successful campaign for open space in Missoula, "saving" a mountain, and worked as an intern in corporate philanthropy at the Turner Foundation in Atlanta. She has done a whole bunch of other great activist stuff, too.

James Hockenberry - 1995

Environmental Scientist,
Environmental Services Division of Financial Assistance SWRCB

April Farnham - 1996

Environmental Professional/Scientist,
URS/Radian, Consulting firm

Sommer M. Jones - 1997

Agricultural Standards Service Worker II,
Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Ryan Bailey—1997

Environmental Specialist III
Planning and Development
Sacramento County Airport System

Susan C. Hill - 1998

Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist,
Conservation Banking Coordinator,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

My work involves site visits to evaluate the lands being proposed for protection, and reviewing biological surveys, wetland delineations, bank agreement contracts, habitat management plans, title reports, conservation easements, Phase I assessments and financial documents. I then facilitate an agreement between the USFWS and land owners, businesses, non-profit organizations, attorneys, realtors, and other governmental agencies to protect lands in perpetuity for the benefit of federally-listed species.

Establishment of these land banks benefits not only the species, but also the land owners, by allowing them to sell the 'credits' for profit, while protecting their land from future development, managed as habitat for the listed species.

Eddie Hard - 1999

Environmental Scientist,
California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in Rancho Cordova

I am an Environmental Scientist, since April 2005 with the California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in Rancho Cordova. This is my third position within government.

My first position was a Geographer/Watershed Management Coordinator at the U.S. Geological Survey in Placer Hall for about 5 years and my second position was a Planner at Sacramento County Planning Department beginning in 2002.

I married my fellow cohort Emily Alejandrino, an ES Alum, October 9, 2005.

My current duties at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board include working in the Policy and Planning Unit of the Irrigated Lands Water Quality Regulatory Program. I am the contract manager for an Environmental Impact Report being developed to evaluate the various alternatives to regulating agriculture in the Central Valley. I work on many policy issues associated with the program.

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/>

Matt Foreman – 1999

System Administrator
WECO

Rene L. Hamlin - 2000

Development Director
American River Conservancy
www.arconservancy.org

Dawn Owen - 2000

Integrated Waste Management Board

Emily Alejandrino - 2001

Environmental specialist at the Central Valley Regional Water Control Board.

I work in the San Joaquin River Section Agriculture Unit. My work requires involvement with issues regarding nutrient impaired water bodies, invasive species, and aquatic pesticides.

Jared Vollmer - 2001

Environmental Protection Assistant ,
U.S. E.P.A., Region 9, Water Division in San Francisco.

In a nutshell I work for the State and Tribal Programs Office which manages Clean Water Act (CWA) grants for Non-point Source pollution in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. We also provide water protection assistance to over 100 tribes in Region 9 through CWA.

Donn Oetzel - 2001

Public Land Management Specialist
State Lands Commission

Job Description: leasing the rights for sand mining at San Francisco Bay, and being involved in the management of dredging operations needed to navigate channels in the Bay. Involved with using some state money to consolidate open space parcels, parks, etc., which may involve a variety of government and non-profit organizations. Map out state lands. Lots of issues related to ethical concerns, no doubt.

Jessie Maxfield (Smith) - 2001

Environmental Scientist
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board

I work on the development of the State's list of impaired water bodies (The Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List). This involves collecting and analyzing water quality data and determining whether or not the water body is meeting our water quality standards. If not it is put on the list of impaired water bodies and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) must be completed for that pollutant water body combination. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are essentially plans to remediate water bodies for particular impairments. Another part of what I work on here is the development of these TMDLs.

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Diane Riddle (Lawson) - 2001

Environmental Scientist
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board

Environmental Scientist with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights in the Bay-Delta Special Projects Unit.

Johnnie Raymond - 2001

Associate Air Pollution Specialist
California Air Resources Board

I have been working for the State of California, California Air Resources Board for about ~4 years now. I find my job to be very fulfilling as a State Government worker working to reduce

air pollution and to protect public health. My job includes analysis of air pollution technical data, analysis of emission inventories, writing technical reports, using Geographic Information Systems, coordinating environmental justice related community meetings, maintain translation contracts with subcontractors, and conducting various air quality related research and activities.

