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Assistant Professor



My great grandfather farmed California's Berkeley hills and every generation since grew up in the Central Valley. As a child I loved visiting my grandparents' cabin in the Sierra Nevada and wanted to be a wildlife biologist early on. Then I spent my senior year of high school in Brazil and was blown away by the opportunity to see the world through an entirely different cultural lens. I spent fifteen years working abroad to continue exploring that sensation. In my off time I'm a typical Northwesterner who loves being outdoors (especially cycling trips) and renovating my home. I also do pottery – a pastime I picked up while writing my dissertation.



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ADVISOR & TEACHER

Teaching and advising allow me to be creative in a substantively different way than research. My primary goal is to facilitate opportunities to learn while doing and empower students to make connections to their future careers. I consider each mentee's unique talents and work with them to develop an inspiring study plan. I teach several of F&W's human dimensions courses, including FW289 (Communications) and FW 340 (Multicultural Perspectives).

ACADEMIC AND LIFE EDUCATION

My academic training began with a B.S. in marine ecology from Western Washington University. Intending to save the world, I then served as a natural resource volunteer for Peace Corps Honduras. This was a defining experience for my career in the human dimensions of natural resource management. Upon completion of service, I received graduate degrees from two interdisciplinary programs in New Hampshire and Florida focused on humans in the environment. My master's thesis evaluated environmental attitudes and behaviors around Honduran protected areas and my dissertation explored the social dimensions of community forestry in the Bolivian Amazon