Maria B. Wong, AICP - 2002 (Alumni Honoree 2003)

Executive Director,

Yolo County Habitat/Natural Community Conservation Joint Powers Agency

Maria received a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Environmental Studies and a minor in economics from California State University, Sacramento. Prior to enrolling at CSUS, she worked extensively as a land use planner in both the public and private sector. She presently serves as Executive Director of the Yolo County Habitat/Natural Community Conservation Joint Powers Agency where she oversees the preparation and implementation of a multi-species conservation plan for Yolo County. Maria will complete a Masters in Public Policy and Administration from CSUS in 2006. Her research interests include issues that are found at the center of public policy, the economy and the environment.

Kelli Felker 2002

Environmental Scientist

Apex Envirotech, Inc., Consulting firm

I received a Masters in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco.

Matt Mulcahy – 2002

I am working for an underground storage tank inspection company specializing in the fuel systems at gas stations.

Nate Martin - 2002

Hydrology & Water Quality Specialist

Jones & Stokes

J&S specializes in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), environmental impact reports (EIR), environmental impact statements (EIS), and we have many concentrations such as water quality, biology, and habitat restoration. www.jonesandstokes.com

Marin Lemieux - 2002

Environmental Planner/Assistant Biologist
Quad Knopf, Consulting firm

I perform research and writing for CEQA-required environmental impact reports (EIRs) and other technical documents with a focus on biology sections. I perform plant and wildlife surveys, wetland delineations, habitat restoration plans and biological assessments.

www.quadknopf.com

Rene L. Hamlin – 2002

Development Director
American River Conservancy, a land trust in Coloma, CA.
www.arconservancy.org

Itzia Rivera—2002

Environmental Planner,
Caltrans

Chanel Patterson - 2003

Environmental Technician,
Health and Safety Department of the University of San Francisco.

David Kratville - 2003

Agricultural Biologist,
California Department of Food and Agriculture.
I control non-native invasive weeds.

Mark Tang – 2003

Air Quality Inspector,
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Randy Yates – 2003

Environmental Scientist
State Water Resource Control Board—Division of Water
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Jaime R. Lemus - 2004

Air Quality Specialist,
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

I work for Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, everyone knows them as the “Spare the Air” group. However, we do more than just the “Spare the Air” campaign, I am an air quality specialist and my specialty is toxic inspections. This would include any companies that deal with hex-chromium, unleaded gasoline, crematories, and all commercial demolitions and renovations that contain asbestos.

Kristin Faoro (Jackson) - 2004

Environmental Planner
Quad Knopf, Inc – Private consulting firm
I prepare environmental documents for development projects all over California.

Ryan Sawyer – 2004

Consultant
Bollard & Brennan, Inc.,
I am working for an a firm which deals with acoustical consulting company that prepares noise studies for environmental impact reports.
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Martha E. Sánchez - 2004

Senior Pesticide Use Specialist
Registration Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation

Sharon Zimmerman - 2004

Assistant Recycling Specialist, Sacramento County in their Department of Waste Management and Recycling. I absolutely love my job!

Dave Beauchamp - 2004

EIP Associates, an Environmental and Planning consulting firm in Sacramento.

We have three offices in California and the company has been preparing environmental documents since 1970. I am a part of the Water Resources Group, we do environmental planning, analysis and review for water districts, agencies and municipalities throughout the State. It is an interesting and dynamic field and should be a great career.

Environmental consulting helps maintain environmental compliance policies that would be overlooked and disregarded if left to public agencies and private companies. The planning aspect helps communities, cities and counties plan for proper growth within their means. This ultimately creates a vibrant place to live and work. That's my story and I am sticking to it.

Kalen Bjurstrom—2004

Environmental Scientist,
Kleinfelder and Associates

I conduct site assessments, write phase I ESAs and specialize in all types of water sampling and remediation techniques relating to ground water monitoring and the problems associated with contaminated ground water.

Monica Lewis - 2005

Water Resources Analyst
EIP Associates

We are an environmental engineering and consulting firm that has been around since 1968 with a great reputation to boot! I work on preparing EIR and CEQA documents as well as Water Supply Assessments. We are looking forward to expanding our Northern California office to now include a location in Roseville.

Elizabeth Razmek—2005

Environmental Health and Safety engineer,
Aerojet

Shelley Janek—2005

Ecologist,
EN2 Resources, Inc
An Environmental Consulting Firm.

Jeff Watson:

Integrated Waste Management Board

Jim Smith:

Private consultant

Marsha Prillwitz:

Dept. of Water Resources

Kathy Barwick:

Sr. Scientist,
Head of Pollution Prevention Program at DTSC or IWMB

Deborah Bishop:

Private consultant (Jones and Stokes?)